

Evaluating the digital university library: case study of Loughborough University Library

Users and uses of digital library module:

University of Parma

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Content of session

Background to Loughborough University and its Library

Presentations on evaluating 5 aspects of its digital library

Group work to consider how effective evaluation was

Background to Loughborough University

- * 12000 full time students
- * 2000 part time students
- * Largest university campus in UK
- * In top 15 of UK universities (Sunday Times University of the Year for 2008)
- * Located in Midlands of England
- * Research intensive





Background to Loughborough University Library

- * Single Library building that opened in 1980
- * 7777 sq metres on 3 levels
- * 780 study spaces + 140 open access pcs
- * 450,000 books
- * Over 6000 e-journals
- * 86 staff











Also provides a digital library service



Library web page

Loughborough University Library - Windows Internet Explorer 7

http://www.lboro.ac.uk/library/

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Loughborough University Library

University Library
Loughborough University
Leics, UK, LE11 3TU
Tel: 01509 22 2360 (Information)
Tel: 01509 22 2361 (Book Renewals)

Loughborough University

Welcome to the University Library





About Your Library

Services

Learning Support

On-Line Resources

Know-How: Skills to Succeed

Research Support

Catalogue – MetaLib – Room/PC Bookings – Institutional Repository – Reading Lists – Contact Us

What's New ...

 [What is RSS?](#)

Library vacancy - Shelving Assistant
Institutional Repository online submission form available

powered by 

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Wide range of electronic resources

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer 7 browser window displaying the Loughborough University Library On-line Resources page. The address bar shows the URL <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/library/resources/index.html>. The page features a purple header with the 'Library' logo and contact information for Loughborough University. A left-hand navigation menu lists various services, with 'On-line Resources' highlighted. The main content area, titled 'On-line Resources', provides an overview of the library's online offerings and includes links to the Library Catalogue, MetaLib, Institutional Repository, Reading Lists, and E-Journals, each with a brief description.

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On-line Resources

Loughborough University Library has access to a large number of resources which are available via the Internet. These can be accessed from anywhere and at anytime by Loughborough staff and students.

(Important Note: Some resources will require passwords and a limited number are campus-only.)

[Library Catalogue](#)
The Library catalogue provides you with details of our books, journals, audio-visual material and theses.

[MetaLib \(Electronic resources\)](#)
We provide access to over 700 databases and other electronic resources covering a wide range of topics.

[Institutional Repository](#)
The Institutional Repository is a service which makes Loughborough's research as widely visible and accessible as possible.

[Reading Lists](#)
This allows users to view references cited by lecturers and link directly to the Library's online catalogue to check the current availability of the material.

[E-Journals](#)
The University Library provides access to over 11,000 full text electronic journals across a wide range of subjects.

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Library portal

MetaLib® - Search - Windows Internet Explorer 7

http://metalib.lboro.ac.uk/V/32U5TNHNVY6HUBJ8Y5RX3YE3KTE65AAIYVHD4CDPEURBBUQMEE-32756?func=meta-1&INIT_T

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MetaLib® - Search

Home Find Database Find e-Journal Search My Space

Search Search Results Previous Searches

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Guest

Search

Select Search Type:

Categories

Category:

General

Sub Categories:

General

Simple Advanced

GO

To search for a phrase enclose it in quotes (e.g. "Quantum Mechanics")

Category: General--General contains 12 databases

Search Results

Database Name	Type	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> ArticleFirst (OCLC)	Database	
<input type="checkbox"/> CSA Illumina	Database	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excite	Search Engine	
<input type="checkbox"/> Google Patent Search	Search Engine	
<input type="checkbox"/> Journal Citation Reports (JCR) New	Database	
<input type="checkbox"/> Loughborough Online Reading List System	Database	
<input type="checkbox"/> Loughborough University Institutional Repository	Database	
<input type="checkbox"/> Loughborough University Library Catalogue	Catalogue	
<input type="checkbox"/> OCLC FirstSearch-hosted databases	Database	
<input type="checkbox"/> Science Direct	Database	
<input type="checkbox"/> Web of Science	Database	

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Page Guide

- Information about the resource
- Find Full Text via SFX@Lboro
- Add Resource to My Databases
- Resource Already in My Databases
- Resource has Full Text
- Resource requires Athens Password
- Resource requires (non-Athens) Password
- Resource only requires password if accessed from off campus
- Resource can only be accessed from on campus Access
- Resource requires user to register first
- Resource locked requires user to login

Access to e-journals

Find e-Journal - Windows Internet Explorer 7

http://sfx.lboro.ac.uk/sfx_local/az?param_sid_save=feb7153471a7f914041dba850c799b86¶m_lang_save=eng¶m...

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Find e-Journal

Find e-Journal

Title Category Locate CitationLinker

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Title: ☐ Starts with ☒ Contains ☐ Exact

Total number of e-Journals: 52
[Switch to Detail View](#) (Passwords for e-Journals can be found here)

Journal title	ISSN	Actions
Academic and library computing	1055-4769	i s +
Biomedical library acquisitions bulletin	1064-699X	i s +
The bottom line	0888-045X	i s +
Bulletin of the Medical Library Association	0025-7338	i s +
Business library review	1045-7798	i s +
Business library review international	1560-0475	i s +
Collection Management	0146-2679	i s +
Electronic British Library journal	1478-0259	i s +
The Electronic Library	0264-0473	i s +
Evidence based library and information practice	1715-720X	i s +
Green Library journal	1059-0838	i s +
The Huntington Library bulletin	1935-0708	i s +
The Huntington Library quarterly	0018-7895	i s +
The international information & library review	1057-2317	i s +

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Evaluation approaches to 5 aspects of digital library at Loughborough

1. academics use of e-journals
2. academics use of search engines
3. library web pages
4. changes in use of physical space
5. students use of computers

What was successful about the approach to evaluation?

What other approaches could have been taken to the evaluation?