

Highlights in this issue:

- More spaces re-open on the Mile End Library ground floor
- Studying during the upcoming vacation period
- Accessing other libraries

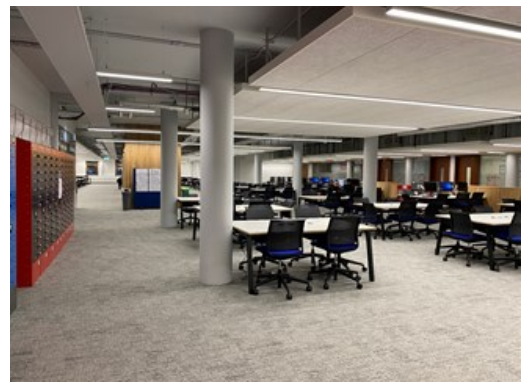
## Mile End Library Transformation Project

Changes since the last issue:

- Teaching Collection now open for browsing
- Fetching service suspended
- Lift Two (nearest the Teaching Collection) returned to operation

The Transformation project continues with:

- Completion of the new Quiet Study Room (due to open shortly)
- Restoration of access to the Group Study Rooms (coming soon)
- Preparation for Phase 2 (extension works to the south of the building)
- Closure of 2nd Floor South Reading Room (date to be confirmed)



Stay up to date on progress with the project via the [Mile End Library Transformation Project webpages](#)

## Feedback and Responses — Group Study Area Refurbishment



With sincere thanks to everyone who has provided responses via the feedback boards available in Mile End Library Group Study Area, email and speaking to a member of staff.

We have provided responses to the feedback, questions and comments received on the new [Feedback and Comments](#) section of the Mile End Library Transformation Project webpages.

## Hour of Code

Hour of Code is open to all Queen Mary students and staff interested in an introduction to coding. Come along to build up hands-on knowledge around coding through an interactive self-directed hour of code.

To sign up, go to the [Hour of Code Eventbrite](#) page



## Library Services over the vacation period



Libraries and Library-managed study spaces have revised opening hours over the vacation period.

We have curated some useful information on how to find study spaces as well as access collections, to continue your studies during the vacation.

Visit the [Accessing Library Services over the Winter Break](#) page for more details.

## SCONUL Access Scheme re-opens

The SCONUL Access Scheme, a reciprocal scheme providing access to the libraries of other institutions, re-opened on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Queen Mary is a SCONUL Band A member, allowing access to the scheme for staff and research students only.

More details of the scheme, which organisations have re-opened services, and how to register can be found on our website.

Go to the [SCONUL Access Scheme news article](#).



## Archives and Special Collections Update

Special Collections Information Assistant, Anne-Marie McHarg has been exploring the rare books collections at Mile End Library.

In her latest blog series, entitled "Eight Octagon Poets", she explores the gilded busts that can be seen high up in the ceiling and domed roof of The Octagon, Queens' Building, starting with Geoffrey Chaucer.

Go to the [Archives and Special Collections blog](#).



## Book Display for December



This month's book display is filled with relaxing and thought-provoking material, to enjoy when it's time to take a break from studying or work.

Some of this month's selection are only available in print; if you happen to be nearby, Mile End Library will be open over the vacation to borrow from the print collections.

View the [Book Display for December 2021](#).

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