

## Rural Sciences – Study Guide for the Thomas Parry Library

The majority of Aberystwyth University library materials for study in the Rural Sciences undergraduate modules are held in the Thomas Parry Library on the Llanbadarn Campus. This page gives some basic guidance about these resources.

### Thomas Parry library

- Printed guides that give guidance to the specific locations of books, journals, computers etc in the Thomas Parry Library are available at the Enquiry Desk.
- Also see: <http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/is/subject/bers/>

### Library Catalogues

#### Finding a Book

- Library catalogues contain a record of all the books and journals held in a library. You can see the books and journals held in the Thomas Parry Library, as well as all the other Aberystwyth University libraries, on the Voyager system by following [this link](http://voyager.aber.ac.uk) - <http://voyager.aber.ac.uk>

**Class marks:** When looking for the books on the shelves, follow the alphabetical and numerical sequence of the class mark given on the record. Examples of general sections are: QK – Botany, QL – Zoology, QP – Physiology, QR – Microbiology.

If an item is likely to be very thin, check the Pamphlet Boxes at the class mark you require. Pamphlet boxes are currently to be found in bay 10.

- Voyager also allows you to check for the electronic books and journals accessible by staff and students of Aberystwyth University and gives links to the catalogues of the National Library of Wales and other libraries nationwide.

Search tips can be found on both the basic and advanced Voyager Search pages: Basic Search: <http://voyager.aber.ac.uk/vwebv/searchBasic?sk=en>  
Advanced Search: <http://voyager.aber.ac.uk/vwebv/searchAdvanced>

### Finding Journals/Periodicals –

#### On the Shelves

- Current issues of rural science journals are kept on the display shelves near the stairs.
- Older back issues of these journals from 1970 onwards are kept in shelving bays 44-54, at the far left-hand corner of the library, furthest away from the entrance.

- Both current and back issues are shelved alphabetically by the first word of the journal title (A->Z).

## Online Journals

- To search for which full-text journals are available online at Aberystwyth University, use our eLibrary facility by accessing: [E-Journals @ Aber](#)
- To search the AU Library catalogue for records of both print and electronic journal holdings, including many older titles and magazines which are available online, click on: <http://voyager.aber.ac.uk> and select the "Journal Title" option in the "Keywords box"
- **How do I check if the latest issue has come?** - [Voyager](#) tells you this.
- **Where are the journals before 1970 held?** - these are kept in the stack - please ask at the Enquiry Desk.
- **What if the library does not take the journal I want?**
  1. Check whether the journal is held by the [National Library of Wales](#). If so, you can visit the National Library and obtain a photocopy. In order to do this, you will need to register as a member of the National Library of Wales in advance at <http://www.llgc.org.uk/index.php?id=63>
  2. If the journal is not available locally, inter-library loans can be requested online, using the My Account feature on Voyager. Details of charges can be found at: <http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/is/library/ill/>

## Searching for papers and articles - Abstracts and Indexes

- Land Life Leisure records cover the agricultural, animal, environmental, countryside and tourism journals and magazines from 1990 onwards.
- See: <http://edina.ac.uk/landlifeleisure>
- CAB Abstracts covers the peer-reviewed journals and conference literature in agriculture, crop & livestock sciences, genetics, soil science, entomology, microbiology, nutrition etc from 1973 onwards.

See: <http://edina.ac.uk/cab>

For more general searches of the academic literature:

1. Use [Web of Science](#)
2. Use [OCLC FirstSearch](#)

## Standard texts - What are they and where are they?

- The “Standard texts” system at the Thomas Parry Library ensures that 1 copy of all the key resources for each of the main Rural Science courses is always available for student use in the Library. Like reference books, these Standard texts may not be borrowed. In most cases, there will be further copies of each of the “Standard texts” available for borrowing in the main loan collection.
- Standard texts are marked with a yellow strip on the spine and are held in Bay 8.

## Project boxes -

- Project Boxes give all students the same chance of using books that are considered essential for a particular module.
- Project boxes are also held on Bay 8, labelled with Module number and title, the name of the module co-ordinator and the date when the associated assignment is due to be handed in. Books in Project boxes **may only be used in the library during Thomas Parry Library opening hours.** Individual books from the project boxes may be borrowed overnight and at weekends when the library is closed but must be returned by 9 am on the next day of opening. **Any failure to bring the books back promptly at 9 am will mean that your name will be recorded and you will not be able to borrow Project Box books again.**

## Help desk

- There is a computer Help Desk next to the Enquiry Desk in the Thomas Parry Library which is manned between 1.30 pm and 5.00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday each week during term time.
- At other times, members of the Library Staff on the Enquiry Desk may be able to help or phone the Advisory Service on (01970 62) 2474 for you.
- You may also email [advisory@aber.ac.uk](mailto:advisory@aber.ac.uk)

Or you can try the “Frequently Asked Questions” page at:

<http://www.inf.aber.ac.uk/advisory/faqs>

All unique queries registered with Information Services over the past 10 years are included on the FAQ pages.

