

Welcome to Somerville Library!

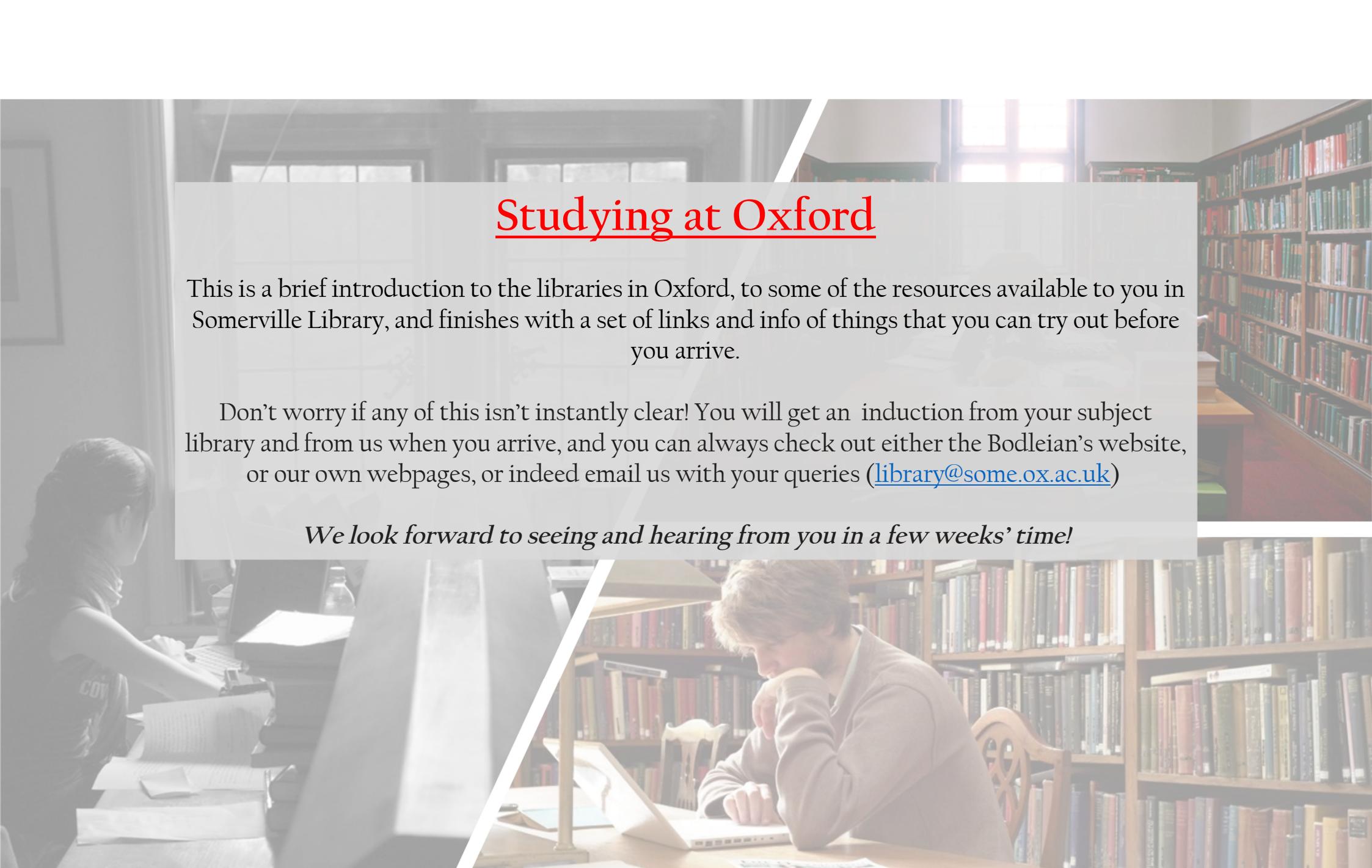


Studying at Oxford

This is a brief introduction to the libraries in Oxford, to some of the resources available to you in Somerville Library, and finishes with a set of links and info of things that you can try out before you arrive.

