
Podcast tour : 2nd Floor

Welcome to the Goldsmiths Library audio tour of the 2nd floor.

To guide you through this podcast tour, you will see numbered stop signs on the walls, pillars and shelf ends throughout the Library. After each stop you will be asked to press pause to give you time to find the next stop point on your tour. The audio tours and accompanying map with numbered stops can be downloaded from the Library webpage. Please take note of the fire exits, indicated in green on the map. The use of mobile phones is not permitted on this floor.

Your tour begins at the Language Resource Centre which supports language learning throughout the College. Here you will find resources including course books, audio-visual materials, CALL programmes, newspapers and magazines in a wide variety of languages. So whether you are studying a language as part of a course, or want to learn a foreign language on your own - you are in the right place!

Press pause and proceed to Stop 1: The 2nd floor Language Advisory Desk.

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What services are offered here?

We give assistance on using any of the resources and equipment in the Centre. Support materials such as past Multiskill examination papers, study guides, and language-learning CDs are kept at the desk.

Can I get help with learning a language here?

Of course! The staff at the desk can advise you on which resources will best suit your needs. Or you might like to register on our Learner Profile Scheme where staff can offer one-to-one guidance through regular meet-ups on how to maximise your use of the LRC to learn a language in your own time. Just ask us.

Next to the Language Advisory Desk there is a language exchange noticeboard where you can find a study-partner to practise your language skills with.

What equipment is available in the LRC?

Just to the left of the Advisory Desk you will see open access computers with Computer Assisted Language Learning software.

Press pause and head towards Stop 2: The 2nd floor Language Resources study area.

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What will I find here?

In the LRC study area you will find self-access language-learning materials, including course books, audio-visual resources and foreign-language newspapers and magazines. Materials are available in a wide range of foreign languages.

Can I borrow items from this section?

All of the language-learning materials in the LRC are reference only and cannot be borrowed.

Now press pause and walk towards Stop 3: The 2nd floor digital language teaching rooms.

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When can I use these rooms and what type of facilities do they offer?

These can be used for independent language-related study when not being used for teaching. Like the open access machines, the computers in these rooms are equipped with foreign language learning software. You can practise listening and speaking and also watch live foreign satellite TV from these PCs. To arrange a one-to-one induction on how to use any of the equipment, ask at the Language Advisory Desk.

Now press pause and proceed to Stop 4: The 2nd floor Audio-Visual area.

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Turn and face the windows. You will see the individual viewing stations where you can watch DVDs and videos. You can also watch live foreign satellite TV from these positions. Just behind these you will find players for music CDs, audiocassettes and vinyl records with headphones for you to use.

How do I find the A/V items here?

Search the online library catalogues, note the classmarks and find the DVDs and videos on the 2nd Floor audio-visual shelves. You will see these located around the audio-visual area.

Now press pause and turn left just before the double doors and head towards Stop 5: The 2nd floor A/V viewing rooms.

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These rooms are suitable for group viewing and are equipped with facilities for watching DVDs and videos. The rooms can be booked in advance.

Now press pause and walk towards Stop 6: The 2nd floor Slide Library

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What will I find here?

You will find filing cabinets containing slides which you can borrow for your tutorials.

How do I borrow the slides?

Use the Slide Loan Forms and Loan Boxes on top of the filing cabinets in the slide library. Hand the form in at the ground floor Helpdesk.

Please take care not to talk in this room as any noise you make can be heard in the second floor reading room.

Now press pause and walk back towards the Audio-visual area. Then go through the white swing doors to Stop 7: the entrance to the 2nd floor Library.

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What will I find in this area?

On the 2nd floor of the Library you will find books and journals covering art, design, music, film, literature and history. You are currently standing on the corner of the L shape of shelves on this floor. To your left is the music score collection, and to your right is the CD collection and the start of the DVD collection.

Now press pause and walk straight ahead to Stop 8: The 2nd floor journal shelves.

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Where can I find back copies of journals?

On the shelves by the window you'll see back copies of journals in bound volumes. These range from class numbers 741 to 999, for design, music, film, literature and history. You are welcome to read these here, or if you want to photocopy an article, take them to the photocopiers on the ground floor.

Just after the journals is the 2nd floor reference collection, with red signs at the end of the shelves. Here you will find dictionaries, directories, yearbooks and guides.

On the other side of the aisle, is the main collection of books covering class numbers 700 to 791.

Press pause and walk ahead to Stop 9: The 2nd floor oversized book shelves.

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These books are too large for the main collection bookshelves, so are on these oversized shelves. They cover the class numbers Q700 to Q999. Note the Dewey numbers on the bookshelf ends, so you can browse the shelves by classmark.

What do these classmark numbers mean?

These classmarks help you find books on the shelves. You'll find the classmarks of books on the online catalogues nearby. Note them down, then find them on the shelves.

Press pause and follow the oversized bookshelves to Stop 10: The 2nd floor reading room study spaces.

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On the 2nd floor there are three separate silent study areas for your use.

Can I use my laptop?

Yes, you can use your laptop in this silent study area. There is wi-fi connection and white plugs for laptops. Remember to keep your mobile phone on silent and go downstairs to take any calls.

Press pause and proceed to Stop 11: The 2nd floor art periodicals room.

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What do you keep in this room?

The journals on the shelves to the right are the art and design journals from class numbers 700 to 741. We also keep UK newspapers and foreign language newspapers and magazines here. This room is open all the time, and you can also use it as a silent study space or laptop area.

Press pause and proceed past the stairs to Stop 12: The 2nd floor book collection.

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What will I find here?

You are now back on the corner of the L shape of shelves, which forms the main book sequence. The book shelves to your left contain books from class numbers 700 to 791, which cover the subject areas of art, design and film.

The bookshelves continue to your right with class numbers from 792 to 999, for the subjects drama, literature and history.

The Dewey numbers on the ends of the shelves correspond to the classmarks of the subject areas: 700 for art, 745 for design, 780 for music etc. You'll find the classmarks on the online catalogues. Note them down, then locate them on these shelves.

This is the end of the 2nd floor library podcast tour. We hope you will enjoy using the 2nd floor of the library, and remember if you have a question just ask at the ground floor enquiry desk.

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