UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
SENATE HOUSE LIBRARY

Quick Guide to Senate House Library

Library opening hours

Main Library	Term-time	Self-service*
Monday-Friday	09:00-23:00	19:00-23:00
Saturday	09:45-21:00	17:00-21:00
Sunday	09:45-21:00	09:45-21:00

Special Collections Reading Room

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00-17:00, Wednesday: 10:00-19:00 and Saturday 11:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 16:00 (by appointment only).

Opening hours will change during vacation times. *Access for members only.

Library membership

Membership is free for most University of London students and staff and we have a range of paid options for members of the public and other institutions starting from £5 for a day visit.

Please register online before visiting the Library at: london.ac.uk/shl-membership

Scan the QR code when you are a Library member and register for the Library web app to access a digital Library card, access your account and other services:

Study spaces

Our reading rooms and individual study desks on floors 4-7 do not need to be booked. The group study rooms, the accessibility suite and the private study carrels can be booked on our website. Library members also have access to BLOOM@Senate House, a social study space and café on the lower ground floor with bookable group study rooms and facilities to refill water containers.

Finding books and material

Search the catalogue on the Library's website to discover what we have and where to find it. Items marked 'Stack Service ' can be ordered by clicking on the 'Request it' button. Items are normally delivered within a few hours. Items housed off-site may take 24-48 hours. Online journals and eBooks can be accessed through the catalogue or the A-Z list of databases.

Help and support

Library staff are present in the fourth floor Membership and Service Hall during staffed hours and via live chat online Monday to Friday 09:00-17:00.

You can get online and in-person support for your studies and research from our subject-specialist Academic Librarians. To make an appointment, go to: london.ac.uk/shl-research

Wi-Fi and laptops

Network	UoL Libraries
Username	Your Library membership number
Password	Your last name in lowercase (including any spaces)

Library members can borrow laptops for use in the Library from the self-service laptop lockers in the Service Hall.

Printing, copying and scanning

Print, copy and scanning machines can be found on floors 4-6. The services are linked to your library account and need to be activated. Help can be found online: london.ac.uk/shl-printing or at the 4th floor service desk.

Prices	A4	A3
Black & white copy/print	£0.05	£0.10
Colour copy/print	£0.25	£0.50
Scan to PDF	£0.04	£0.04

Contact us

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Floor directory

Accessibility Suite	6
Archives	4
Archaeology	5
Art	5
BLOOM@Senate House	LG
Book Studies	4
Classics	5
Commonwealth	6
Economics	7
Education	7
English	5
Film & Media	5
Geography	6
Germanic	5
Health	7
History	6
History of Science	7
Latin American	6
Law	7
Linguistics	5
Manuscripts	4
Music	4
NU Collection	4
New Acquisitions	4
NYU Collection	5
Palaeography	4
Philosophy	5
Politics	7
Psychology	5
Religion	7
Languages	5
Sociology	7
Special Collections	4
Theatre	5
Toilets	4
United States	6

Legend:
- Accessibility phone
- Toilets
- Print/copy
- Reshelving
- Refuge point
- Emergency exit
- Lifts
- Stairs
- Service desks
- Private study carrel
- *Meetings and private hire only
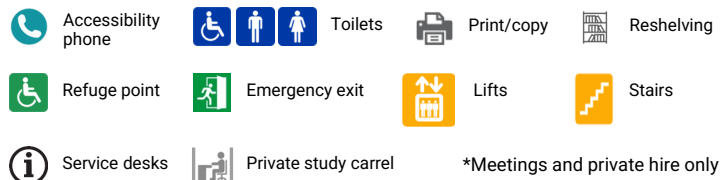
Using library spaces

Drinks (covered)	✓
Silent phone use	✓
Food	✗

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Phone calls	✓
Food	✗

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Silent phone use	✓
Food	✗

Floor 7

Staff access only

History of Science, Health, Education, Sociology, Religion, Politics, Law and Economics

