Self-guided Tour

This self-guided tour introduces you to the services, collections and learning spaces within the Library. The tour focuses on Levels 1 & 2 of the Library – the map on the last page shows tour stops.

You can find more information about the library on libMQ, an app which is your pocket guide to the Library. Search the App Store or Google Play for ‘libMQ’. This is a beta version, please give your feedback to help us improve it!

A bit about the Library before you begin...

**Sustainability:** The Library has many sustainable features including:

- Indoor blinds that open and close automatically in response to temperature changes
- Energy efficient lights that turn on when they sense movement
- Fixtures and fittings made of renewable or recyclable material
- Use of recycled rainwater from a ‘green roof’ above the western end of level 2 to flush the toilets
- The external fins do not move but do assist in light and heat regulation in the building. The fin colours are meant to evoke a forest of eucalypt trunks.
- An Automated Storage & Retrieval System for the collection that has freed up space for people, and allowed the building to be smaller than our collection would otherwise demand.

**Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS):** This key innovation allows the Library’s whole collection to be stored on site and be immediately accessible. Items stored in this system are referred to as the Automated Retrieval Collection (ARC). You can request an item from the ARC online via the Library Catalogue. You can also view the ASRS from two viewing windows outside the western side of the Library if you are curious.

The Library has **5 floors**, each featuring colour-coded furniture and signage. There is capacity for over **2,000 seats** across all 5 levels of the Library. Approximately **70 computers** are available on Levels 1 & 2.

**Wireless access** is available throughout the building: *Macquarie OneNet* (use your OneID), *Macquarie Public* and *Eduroam*.

The **Library’s collections** are extensive with many resources being available online. Items are located on Levels 1 & 2, and in the ARC.

**Library and Café Opening Hours**

During Semester, the Library and the Café will both be open:

8am to 10pm   Mon – Friday
10am – 6pm   on Weekends
Upstairs levels (3, 4 and 5) are open until 1am during session

**Tour Stop 1 Level 2, just inside the entrance (see map).**

If you want to go up to levels 3, 4 or 5, you must do so via the stairs or lift in the Library foyer. Once you enter the Library, there is no access upstairs.

On the upper floors you will find study spaces, printers and the laptop kiosk where you can borrow a laptop computer using your Student/Staff ID card.

**Café:** Off the entry foyer is the Library Café. It is open the same hours as the Library.

**Returns:** There are 4 returns chutes where you can return borrowed items. One of these chutes is located in the foyer near the lift, and there are more just inside the next glass doors. There is also an after-hours return chute outside the Library on Macquarie Drive.

**Lachlan & Elizabeth Macquarie Room:** On the other side of the building is the Lachlan & Elizabeth Macquarie Room which is enclosed in glass. Using all the original materials, such as the timber paneling and fireplace, this room is a complete reconstruction of the ground floor Parlour Room from the Macquarie family estate on the Isle of Mull, Scotland.

**Exhibition space:** To the right of the Macquarie Room is an exhibition space which will be used to showcase the treasures of the Library, amongst other things.

**Security:** Library Security is located in an office to the left of the Macquarie Room. Security Staff look after lost property, please see them regarding items you have lost or found in the library or elsewhere on campus.

**Information Desk:** At this desk you can:

- Get information about the Library & other services available on Campus.
- Get help with researching assignments.
- Talk to Learning Advisers (12-2pm Weekdays) and Student Mentors during session.
- Return large or fragile items which don’t fit in the returns chute.

The desk next to the Information Desk is the Self Help desk where you can book a PC, Presentation Practice Pod, Quiet Room or 3D Printer and VR Equipment in the Vroom space. You can also make
bookings via libMQ or our website before coming to the library. You can also use the iPads to find information about the University.

**Tour Stop 2** Level 2, just past the security gates, near self-check machines (see map). You are now underground with a green grass roof above!

**Open Shelving Collection**: Whilst much of the collection is located in the ARC (Automated Retrieval Collection), up to 500,000 items remain on open shelving. These are items that are newer, or borrowed more frequently. On this level you will find items with call numbers A-J. On Level 1 you will find items with call numbers K-Z.

**Borrowing**: You can use the borrowing machines to borrow items with your Student/Staff ID card. All items must be borrowed before you can take them past the nearby security gates.

**Printing and Copying**: To the right of the self-check machines you will find printers and photocopiers. These are located throughout the Library. You must use your student ID card to print and copy. There are also ‘recharge’ machines on Levels 1, 2 & 3 where you can add money to your card for printing/copying.

