

“The Dark Art” of managing an External Store

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The University

- 23,000 students & 3,500 staff
- 8,500 distance learners
mainly taught postgraduate
- 3 Colleges -
 - Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities
 - Medicine, Biological Sciences
& Psychology
 - Science & Engineering



The David Wilson Library

- 1970s
- Extended and re-modelled 2008



Space the final frontier



Credit Wikipedia for Tardis Photo

Our External Store

- History
- Managing
- Organising
- Sharing
- Nearly Full?!
- Full!
- The Future?



External Store - History

- Student residencies and alumni appeal
- Capacity (400,000 bks)
- Design, access and location
- Security, environment, shelving
- Furniture/equipment and other
- Cost versus benefit?
- Other costs?





Dear Friend,

Can I thank the University's Convocation for taking the initiative in organising this appeal.

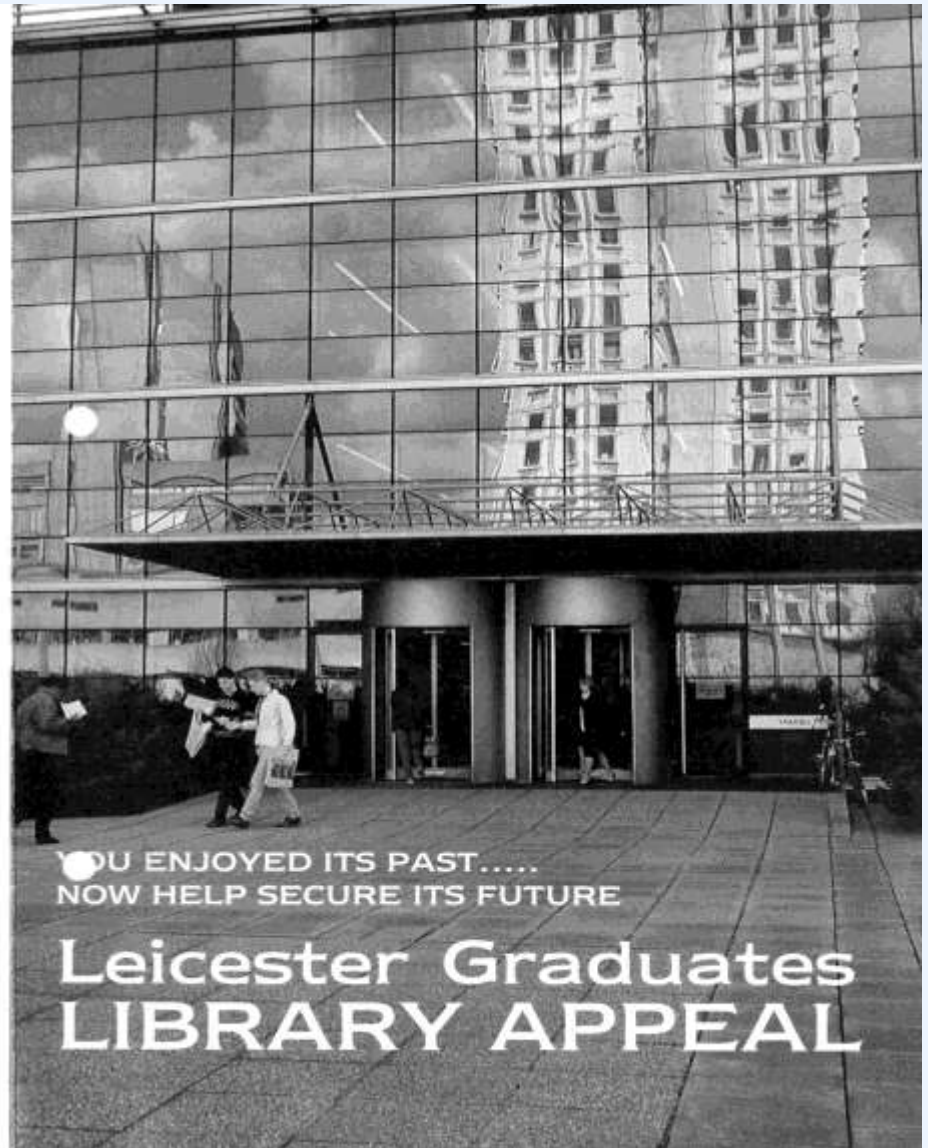
All of us who have been involved in University life know that an efficient well-run library is paramount. The current funding climate means that we have to look to other sources to find more than half the third of a million pounds that is required.

Please give as much as you can.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Kenneth Edwards

Kenneth Edwards,
Vice Chancellor



YOU ENJOYED ITS PAST.....
NOW HELP SECURE ITS FUTURE

Leicester Graduates
LIBRARY APPEAL

A LIBRARY FOR THE NEXT CENTURY - Leicester needs YOUR help.....

The University's 'engine room'

The 'engine room' of every place of learning must be the library. It's a place of learning, researching, and enlightenment - a place for serious study, casual browsing or just writing up notes. For many students it's the place where a large proportion of university life is spent and the place which most former students remember most. Ultimately it can be the place where degrees are gained - and lost.