Don't worry if any of this isn't instantly clear! You will get an induction from your subject library and from us when you arrive, and you can always check out either the Bodleian's website, or our own webpages, or indeed email us with your queries (library@some.ox.ac.uk)

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you in a few weeks' time!



There are three types of library at the University:

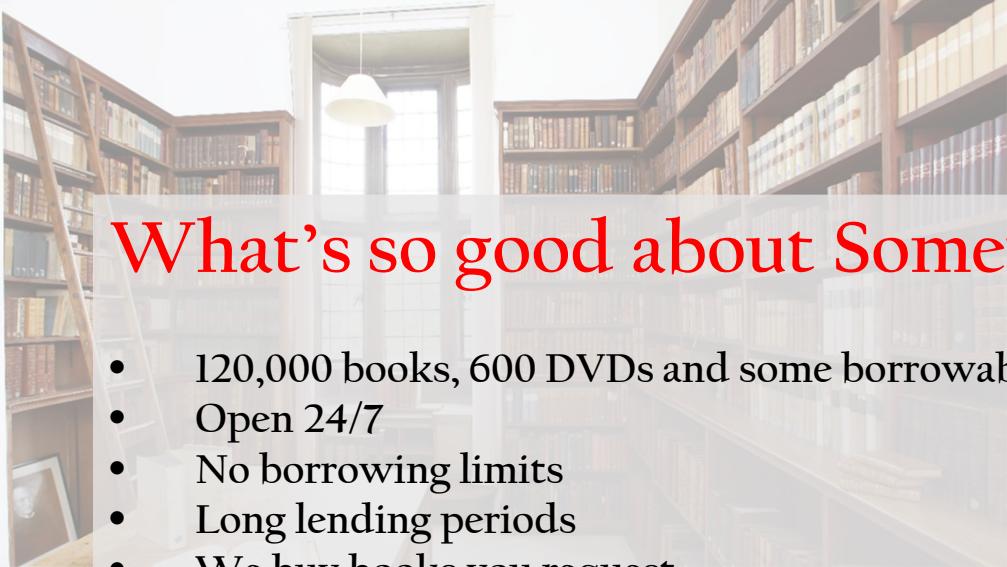
College Libraries – Each College has its own library and you will be able to borrow books from there if you are a member of that College. Somerville College library is one of the largest and is particularly well stocked in all subjects taught here (and some that are not!) Its holdings are listed on SOLO, the university online library catalogue: <http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>

Please note: you will not be able to use or borrow books from College Libraries other than Somerville.

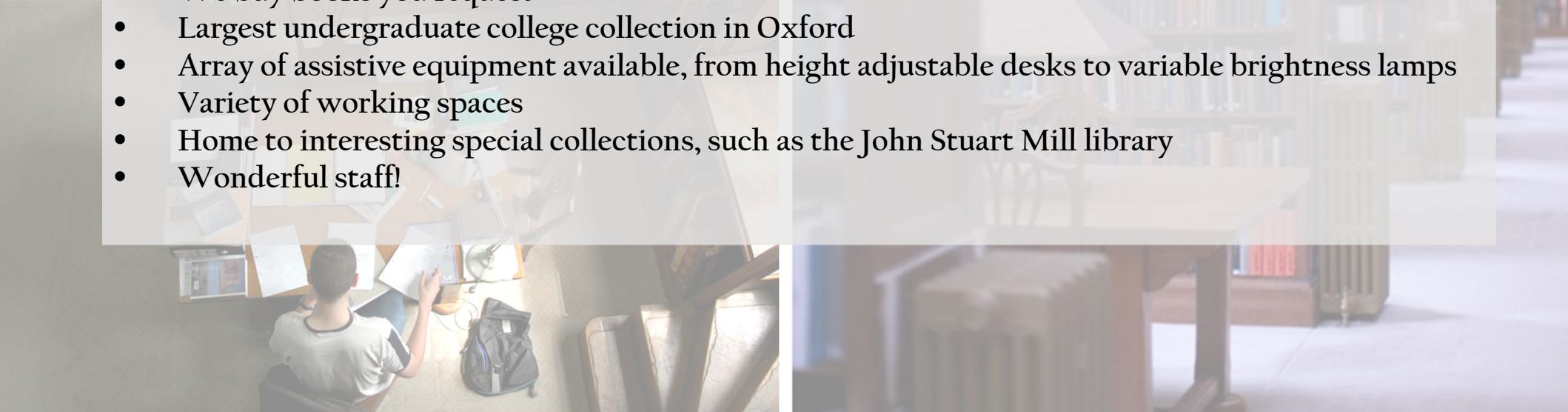
The Bodleian – A huge collection containing most books/e-books published in the UK. However, you will not be able to borrow books and most books are not on open shelves (some of the e-books are also subject to single user licences and must be read on Bod PCs).

