The University of Bolton Library is a member of regional and national schemes that allow our students and staff to use the facilities of other university libraries in the UK.

These schemes offer different levels of access, so please visit the Help Desk in the Library where staff can advise you or consult the Library web pages at https://www.bolton.ac.uk/library/Borrowing/Access-Agreements.aspx in order to ensure you are using the most appropriate scheme.

Please be aware of the following:

- only users who are in good standing with the Library can join these schemes. If you have outstanding fines, overdue books or invoices you will not be allowed to use other university libraries.

- different classification schemes, catalogue interfaces, etc. may be used at other institutions. Other libraries are not required to provide any training in the use of their library services.

- users are expected to observe relevant regulations that apply to studying in other libraries and are responsible for any fines or replacement costs incurred.

- your card can be withdrawn if you infringe the rules of the host library.

- always check opening hours and facilities before visiting the libraries. Many universities conduct building/maintenance work during vacations, so you may be unable to visit then. Also services may be limited at weekends.

- check local requirements before you visit. Some libraries may require a photograph or may not be able to process your application outside of normal office hours.

You must take your University of Bolton ID card and relevant documentation with you when you visit.

### NoWAL Libraries

The Library is a member of the North West Consortium of Academic Libraries, which includes the academic libraries listed below.

- Edge Hill University
- Lancaster University
- Liverpool Hope University
- Liverpool John Moores University
- Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Royal Northern College of Music
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Chester
- University of Cumbria
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester*
- University of Salford

* not the Eddie Davies Library

All staff and students can use these libraries for reference purposes. Some users may borrow from these libraries via the SCONUL Access scheme.

### SCONUL Access scheme

The University of Bolton Library is a member of the national SCONUL Access scheme which allows part-time, distance or placement students (on a placement of ten weeks or more), full-time taught postgraduate students, permanent members of staff and postgraduate research students the opportunity to register with and borrow from other institutions' libraries.

Full-time undergraduates are entitled only to reference access under this scheme.
Most university and some specialist libraries participate in the scheme, but please be aware that some libraries will only permit access to certain types of users. There may also be access restrictions in place during examinations and other busy periods. Check the SCONUL Access website [https://www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access](https://www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access) to ascertain whether you are able to use the facilities of another institution.

You apply online to use the scheme via the SCONUL Access website.

**SCONUL Vacation Access Scheme**

You may use most university libraries for ***reference only*** during their vacations as part of the SCONUL Vacation Access Agreement. Access should be granted with your University of Bolton ID card. However, as this card has no expiry date, you may also be required to show proof of current employment with the University of Bolton or evidence of when your course ends.

**Public libraries**

In addition to the schemes outlined above, you are also entitled to join the public library in the borough in which you live.

Some libraries participate in a universal access scheme. Please enquire about this scheme at your local public library.