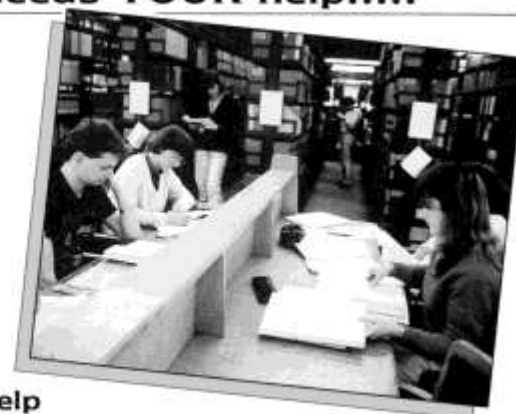
To do its job properly the library must have the books and papers that are most wanted by the students and they should be reasonably accessible. The building should be pleasant to work in, with an environment that is conducive to serious study free from distractions.

Can Leicester meet the demands of tomorrow?

For a decade and a half Leicester University students have enjoyed what is acknowledged to be one of the best libraries in the country. An award-winning air-conditioned building with more than 800,000 works and nearly 900 reader places, the library has served several generations of students well.

Now, with student numbers increasing and 20,000 new volumes a year having to be housed, space is at a premium. On busy days there are 5,000 separate admissions with inevitable long queues at the issue desks, computer terminals and photo-copiers. On occasions it is not possible to find a seat.

Clearly unless action is taken urgently Leicester University's Library will grind to a halt through sheer over-crowding. The effect on the institution as a whole will be devastating.



How YOU can help

An enhancement plan costing one third of a million pounds has been worked out. An annexe would be built to house more than 100,000 of the less used works. This will create space in the main building to produce:

- more reader places
- better access for the most popular works
- proper storage for Leicester's priceless collection of rare books

The Government Universities Funding Council - the successor to the University Grants Committee - is contributing £150,000 but no more. To start work a further **£180,000** needs to be raised. That is where you come in.

We need donations; pledges and tax-saving covenants
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The sooner the University knows the money is coming the sooner work can start..

THE FUTURE OF LEICESTER UNIVERSITY'S LIBRARY IS IN YOUR HANDS - Please do not let us down



Our store



Filling

- But it's empty?!
- Relegation policy
- Spurs to filling
- Our special trollies
- Never to return?



Managing

Whose
Store is
it
anyway?



Managing

- Guardians/Guards
- Leaks & temperature
- Visitors
- What's the oddest thing stored or found?



Managing - the challenges

- As a building site
- The Gifts!
- Adding gifts
to our collections
- Not having a store!
- Benefits -staging and collection point &
good PR



Organisation

- Classification..well we started off with good intentions!