Subject Libraries – Many departments have their own libraries which stock most of the books you will need in your studies (e.g. Social Science Library (*pictured far right*) for PPE, RSL for physical & life sciences etc). You will often be able to borrow books from these libraries, though the more popular books may have a loan period of just a few hours.





What's so good about Somerville Library?

- 120,000 books, 600 DVDs and some borrowable equipment
 - Open 24/7
 - No borrowing limits
 - Long lending periods
 - We buy books you request
 - Largest undergraduate college collection in Oxford
 - Array of assistive equipment available, from height adjustable desks to variable brightness lamps
 - Variety of working spaces
 - Home to interesting special collections, such as the John Stuart Mill library
 - Wonderful staff!
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Some things to try before you arrive

Finding books using SOLO

DISCOVER THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD'S

If you have a reading list, or a particular book that you would like to find in an Oxford library, then you can try and find it now:

- Go to the University's online catalogue (SOLO): <http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>
- Try searching for your book (or journal or article): if you don't have one in mind, then you could search for *Somerville for women* by Pauline Adams – how many copies does the college library have? NB. You can click the drop-down box on the right to filter things and restrict your search to, for example, "Oxford collections" or to individual libraries.
- Watch the video on how to make the most of SOLO: <https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/solo>

Enter a search term or browse by category

ADVANCED SEARCH

SOLO status SOLO community Useful links

Find out about new features, standard maintenance and performance issues etc.

The latest feedback, discussions and useful tips

Community:

- SOLO classic update
- You said...we did
- What am I searching?
- User Guide

➤ Bodleian Libraries Home Page

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➤ Databases A-Z

➤ Chinese Catalogues

➤ Special Collections Catalogues

➤ Digital.Bodleian

➤ ORA

➤ ORLO

The SOLO homepage also has a section of useful links, and you can try finding or browsing subject specific information from the libguides page (<https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/oxford>)

- New October 2019: BibTex and Mendeley exports
- New October 2019: shorter permalinks
- New October 2019: chapter records & links

E-books and other online resources

As well as print books, Oxford students have access to an array of e-books, e-journals and other online resources:

- Try searching SOLO for, for example, *White fragility : why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism* by Robin DiAngelo: until you have a University login you will not be able to read it online, but you should be able to see that there are 2 versions available as e-resources, and 2 editions in physical format in Oxford (as well as 1 Electronic Legal Deposit item , readable only on Bod PCs)
- Check out the Bodleian's e-resources page (which is constantly updated): <https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/e-books>
- With this in mind, you can also check the Bodleian's webpages for updates, scan & deliver, how to find different materials (eg. past exam papers or online reading lists) and getting started guides: <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>

Somerville Library

All of the college's books, journals, DVDs and equipment are searchable on SOLO (so please have a go at searching, using "Somerville College Library" as a filter!), but there is more about the history of the buildings and collections (including special collections and archives) and how to make the most of the library, as well as updates and basic info (like rules and facilities) on our college webpages and blogs:

- How long can you borrow books for? <https://www.some.ox.ac.uk/about/the-library/>
- Take a look at the library blogs. Our main blog (<https://somlib.wordpress.com/>) has the latest news and some brief FAQs/links to useful info; we also have a *New books* blog and a *Book of the Month* blog
- Get in touch with any queries! We are here to help and are happy to answer any questions that you might have: email us at library@some.ox.ac.uk or drop by the desk in the loggia during our staffed hours

All the best for the rest of the summer and looking forward to the new term!

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