## Other Resources:

### Acts of Parliament, statutes and statutory instruments

- Acts of Parliament - Current Law Statutes Annotated are at the beginning of Class 340 (the law section) - summaries of Acts can be found in CANS Digest at 342CANS . Some older Acts are housed in the Research Room and you should ask for assistance at the Enquiry desk.
- Statutory Instruments can be found in boxes at the beginning of 340 following the Current Law Statutes.
- Online links to recent information, Acts of Parliament, Statutory Instruments, Hansard and other parliamentary material are also here:
- [Law Library – Guide to Legal Information](#)
  
- Electronic databases to which Aberystwyth University has access include:
  - [Westlaw](#)  
The full text of around 25 key United Kingdom legal journals including Journal of Planning & Environmental Law and European Human Rights Law review and the full text of about 500 United States legal journals.
  - [Lexis@Library](#)  
Contains extensive collections of law reports, legislation and legal journals from the United Kingdom and worldwide. Additional practitioner files include Halsbury's Laws of England and Encyclopaedia of Forms & Precedents.

### Annual Publications/Reports -

The Annual Reports of a wide range of rural and agricultural bodies can be found on the bay nearest the window in the Thomas Parry Research Room (turn left immediately after entering the library). They are arranged alphabetically by the name of the organisation.

- Details of holdings of annual publications/reports can be found online in the Voyager catalogue. <http://voyager.aber.ac.uk>

### Dictionaries

- In the Thomas Parry Library, dictionaries can mostly be found in the Reference Section in Bay 2:
  - REF 423 English dictionaries
  - REF 433.21 German/English dictionaries
  - REF 443 French dictionaries
  - REF 443.21 French/English dictionaries
  - REF 453.21 Italian/English dictionaries
  - REF 463.21 Spanish/English dictionaries

- REF 473.21 Latin/English dictionaries
- REF 483.21 Greek/English dictionaries
- REF 491.63 Welsh and Welsh/English dictionaries

There are many other titles, such as guides to American usage of English and dictionaries of slang. All can be found on Bay 2.

## Maps

There is a collection of maps held in the Research Room in the Thomas Parry Library. Ordnance Survey maps of the UK can be found in the grey filing cabinet. Larger scale materials, such as land use and geological maps can be found in the wooden map cabinets. All maps are to be treated as Reference materials and are not to be borrowed.

Online access to OS maps can be gained by logging in and registering on the [Digimap](#) service.

## Newspapers

- The Thomas Parry Library takes the following daily newspapers:

Daily Telegraph, Daily Post (N. Wales), Financial Times, Guardian, Independent, Times, Western Mail (Cardiff)

- And the following weekly newspapers:

Cambrian News (West Wales), County Times (Shropshire), Y Cymro (in Welsh), TES (Times Educational Supplement), Times Higher Education, TLS (Times Literary Supplement)

The current daily and weekly issues are all displayed on the shelving near the comfortable chairs, near to the Information Desk.

- **How long are they kept?** - One year, except for Times Educational and Literary supplements which are kept for three years.
- **Which papers are available on the Web?**
- A large percentage of the articles contained in most major newspapers is now generally available freely on the web, although free registration may be required for some (e.g. Financial Times).

Newspapers for which we have online subscriptions include:

- [The Times - 1985 to date](#) (link via the Nexis UK database)
- [Times Digital Archive 1785-1985](#)

Free titles include:

- Times Higher Education - <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/>  
Access to current issue and archive to 1994, and jobs pages.
- [dailytelegraph.co.uk/](http://dailytelegraph.co.uk/) [ft.com](http://ft.com) [guardian.co.uk/](http://guardian.co.uk/) [independent.co.uk/](http://independent.co.uk/)  
[thetimes.co.uk/](http://thetimes.co.uk/).
- [Newspapers via Ceredigion Public Libraries](#) - You will need a Ceredigion County Council Library Card to access the 21 online newspapers listed here.  
[N.B. English and Welsh versions available]
- Some current news can also be obtained via the [BBC](#) and there is a wide selection of national and regional newspapers linked at the Zen gateway:  
<http://www.wrx.zen.co.uk/britnews.htm>

**Prospectuses** – A variety of college and university prospectuses are kept in Bay 3 in the Thomas Parry Library.

### Reference books

- Reference books are located on Bays 1, 2 and 3 and are for Library use only. They are **not** available for borrowing.
- All books shelved within the Reference Collection are indicated on the Voyager catalogue at <http://voyager.aber.ac.uk>
- There is also an Electronic Reference section in the Aberystwyth University eLibrary at <http://elibrary.aber.ac.uk>

### Statistics -

- A selection of the international, regional and national statistics held in the Thomas Parry Library. Please ask at the Enquiry Desk.

### British Standards

- British Standards (BS) can be found on the Reference shelves in blue boxes on the top shelf of Bay 2. They are filed by the number of the individual standard concerned. There is a full British Standards catalogue (annual) on the shelf below them at REF 389.60941016BRI - this will allow you to search for the number of a particular standard by subject.