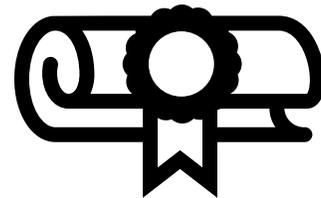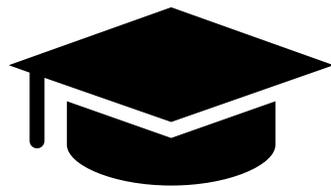# Best Practice of Accessible Library Guide by H.E. Institutions
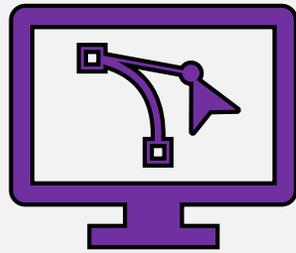
University of Chester Library Learning and Teaching Team

In search of best practice

- In the summer of 2025, our library team started working on accessible library guides

- To inspire and support our project, we reviewed accessible guides from other H.E. libraries

- This presentation highlights the institutions that inspired us

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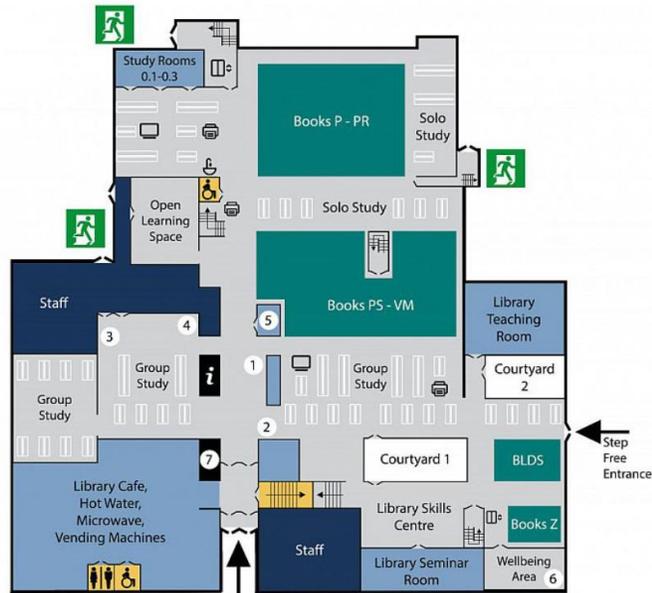
Sussex

- Colourful maps of the library (although simplification would be required for our purposes)

- Clear key

Plymouth

- Colourful and easy to navigate interface.
- Great use of vibrant graphics to back up text

Information

Exeter

No DSA software? No problem

Follow the link to find out about useful free technology for students who don't get DSA and students who do! Watch short videos showing you how to use tools such as: mind mapping, text reader, grammar checker and dictation.

Sway: No DSA software? No problem

Nottingham

Making studying easier

Support for your studies
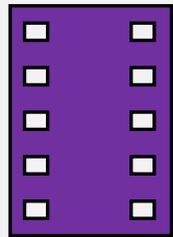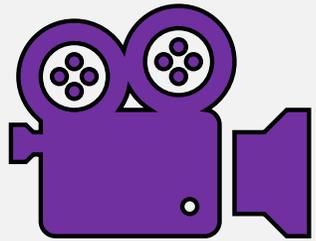
Accessibility at UoN

Accessibility statements

RNIB Bookshare

SensusAccess

DSA Information

Alternative formats

Assistive Technology/free software

# Videos

Open University

Getting started with the online library

The online library gives you access to many different ebooks, ejournals and databases. These will help you in your studies. This guide gives an introduction to the amazing resources available. As you progress, you will learn a lot more about the resources.

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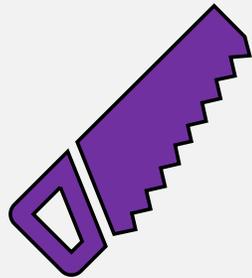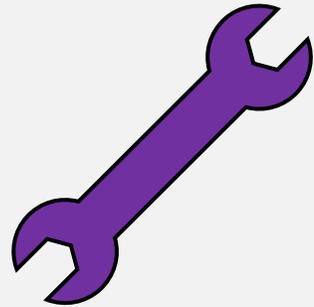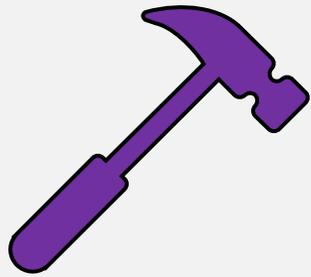
Ideas for ALN toolkit

Autism & Uni Toolkit

Our Autism & Uni toolkit has lots of advice and tips about what to do before, during and after you start with us. It includes information about our support services and locations as well as student stories.

Go to the Autism & Uni toolkit.

Read the Autism & Uni Accessibility Statement.

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Cambridge

Cambridge LibGuides

Find out more about our library services, facilities and resources

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Introduction
Universal Design
Working with disabled library users

Introduction

These pages contain advice, guidance and content designed to enable and support library staff at the University of Cambridge in developing and delivering services that are as accessible and inclusive as possible.

Interesting Extras

York

- Self-guided tours are made available (including QR codes placed in key spots around the building)
- As well as a meticulous and easy-to-find online 'Library Terms Glossary'

AccessAble

- Many larger universities make use of AccessAble to provide physical descriptions of their facilities, but this does come at a considerable financial cost.

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