Welcome to our Second issue of the BPP Library and Student Experience Newsletter.

We hope that you are adjusting to a more virtual world. We are keen to showcase in this newsletter some of the great resources we have in the Online Library. As well as being fundamental to your programme, they can assist you in developing Career Skills, being launched by our Employability Service and focussing in September on Resilience and Wellbeing.

If you have any comments, queries or suggestions, I am available at jessicaausten@bpp.com or please contact Shahban Aziz, Head of Student Experience and Library Services, at shahbanaziz@bpp.com.

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A great time to skill up!

We’re currently in a situation where we might find we have a little more time to pursue training opportunities. Your Online Library has always been open 24x7! This is the time to make sure you’re making the most of what’s on offer.

Do you need help finding online books and journals for those dissertations, coursework essays or for study preparation? Is your referencing a bit rusty maybe? Do you need a walk around any of the key online resources? Are you making the most of any added features to save and annotate or export citations when you use eBook platforms and resources?

The Library & Information Service team, and some key information providers, have been offering regular online training sessions. Listed under Events: Research Skills Workshops on the Employability Site (Career Hub) - bookings are not always necessary but provide details and links to the online classroom or webinar. You may also see an ‘upcoming’ rolling programme on various pages via the Online Library - however we can only show the next few sessions so keep checking back with us. Some training will be aimed at specific cohorts and schools to support studies in law, health or business. If you don’t see something coming up that you need, then just...

ASK A LIBRARIAN!

there are many ways to ask for help - either email us at library@bpp.com, use the Live Chat (pop up on the Online Library) or join any Ask a Librarian Drop In session. We can always arrange to meet you in an online setting to ‘share our screens’ and walk you through research assistance.

DO YOU NEED HELP?

RATHER DO IT BY YOURSELF?

Whilst we always recommend attending training, many online resources offer their own training videos and user guides and sometimes certification. Most of us only scratch the surface of what any resource can offer. If you need us to point you in the right direction let us know. Guidance is often within the resource itself or can be viewed from our page.

LINKEDIN LEARNING:

Accessed from the this resource has a wide range of subjects taken from a business, creative and technological backgrounds and presented by industry leaders. Set your own weekly goals, save certificates to your LinkedIn profile and learn new skills to help you in your career or personal development. To explore what LinkedIn Learning can do for you watch one of their introductory videos. As with all our resources you will need to log in with your Athens ID and password - not got one? Forgotten what it is? Email library@bpp.com with your student or staff email and we can remind you!
Look out for more information about the Career Skills on CareerHub, on the VLE and on the virtual campus and note that in September we’ll be focussing on the important skill of Resilience and Wellbeing by highlighting relevant events and resources.
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Virtual Book Club

Following three story lines from a future China, a contemporary USA and a 19th Century England, the novel charted the history of bee keeping to a future where bees have disappeared. The reader learns about the development of commercial beehives, the importance of bees in modern agriculture and then the devastating effect of bee colony collapse through family dramas and a dystopian vision. Most people found the book had a powerful message about sustainability. As well as the political message it was a story about generational differences; how the older generation’s actions and attitudes were understood by the younger.

One of my criticisms was not finding the 19th Century England episodes convincing. Even though I don’t have in depth knowledge of the period (I only go back a few decades) the language didn’t ring true with books from the period, like Dickens or the Bronte sisters. In several instances the main character used metric instead of imperial measurement. But perhaps that should not be enough to detract from the book’s other qualities.

SPOILER ALERT!

The book club discussed The History of Bees by Maja Lunde - if you’re still reading please be warned the following piece may give away plot details.

It would be interesting to see other points of view - please contribute your thoughts to the Book Club thread on the Virtual Campus.
Financial Times

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During the lockdown it’s worth being aware that the library has a huge range of e-books. When searching the ‘Find a Book’ from the library homepage you just choose ‘electronic resources’ from the dropdown menu underneath the search box.

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Of course with over 30,000 titles it can be a daunting challenge to read them all! But remember, because these are electronic resources not only is it easy to search for the titles with key words, you can search within the books to find that chapter, paragraph, passage, even sentence you want.

Also O’Reilly will search more than 35,000 videos which can all be referenced easily using RefWorks (available through the Online Resources) to give you a wide range of resources which assessors always value.

O’Reilly will enrich your essays, projects and presentations. Yes really.
THE ONLINE LIBRARY

Did you know there is an online bank of video training-courses presented by industry professionals and covering:

• Sharpening your professional skills, from presentation techniques to motivating staff.
• Making the most of a wide range of software packages, from MS Office to statistical analysis tools.
• Creative skills, from using Photoshop to learning the guitar?

And that you can add certificates for completing these courses on your LinkedIn page as evidence of your professional development and employability?

And did you know that this was available free to every BPP student or staff member?

Well it is! It is called LinkedIn Learning, and you can find it by:

• going to the Online Library
• selecting Online Resources page and clicking LinkedIn Learning
• using your Athens log-in details (email library@bpp.com if you are unsure of these)
• creating an account and linking it with your LinkedIn profile

• From the main page of the Online Library you can:

  - access your Library Account to renew your loans (all items currently on loan have been automatically extended until after centres open);
  - access Office 365 and find our guides; and
  - check contact details and opening times.

• You can also access the Library catalogue to find a book, find a journal, or to use the search everything function. If you are only interested in accessing online resources, you can search for those via the search bar, using the arrow to select 'electronic resources' in order to filter your search. You can use the Online Resources page to access databases, such as Westlaw, RefWorks and LinkedIn Learning.

• You can use the Using the Library page under the heading 'can't find what you need' to request an Inter-Library Loan if we don't have a book in our collection that you need.

• You can use the Study Support page to find recordings of previous Digital Skills Workshops, such as LexisLibrary, Westlaw and Practical Law. You can use the Law page to find more general information about the Library resources available for your course and to also view and book into upcoming training sessions.
Did You Know?

We have the following resources available to you for free on our online library bpp.libguides.com/Home

HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW

Harvard Business Review (HBR) is a management magazine which brings together ideas, advice and commentary for all fields of management and administration. Articles are written by experts from a range of fields such as career planning, strategy and innovation. HBR releases 6 issues a year.


THE LAW SOCIETY GAZETTE

Keep up to date with the latest developments in the legal profession. The Law Society Gazette is a weekly magazine written by journalists, solicitors, barristers and experts in the profession. The online version includes news, columns, editorials and ‘In Practice’ articles.


REFWORKS

RefWorks is a great tool to manage the references for your assignments. This is a web-based tool which allows you to import references from ebooks, journals, and web pages and keep them in one place. You can format the references into OSCOLA, Harvard or APA to copy into your assignment, or even add an extension onto Word.

How to access: Go to the ‘Study Support’ tab on the library website, then choose the ‘Referencing tools’ tab in the ‘Referencing’ box.

ANATOMY.TV

This site offers interactive 3D models of the human anatomy. Includes quizzes and activities to aid your learning.

How to access: Go to the ‘Online Resources’ tab on the library homepage.
Students, stay connected on Virtual Campus

Check out our Virtual Campus on community.bpp.com where you can:

**Connect**
Stay in touch with your BPP community

**Advance**
Check out our online employability and professional development events

**Enjoy**
Take part in a wide range of activities and discussions - plus enter competitions to win top prizes!
How to join the Virtual Campus on BPP Community:

1. Go to [community.bpp.com](http://community.bpp.com)
2. Sign up using LinkedIn or a personal email address
3. Complete your full profile
4. Download the app
5. Use BPP Virtual Campus to stay connected