WELCOME TO YOUR COLLEGE LIBRARY

The Ward Library is the student library of Peterhouse. We aim to provide you with the books you need, and be a peaceful place to study during your time here in Cambridge. There is always a member of staff here to help.

OPENING TIMES & ACCESS

The library is open 9am-midnight, 7 days a week, during term-time. Vacation opening hours are advertised at the end of each term.

Access to the library on weekdays from 9am to 4:45 pm is via the main entrance. At evenings and weekends, it is via the side entrance through the Theatre Lobby and Law Library. You will need your University Card to get in.

FINDING & BORROWING

To find a book or item, search the online catalogue iDiscover:
https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk

Limit your search to the Ward Library by selecting “Peterhouse” from the drop down menu next to the search bar. The default is all libraries across Cambridge.

You may borrow up to 10 items from the Ward Library at any one time. Standard book loans are for two weeks, at which point you will need to renew them via your Library Account on iDiscover. Note that unlike some Cambridge libraries, Peterhouse books do not auto-renew.

Out of term, books can be borrowed for the duration of the vacation.

FIND OUT MORE

Be sure to visit the library website to find more detailed information on the library and its services: https://www.pet.cam.ac.uk/libraries-and-archives

NOT JUST BOOKS...

As well as over 65,000 books, we provide:

- Computers, printing, photocopying and scanning
- DVDs and external DVD drives
- Book-rests, chargers, laptop stands
- Models for medics
- Comb-binding at cost price
- Journals, plus weekly magazines such as The Economist, Private Eye, TLS, Spectator, etc.
USING THE LIBRARY

Please help us to maintain the library as a pleasant working environment, and to keep Library material in circulation for future generations.

- The Library is for silent study. Please be respectful to others by keeping noise to a minimum. Phones should be on silent and phone calls should be taken outside the library building.
- The library is for current Peterhouse members only, so please do not bring friends from other Colleges into the building.
- Food and drink are not allowed in the building, except for securely-capped bottles of water.
- Bags must be left in the cloakroom.
- Please remove all your belongings when you leave the library for the day.
- Items must be borrowed via the self-issue machine (or at the Front Desk) before you take them out of the library.
- Take care of library books and do not mark them. If a book has been damaged or lost, please tell the Librarian.
- Late returns or renewals incur a fine of 25p per item per day, or, if requested by another reader, 50p per item per day. Fines and fees will be added to your termly College bill.

LIBRARIES BLOG

Keep up to date with our latest archival and library discoveries at perneward.wordpress.com.

E-RESOURCES

Although the College does not purchase e-books directly, we provide funds towards the centralised purchasing of e-books, online journals and other e-resources. As a Peterhouse student you have access to the University of Cambridge's extensive range of online books, journals and databases. The majority of these resources are accessed via iDiscover and dedicated LibGuides.

https://www.libraries.cam.ac.uk/eresources

DID YOU KNOW?

The Library used to be the Museum of Classical Archaeology. It became the College’s library in 1984.

PERNE LIBRARY

The Perne Library on G Staircase is the College’s research collection of early printed books and other historic material. The Perne Librarian is Mr Scott Mandelbrote. Guided tours for Peterhouse students are arranged at least a couple of times a year.