# Bird College Learning Resource Centre

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The Learning Resource Centre is open from 10am-6pm weekdays. It consists of a library with nearly 5,000 specialist books and around 600 DVDs, study spaces, computers with internet access, and a colour printer, photocopier and scanner. The library is a quiet study space and users are asked to talk quietly, keep phones on silent and use headphones, (available to borrow) when listening to audio. Bottled water and drinks with lids are allowed.

# Library Collections

The library’s collections focus on the history, practice and analysis of Dance, Theatre and Musical Theatre, including material on singing and voice, and a number of biographies and autobiographies of key practitioners. We hold a collection of Songbooks, focussing on musical theatre and popular music, as well as a wide selection of plays, monologues, and libretti. We also hold material on Music, Nutrition, Fitness, Study Skills, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Cultural Studies and Art. The collection has benefitted from a generous donation of sixty five books from Charles Hedges.

The latest editions of several journals are available, including Dancing Times, (going back to 1927), The Stage, and the Journal of Dance Medicine and Science. We have a selection of past student dissertations available for reference. The library also holds a collection of historical theatre programmes, which we continue to build upon.

Our collection of DVDs includes feature films and musicals, as well as number of dance documentaries and performances.

All Bird College students have electronic access to the Journal of Dance Medicine and Science. This is available on all Bird College computers without logging in. If you are offsite you will need to log in. Please contact the librarian for the username and password.

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/jmrp/JDMS>

We welcome suggestions for new library materials. Please contact the librarian.

We do not currently have an online catalogue. Please contact the librarian if you would like to check if an item is available.

# Study Support

The librarian is available to support students in finding resources and with academic writing and referencing, including referencing software. A number of books on these topics are also available in the library. Students on the **BA (Hons) in Professional Dance and Musical Theatre** have access to the electronic version of Cite Them Right via the University of Greenwich Portal which allows you to build a reference on screen and copy and paste it into your coursework. (Log-on required, see below for details.)

[www.portal.gre.ac.uk](http://www.portal.gre.ac.uk)

# Other Libraries

## University of Greenwich Libraries

Bird College staff, and students on the **BA (Hons) in Professional Dance and Musical Theatre** have access to a wide range of print and e-resources via University of Greenwich Libraries.

### Information for Students

You need a Greenwich Gateway card to access University of Greenwich Library resources. A card will be sent to Bird College if you have completed the registration process, and collected from the Library. If you have not received this you can visit the Student Centre at any University of Greenwich campus, where you will be issued with one. More information is available below.

<http://www2.gre.ac.uk/current-students/reg/network-and-partner-colleges/new-partner-college-students>

<http://www2.gre.ac.uk/current-students/reg/student-id-cards>

### Information for staff

Bird College staff who wish to access University of Greenwich electronic resources need to apply online for an Affiliate Staff Account. You will then be able to log-in and access electronic resources. If you wish to borrow items, you will need to collect the accompanying card from a student centre at any University of Greenwich Campus.

<http://libguides.gre.ac.uk/partners/partner-staff>

### Using the Libraries

### There are two main libraries. Borrowers may take out up to 20 items. You need a University of Greenwich Gateway card in order to access to the libraries, you will not be allowed in without it.

The Stockwell Street Library covers a wide range of subjects; particularly relevant collections include Theatre History, Drama and Literature.

Relevant material at the Avery Hill Campus includes Health, Education, Anatomy, Psychology, Social Sciences and Study Skills. They also have a small selection of material on Dance.

The library catalogue is available to search online:

<https://ulms.ent.sirsidynix.net.uk/client/en_GB/gre/>?

### Electronic Resources

To get full access to e-resources, including e-books and journals you will need to log in to the University of Greenwich portal with your username, which can be found on your Greenwich Gateway Card, and password.

[www.portal.gre.ac.uk](http://www.portal.gre.ac.uk)

Resources available via the portal that are particularly useful include:

Visible Bodies Human Anatomy Atlas: Interactive 3D anatomy tool allowing you to digitally rotate and dissect anatomy models.

Drama Online: Full-text access to approximately 1,000 plays and over 100 critical and practical works. Search by genre, time period, length of monologue, number of male and female roles and more.

BoB: Streaming service. On demand TV and Radio for education, good for finding performances of plays.

The University of Greenwich has produced a number of guides with useful information on search techniques, research and academic skills and their library collections.

<http://libguides.gre.ac.uk/?b=p>

## Rose Bruford College Library

Students can borrow up to 12 books from Rose Bruford College library, which is a short walking distance from Bird College, with a Bexley Libraries card. You can join Bexley Libraries at any branch. You do not need to live in Bexley to join.

<https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/joining-and-using-the-library>

The library has a strong selection of material on performing arts, particularly theatre.

The website also contains a number of useful guides on search strategies and resources for researching performing arts.

<https://vle.bruford.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=121>

<https://vle.bruford.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=914>

## Access to other university libraries.

Bird College Staff and Students on the **BA (Hons) in Professional Dance and Musical Theatre** can access over 100 university libraries around the UK and Ireland, through the SCONUL scheme. To do this you will need a Greenwich Gateway card. (See above.)

Once you have this you can sign up via the SCONUL Website, selecting University of Greenwich as your home institution.

<https://www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access>

Student will have reference only access, and will not be able to borrow. Staff may be able to borrow, depending on the institution. Different libraries have different requirements to join, you may need to apply online in advance, or there may be restrictions on which e-resources you can access, or items you can borrow. Please check with the relevant university before you visit in order to avoid disappointment.

# Material not available in the library

If you need a book or journal article that is not available via Bird College or the University of Greenwich Libraries please contact the librarian; we may be able to obtain it via interlibrary loan, or buy it for the library.

# Copyright

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