Access to the University of Bolton Library Resources

The Inspire initiative aimed to provide a seamless, cross-sectoral pathway for learning by adults across public, academic and national libraries. The scheme is now in abeyance but the University of Bolton Library will continue to honour the spirit of the initiative by granting members of the public, whose applications are approved by their local public library, access to the facilities available in the Library for reference purposes only.

The Library will provide access to:
- bookstock and audio-visual material
- print journals
- reference material
- photocopying facilities
- open access and quiet study space.

Access to computing software, online resources and group study rooms is not permitted.

The scheme is strictly on referral only. The Library facilities are not available to walk in users.

The home library is ultimately responsible for any losses caused by their users, so applications can only be accepted from users who are registered and in good standing with their home library.

How to Apply

1. Complete an application form available online at: https://www.bolton.ac.uk/library/LibraryPublications/ApplicationForms/Inspire.pdf

2. Take the completed form, to the Enquiry Desk at your home library for endorsement.

3. Take your stamped application form, home library card and proof of your ID, e.g. full UK driving licence or UK passport, to the Help Desk in the University of Bolton.

Please note. The University of Bolton cannot process applications at busy times, particularly the beginning of semesters.

Other Details

- Membership of the scheme expires annually.

- The Library is not required to provide any training in the use of library services. If you do require training, please ask a member of staff at your home library.

- All users will be expected to observe relevant regulations that apply to studying in the Library. Your card can be withdrawn if you infringe the rules of either your home library or the University of Bolton Library.

You must have both your home library card and the University of Bolton Library card with you when you visit.
If you have specific needs and require special help when visiting the University of Bolton, please phone or email for advice.

Email: Learning-IssueDesk@bolton.ac.uk
Tel: 01204 903094

**Staffed opening hours**

**Term-time**

Monday - Thursday 8.45 - 21.00  
Friday 8.45 - 17.00  
Saturday 9.00 - 12.30

**Vacation**

Vacation opening hours are normally:

Monday – Friday 9.00-17.00

Always check opening hours and facilities before visiting the Library, particularly at weekends and during vacations.


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For further information on:

- this access agreement, please refer to our web pages at:
  
  https://www.bolton.ac.uk/library/Borrowing/External-Membership.aspx

- the Library, please refer to our web pages at:
  
  www.bolton.ac.uk/library

- courses at the University of Bolton, please refer to our web pages at:
  
  www.bolton.ac.uk

- services at Bolton Libraries, please refer to:
  
  http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/Pages/Libraries.aspx

or contact: 01204 333173

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