

Brief library guide

Although the Computer Laboratory library has closed, library services for computer science students are being provided by the Technology Libraries team. This guide summarises the most important facilities, and should be used in conjunction with the more detailed full guide.

Opening hours

Library services for computer science students are currently being provided by the Betty & Gordon Moore library. This is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and from 9am to 1pm on Saturday.

Collections

The library holds a wide range of material covering all aspects of computer science, serving the needs of staff, postgraduates and undergraduates. The most frequently used items are now available in the Moore library with important teaching books retained in the Intel Lab. The library's collections fall into the following broad categories:

- *Undergraduate course texts* have been retained in the Intel Lab on the second floor of the William Gates Building.
- *Monographs* including the remainder of the main bookstock are available to be borrowed from the Moore library.
- *Periodicals* are usually available online. Please consult the catalogue for more information on availability and access.
- *Student projects* from recent years are available online. Please see the project database for availability
- *Technical reports* from the Laboratory will usually be available online, with some older reports in print. Older reports will be scanned on request.
- *Archives* from the earliest history of computing are currently in storage. In the longer term we are hoping to make this material available on request from the University library.
- *Videorecordings*, principally of the Wednesday seminars, have now been digitised and it is expected that these will be made available on the file server in the near future.

Finding items

All books and reports are entered on iDiscover. This presents an interface which will be familiar to users of web search engines. Remember to select the 'Cambridge libraries collections' option unless you explicitly wish to search for journal articles. In most cases searching on the author's surname and a few keywords from the book's title will be sufficient.

Shelf arrangement

Items are classified using the Library of congress scheme, and items are shelved alphabetically by the initial letters, then numerically and finally in order of any subdivisions. Please take note of the location given in the catalogue record. This will refer you to either the Computer Laboratory for teaching books, or the Moore library for most other computer science books. Please ask if you need help finding a book.

Electronic resources

Many resources are now available online, and for most journals this is now the principal mode of access. Full lists of electronic journals can be found from the University Library's website. The Laboratory also has access to the ACM and IEEE digital library packages. The monographic series Lecture Notes in Computer Science is also frequently used.

Borrowing

Staff and students may borrow items from the collection in the Moore library. Please take the item to the main desk, or make use of the click and collect service. Before borrowing you will need to be registered with the Moore library. This should happen automatically for most, but ask at the desk in cases of difficulty. We regret that it is not possible to borrow items from the teaching collection in the Intel Lab. Item on loan should renew automatically unless they have been requested by another reader. To avoid inconvenience to other readers, please return items promptly when you no longer need them. If you wish to borrow an item which is on loan to another reader, make a request through the catalogue or ask the librarian.

For more information about the Computer
Laboratory library, and to find related resources,
please scan here:

<http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/library/>