**Laptop lockers** are located in the corner, past the copiers and also on Level 1 on the library. These lockers can be used to store and charge your laptop. See staff at the Collection Point desk to use this facility.
Tour Stop 3  Level 2. Head further into the building, stopping near the next information desk before you reach the sunken courtyard – this is one of 2 light wells that bring natural light into the lower levels of the Library (see map).

Reserve: Here you will find copies of essential unit readings recommended by lecturers for your units.
- These items are in high demand and borrowing is limited to three hours
- You can print, copy and borrow your own items in Reserve
- All items borrowed from Reserve must be returned to the Reserve Return Chute.
- Holds are also available for pick up in the Reserve area.

The Vroom: is next to Reserve. It is an area for exploration of new technologies and currently offers 3D printing and a Virtual Reality experience. These facilities are open to all Macquarie students and should be booked in advance. Ask desk staff for assistance or use the instructions provided.

Brunner Collection: Further along behind this wall is the Brunner Collection - a restricted access research collection of Egyptology resources.

Express Search Computers: Fixed laptops for searching the Library’s collections. There are more throughout the Library.

Specialised equipment: Near the wall are Microform Reader Printers.

Service Desk: At this desk you can:
- get help with borrowing
- collect items you have requested from the Automated Retrieval Collection (ARC) or interlibrary loans
- borrow an Ultrabook, or an iPad, or a key to the laptop lockers.

On the other side of the Library you will see:

M2.01 Consultation Room: This room is used for research and assignment consultations with Library staff. Also located here are computers with
access to specialized databases such as Bloomberg and DataStream. These are for Postgrads, HDRs and staff use.

Computers: There are over 70 computers on this level. To use the computers, you need to log in with your OneID. You can print from these computers to the printers in the Print Hubs.

New Books, Journals and Newspapers: This low shelving holds the New Book, New Journal and Newspaper display. These are the most recent print items received by the Library. New Books can be borrowed. New Journals and Newspapers are not for loan but can be used within the Library (Levels 1 and 2).

Tour Stop 4 Level 2. Head towards the back of the building, facing towards the Main Collection and Express search computers (see map).

Study Space: You will see a mixture of group and individual study spaces to suit a variety of learning styles.

Express Search: Express search computers are located here close to the collection. You can use these computers to search the Library catalogue.

Print Hub: To the left, past the other sunken courtyard, is a Print Hub. You can print, copy and scan in this area, as well as print from Library computers.

Quiet Rooms: Continuing down the corridor past the Print Hub, you will find a series of Quiet Rooms. These rooms are administered by Campus Wellbeing, and maybe booked by students registered with this Service. Four Quiet Rooms can be found downstairs on Level 1 are bookable for Macquarie University students for individual study.

Toilets: On the other side of the building are toilets, including a baby change room and filtered drinking water to fill up your water bottle.

Lift: To the right of the toilets is a lift which will take you down to Level 1. There are also two staircases nearby leading to Level 1.

Tour Stop 5 Level 1. Take the nearest staircase down to Level 1 (see map).

Q1.10 Bubuk Room: This room is a study space for Indigenous students and is administered by the Office of Indigenous Strategy.
Curriculum and Map Collections: On the opposite side of the Library are two special collections. One is the Curriculum Collection which contains early childhood and school teaching resources. The Map collection contains sheet maps and atlases which can be studied but are not for loan.

Print Hub: Past the Curriculum and Maps collection is another Print Hub. You can print, copy and scan in this area, as well as print from Library computers.

Quiet Rooms: Continuing down the corridor past the Print Hub, you will find a series of Quiet Rooms similar to those on Level 2. These rooms are administered by Campus Wellbeing and maybe booked by students registered with this Service. Quiet rooms Q1.01-Q1.04 can be booked by Macquarie University students for individual study.

Tour Stop 6 Level 1. Continue towards the Presentation Practice Pods.

Presentation Practice Pods: The 18 Presentation Practice Pods here are available for students who are working on group assignments and presentations. Presentation Practice Pods can be booked online for up to 2 hours. They are all fitted with TV screens for use with multimedia. You can connect your mobile device or laptop using WiFi (Macquarie OneNet).

The frosted glass walls in the pods can be written on using white board markers.

6 Circular Study Pods are also available to be booked online for up to 2 hours

Print Hub: A small Print Hub is available next to the large staircase in this area. You can print from a USB at many of the Print Hubs in the building.

We hope you have enjoyed this self-guided tour.

Please continue to explore the building. Levels 3 & 4 are study spaces with furniture configured for groups and individuals. A Postgraduate study space is on Level 3, and a Higher Degree Research space is located on Level 5.

It's worth exploring our website www.mq.edu.au/library too. There is a wealth of information there.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to ask Library staff.