Floor 6

United States Studies

Latin American Studies

Commonwealth Studies

History

History

Geography

Quiet room

Accessibility Suite

Floor 5

Linguistics

Classics

Romance Languages and Literatures

Germanic Languages and Literatures

English Language and Literatures

Theatre, Film and Media

South reading room

Group study space

NYU Collection

Art

Philosophy

Psychology

Floor 4

Middlesex South reading room

NU Collection

Middlesex North reading room

Germanic Studies Library

Dr Seng Tee Lee Seminar Room*

Palaeography room

Durning Lawrence Library*

Special Collections, Archives, Manuscripts, Book Studies and Palaeography

Music scores
Music folios

Catalogue hall

Goldsmiths' reading room

Music

Main entrance

Food and drink area

North reading room

New acquisitions (all subjects)
North reading room and gallery

Stairs to floors 4-7

Wellbeing Collection

Membership hall

Main entrance

Stairs to floors 4-6

Lifts and stairs to LG-floor 4

Catalogue hall

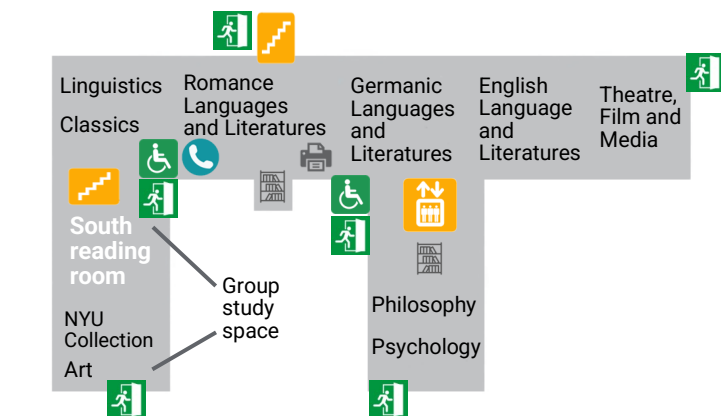Self-service kiosks
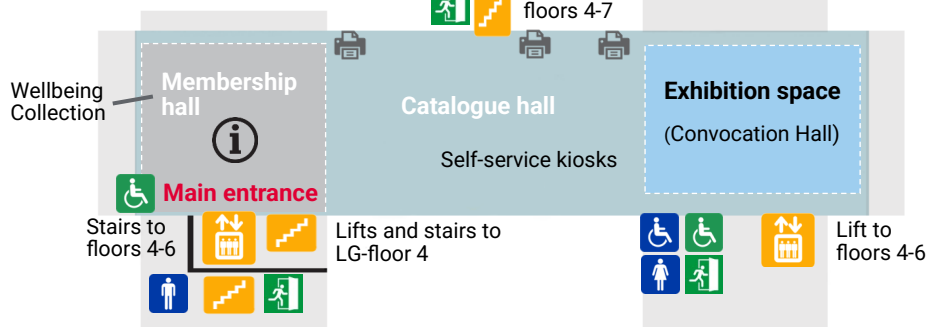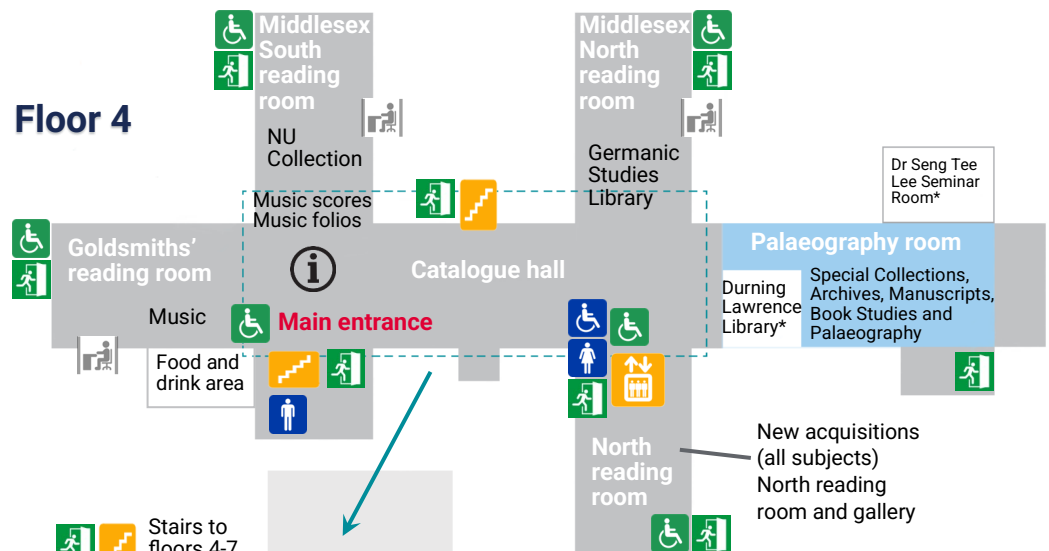
Exhibition space
(Convocation Hall)

Lift to floors 4-6

Floor LG

BLOOM@Senate House

Social and group study spaces, café, access to hot and cold drinking water and gender neutral toilets in the lift lobby.