Focusing on the web
We are currently revising the Library web pages to ensure they are clearly focused in their support for teaching and research. Work already completed includes:

- links to information for new students, gathering together pages on topics such as subject resources and how to use the Library
- a link to information for academics which provides support for both teaching and research and also lists our departmental library representatives. The section ‘Support for your teaching’ includes pages on submitting items for reading lists, suggesting new books and how we provide for new courses here in the Library. The ‘Support for research’ page links to information on the RAE, the UoS Research and Regional Development Office, access to libraries outside Sussex, as well as a current awareness news page which includes current web articles which may be of interest.

We are also revamping our subject pages to make them easier to use and to ensure they are up to date with the information they provide. They form part of a revamp of the Library website structure to support a move towards providing a much clearer signposting to our electronic resources.

We welcome any feedback on the changes we are making and plan to have all the pages in place by the beginning of the next academic session.

Forthcoming counter closure
The Interlibrary Requests counter will close at the end of the summer term. This marks the final stage of a move towards online services. From Monday 26 June, all Interlibrary Requests should be requested online via the Library Catalogue (click on PLACE REQUEST to access the online form). Progress of current requests can also be checked from the Library Catalogue through MY ACCOUNTS. For any other queries regarding obtaining material from other libraries, Interlibrary Requests staff can be contacted by telephone on 01273 678162 or email at library.interlib@sussex.ac.uk

Secure electronic delivery pilot
Interlibrary Requests are piloting a new service for electronic delivery of journal articles to the desktop. Initially, the service is only offered to the School of Science & Technology while technical issues are being tested. Full details of the new service are available from the Interlibrary Requests webpage by selecting ‘Using the Library’ from the Library homepage and clicking on the link to Interlibrary Requests.
Electronic journal increase

We have recently taken out a subscription to two journals collections, giving us online access to many more academic journals. The Science Direct Freedom Collection comprises nearly 1,800 titles mainly, as the name would suggest, in the sciences, but with some social science and a few arts and humanities titles. Our previous science direct deal contained 1,139 titles, so this is a large increase. The Sage Premier Collection contains some 383 titles covering a wide range of subjects, which gives us an extra 332 titles from our previous access. Both contain a number of important, peer-reviewed journals which will be of great use in both teaching and research.

Mass-Observation Archive

Open day 4 May

Talks, displays, workshops: if you would like to find out more about Mass-Observation, join us on 4 May. Please email Sandra Koa Wing s.c.koa-wing@sussex.ac.uk for further information about the event.

New Mass-Obs publication

Mass-Observation and Everyday Life: Culture, history, theory by Nick Hubble. (Palgrave Macmillan, £45 (hardback) ISBN: 1403935556). This is a new history of Mass Observation. Two copies are available in the Library, along with Nick’s Sussex DPhil thesis on which the book is based.

Did you know?

If you look up a book on the Library Catalogue and the shelf mark says ‘Special Collections’ it will be an old, rare or fragile item and can only be read under supervision.

To arrange this you need to phone 8157, visit or email us at library.specialcoll@sussex.ac.uk

For general information about the rare book collection descriptions, see www.sussex.ac.uk/library/speccoll/collection_introductions/rare.html

Daghani exhibition tours Germany

A selection of artworks and books by Arnold Daghani from the German Jewish Studies Archive in Special Collections is on tour in Germany throughout 2006. A member of our staff, Karen Watson, recently couriered one of the books by air to Hanover to ensure it arrived safely and on time!

Book sale

The main Library will hold a sale of withdrawn book stock on Friday 28 April 2006.

Posters containing further information will be placed in the Library and around campus.

According to its publisher Mass-Observation and Everyday Life is ‘an excellent guide to mass-observation and the period generally, this scholarly work also provides surprising insights into the role social research has played in the development of policy and mass democracy’.