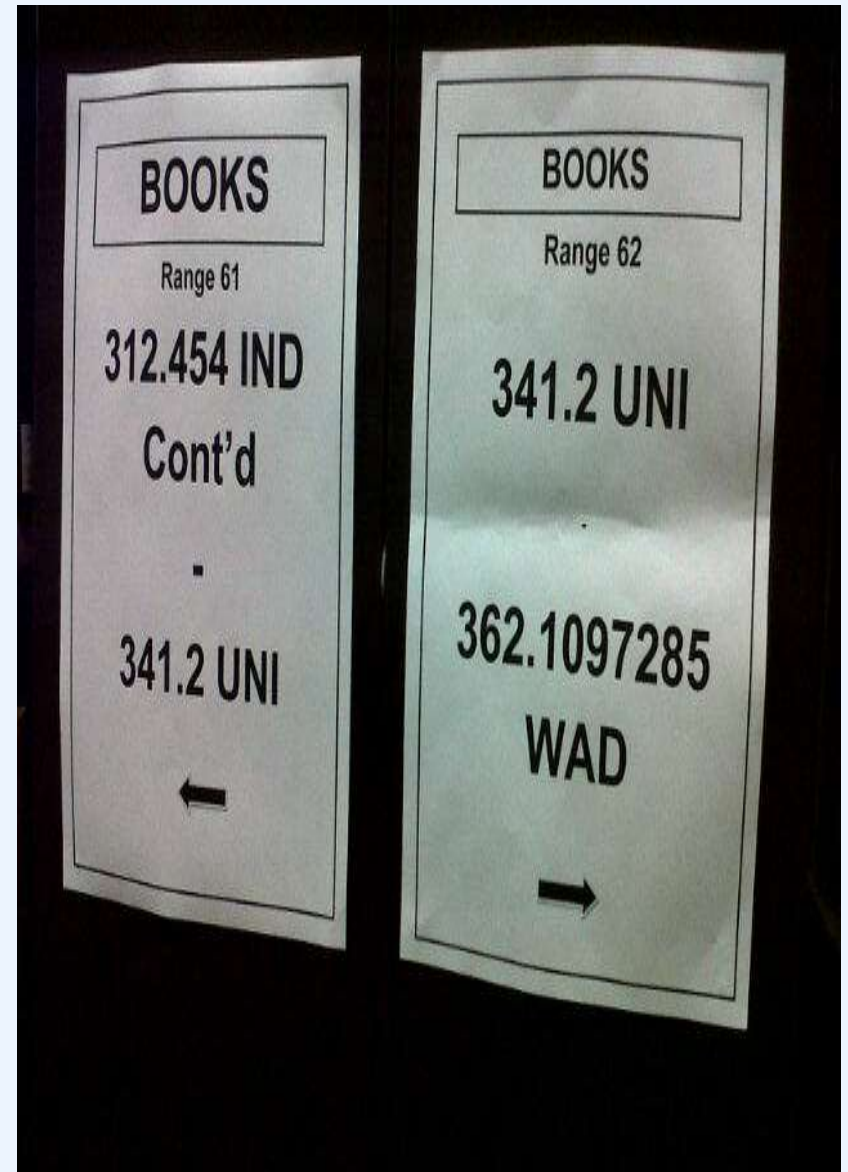
Organisation

- What were we thinking? (barcodes)
- What were we thinking? (superseded editions)
- Is everything on the catalogue?



Organisation

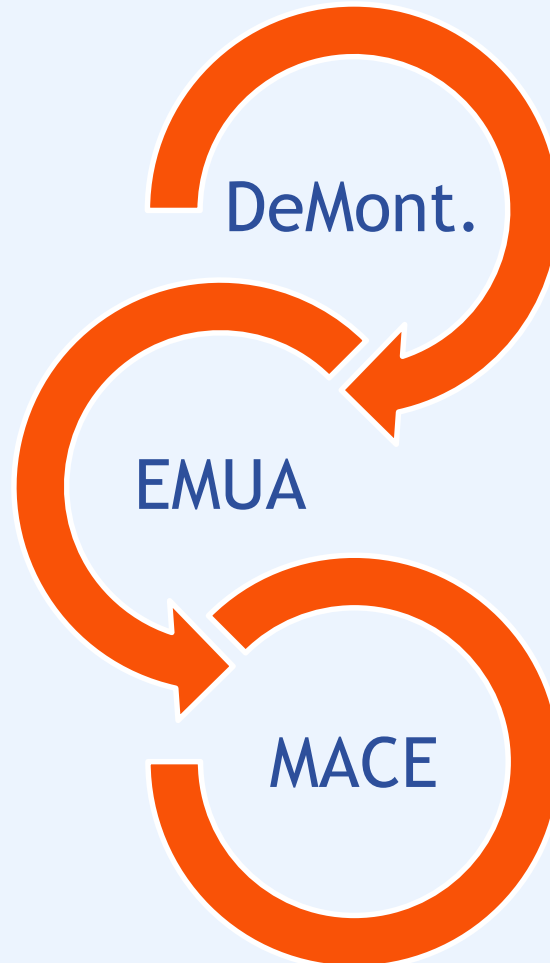
- What happens if you need to re-organise?
- The art of shuffling





- Retrieval Service
- Service Standards
- External Users - number of items; move to the David Wilson Library
- Use in the Library only?

Sharing





- Nearly full
- Tinkering
- Alternatives
- Just say no?

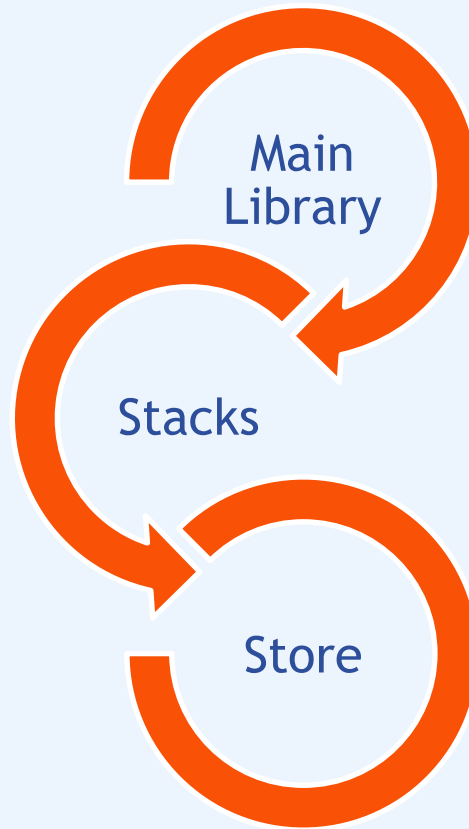


**The BIG
Picture
a
Collections
Policy**

“For nearly 70 years library material was acquired on the implicit assumption that it was for permanent retention”

1992 Position paper

Policy not really change



**A
NEW
Collections
Policy**

“The main changes relate to eBooks (eBook first policy for teaching - subject to usability and other criteria being met), treatment of superseded student textbooks and clarification of policy on long term retention and disposal of items. ”

**Ben Wynne, Deputy
Director, June 2015**

Going forward



The Small
Detail -
systematic
review of
holdings

Going forward



Dark Store???

Going forward



Return to
sender???

Going forward

**SCONUL
RLUK
JISC
COPAC**

Where do legacy
print collections
sit with
digitisation and
Open Access and
what is
eCollection
Management?
More than
“replacing” print?

Will “space” be an issue in our Digital Library world?



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What other dark arts and conjuring tricks will we need in the future?



Questions?

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