

Library services for students with dyslexia or other specific learning difficulties

Welcome to Oxford Brookes University Library. Please ask staff at the enquiry desks or counters for help at any time.

Extra library services are available to dyslexic students who have registered with the [Dyslexia/Specific Learning Difficulties Service](#). Email dyslex.sup@brookes.ac.uk

Who can help you?

- Your Subject Librarian - for help with subject specific queries, information skills, database searching and referencing.
<http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/subject.html>
- Lending Services - for loans and reservations
Tel. 01865 483120 Email lendingsservices@brookes.ac.uk

Borrow 15 books instead of 12

Free photocopying card

Collect one free copy card each year, from

- Headington Library Audio Visual Unit or
- Wheatley Library counter or
- Harcourt Hill Library counter

Use it

- One black and white A4 copy takes 1 credit; an A3 copy takes 2 credits.

Recharge it

- Rechargers are by the photocopiers
- A £1 coin gives 19 credits when you recharge your card.
- If you need a **receipt** to claim against your DSA (Disabled Students Allowance), we need to watch you recharge the card. Please contact:

Headington	Katie Hambrook	01865 483146
Wheatley	Jane Mitchell	01865 485870
Harcourt Hill	Catherine Lauriol	01865 488222

Borrow reference material

When all lending copies of a book are on loan, you may borrow a reference copy overnight, or for the weekend, with the approval of the Subject Librarian (except after week 7 in each semester).

Interlibrary Loans

We can supply photocopied articles on blue paper.

Library guides

Word and pdf copies of library guides are available:

<http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/guideintro.html>

Software to help you

TextHelp

Reads electronic text aloud (including your own essays for proof-reading).
Gives spelling help and help with words that sound the same.
Scans a paper document to convert it into an electronic one.
Converts text to an audio file to listen to on your MP3 player or PC.
Has highlighting tools.

On all pooled PCs. (Go to All Programs > Study Tools).

The Upgrade Study Advice Service or your Dyslexia Tutor can show you how to use TextHelp.

Inspiration

Mindmapping software. Plan your essays or make your notes visually.

On all pooled PCs. (Go to All Programs > Study Tools).

Dragon Naturally Speaking

Voice Recognition Software available in the Assistive Technology Suites

If you want a different colour background ...

- **Change** the background colour in Word: go to Format, Background to choose your own colour.
- **Scan** a document to HTML with TextHelp software which lets you set your choice of display.
- **Photocopy** onto your own coloured paper using the bypass feed on the photocopiers.
- **Print** onto your own coloured paper in the Headington Assistive Technology Suite.
- **Try** a coloured transparent overlay.

Blue dyslexia marking cards to attach to your work

Collect these cards from the Headington Library Enquiry Desk, Wheatley or Harcourt Hill Library counters or the Dyslexia/Specific Learning Difficulties Service (Helena Kennedy Student Centre).

Upgrade

Any student may visit the Upgrade Study Advice Service for

- 1:1 tutorials, drop-in sessions and take away resources on study skills, maths or information skills.
- Advice on study support software such as TextHelp and Inspiration.

They are based in Headington Library, and also visit all sites.

Email upgrade@brookes.ac.uk Website www.brookes.ac.uk/services/upgrade

Assistive Technology Suite

Your Dyslexia Tutor may arrange to meet you in the Assistive Technology Suite, L3.11, off the Newspaper Area in Headington Library, for your one to one session.