Edinburgh Libraries

Edinburgh is extremely rich in the number and variety of its libraries. It may be easier and quicker to use these libraries than to use our Inter-Library Loans Service. They all have online catalogues, which can be accessed from the web addresses provided here.

Edinburgh Napier University staff and students will be able to gain access to most libraries, but you may have to go through certain formalities first. Check before you go.

Many of these libraries participate in the SCONUL Access scheme, see below. Staff and students should carry personal identification (e.g. a current staff or matriculation card) at all times. If in doubt on a particular library's rules or the need to complete an application form, check in one of our campus libraries.

SCONUL Access scheme

This scheme allows students and staff from UK universities to use other university libraries. The level of access Edinburgh Napier University members can have depends on your status here:

- Full-time undergraduate students - reference access only (unless you choose to pay external member fees).
- Part-time students, distance learners, students on placements of more than 10 weeks, postgraduate students – limited borrowing permitted.
- Academic staff and researchers – limited borrowing permitted.

You can apply for SCONUL Access by visiting their website at [http://www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access](http://www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access). Follow the instructions on screen and wait until you receive an email confirming your application has been approved.

How do I know if another library has the journal I need?

Try using SUNCAT. This is a union list of serials in UK academic libraries: [http://suncat.ac.uk](http://suncat.ac.uk). It allows you to enter words from the title of journals and limit your search to Edinburgh, to help you find a library with the journal you need. SUNCAT also provides links to catalogues and access information for each library.
EDINBURGH CITY LIBRARIES
Central Library, George IV Bridge
http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/libraries

Stock: All subjects: the largest of the Central Library's buildings houses both reference and lending materials. There are also some specialist departments: Fine Art; Music; Scottish; Edinburgh Collection.

There is also a network of branch libraries around the city.

Access: Membership is open to all who live or work within the city boundaries. You will need to provide proof of your address. Some online services are available to members at:
http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20121/using_the_library

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY
Main Library, George Square
https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services

Edinburgh University Library has a number of sites around the city. See their webpages to determine which site you need to visit. Some main addresses are listed below. Some academic departments have their own libraries in addition to these.

Access: *SCONUL Access scheme

Some other Edinburgh University libraries:

EDINBURGH COLLEGE OF ART
Library, Evolution House, West Port
https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services
Stock: Art, Design, Environmental Studies.

MORAY HOUSE LIBRARY
(Education & sports science)
Dahlousie Land, St. John Street
https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services

LAW & EUROPA LIBRARY
David Hume Tower, George Square
https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services
Stock: Includes the European Documentation Centre collection of official publications of the European Union.
NB: A lot of material is now available online at https://europa.eu

NOREEN AND KENNETH MURRAY LIBRARY
(Science & technology)
King's Buildings, Thomas Bayes Road
https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services

LADY SMITH OF KELVIN VETERINARY LIBRARY
Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies
Easter Bush, Roslin
https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services

HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY
Riccarton
https://www.hw.ac.uk/services/information-services.htm
Access: *SCONUL Access scheme.
NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND
George IV Bridge
https://www.nls.uk/

Stock: as one of the UK’s five copyright deposit libraries, the NLS receives all material published in the UK. There is a special emphasis on Scottish life and culture.

The NLS has an important role to preserve material for the future, so it expects you to have exhausted all other library sources before approaching it. Most items have to be fetched for you from closed storage areas. You can pre-order and reserve items before you visit.

Access: consultation only, no borrowing.

- use their catalogue in advance
- identify specific items not held in our own stock
- note their NLS shelf marks
- pre-order/reserve the items you need

Undergraduate and Postgraduate students apply directly to the NLS for a Library Card which is valid for 3 years.

All teaching and research staff can apply for a library card on production of their staff card.

Some services and resources are available remotely to registered members – see https://auth.nls.uk/eresources/

QUEEN MARGARET UNIVERSITY
Musselburgh
https://www.qmuc.ac.uk/study-here/learning-facilities/library/

Stock: Drama, Psychology, Media and communication, Business and management, Food and consumer studies, hospitality and tourism, health, nursing and allied professions.

Access: *SCONUL Access scheme

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN LIBRARY
20A Inverleith Row

Stock: Botanical subjects

Access: Advisable to contact them in advance.

See also the ELISA Edinburgh Library Passport information at https://edinburghlibrariesagency.wordpress.com/

You can also search the catalogues of research libraries in the UK via COPAC

https://copac.jisc.ac.uk/