



Fig 1. Exterior of MU Library

**MU Library** is a popular place to meet, study and research in with a variety of study spaces, meeting rooms and a Starbucks located on the ground floor. It provides bookable group study rooms for students (perfect for project-work) as well as a dedicated postgraduate room, on Level 2. It's also a portal to a vast collection of Anthropology resources in print and online through its searchable catalogue called LibrarySearch. The library homepage (<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library#>) has a comprehensive range of information, training, supports and services that you can explore but for students of the Edward M Kennedy Institute, there's also a dedicated Subject Guide (<http://nuim.libguides.com/kennedy>) on our webpage that we recommend you use and bookmark, because we highlight new subject-specific material and news regularly in this space (see Fig. 2 below) for undergraduates, postgraduates and academics.

The screenshot shows the 'Edward M Kennedy Research Institute Guide' webpage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'Library Services', 'Learning Resources', 'Research Support', and 'All Guides A-Z'. Below the menu, there is a search bar and a 'Share' button. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains a 'Submit a Query' form with a dropdown menu for 'I need help with', a text input field for 'Please briefly describe the issue you are having', and an email address field. The middle column contains a 'Welcome to the Edward M Kennedy Institute Guide' section with a list of resources: 'Books & eBooks', 'Journals & Databases', 'Online Resources', 'Short Tutorials & Quizzes', 'The Referencing Style', and 'Research Support'. The right column contains a 'Research Institutes Librarian' profile for Ciarán Quinn, including a photo, name, 'My Guides' section, 'My Expertise' section, and an 'Email Me' button with contact information.

Fig 2. Edward M Kennedy Institute subject guide

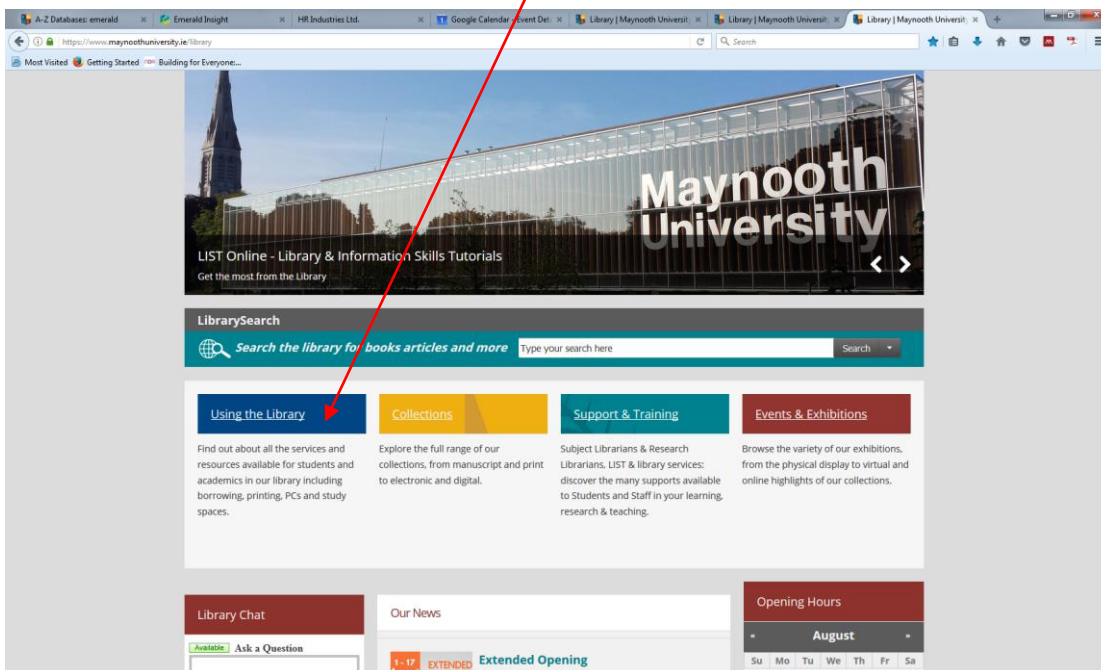


Fig 3. The search-box, LibrarySearch, that searches all the content in MU Library

**LibrarySearch** (see Fig. 3, above) gives you details about finding and accessing many thousands of books and e-books, journal articles, e-journals and subject-databases on your subject. You can access the content on or off-campus. You have options for basic and advanced searching to find just what you are looking for. There's a live Chat-box on the library homepage to access help with all things library.

Learn the tricks for running a successful search through our LIST Online(<http://nuim.libguides.com/list-online>) tutorials. We will be running our popular **LIST tutorials** in the library later on in Semester 1. If you've any queries about finding material, taught students can contact Teaching & Learning Librarians, Áine Carey, Rachel Hynes and Saoirse De Paor ([aine.carey@mu.ie](mailto:aine.carey@mu.ie) ; [Rachel.hynes@mu.ie](mailto:Rachel.hynes@mu.ie) ; [Saoirse.Depaor@mu.ie](mailto:Saoirse.Depaor@mu.ie)) and research students can contact Ciarán Quinn, ([ciaran.quinn@mu.ie](mailto:ciaran.quinn@mu.ie).), Research Support Librarian; we can advise on your search at any level from undergraduate to PhD/academic.

Your **Mycard** (library card) entitles you to borrow material from the Library. If you are not sure how many items you can borrow, click on the **Using the Library** blue box (see Fig. 4 below) on the library homepage for information on borrowing.



You can access our extensive collection of e-journals – see the “*eBooks and eJournals*” button on the library homepage. Most of these journals are in full-text format and you read the article on the screen or you can print/save/e-mail the article. As well as electronic journals we have electronic dictionaries,

encyclopaedias and e-books. You can browse the full list of our databases and e-books by selecting the *Collections* link on our website.

Explore the green box **Guides & Tutorials** for your subject guide, containing suggestions and lots of subject-support.

If you are searching for an item that is not held in this Library, you can get the item either:

- as an Inter Library Loan (ILL) – this process allows you to borrow an item from another Library. You can request an item from another library and it will be sent here for you to borrow. You can make this request either online or in the Library. There is no charge for this service 2018-2019
- by visiting the Library that holds the item. This service is available to staff and postgraduates who hold an ALCID card. This card allows users to visit libraries in Ireland and consult their material. Get further information on this service from our website.
- by applying for a SCONUL card. The SCONUL Research Extra (SRX) scheme gives academic staff and research postgraduates borrowing facilities in most of the higher education libraries in Ireland and the UK.

You can borrow a laptop to use within the Library or logon to one of our many PCs. The Library is wireless so you can use your own laptop here should you wish to. We have a 3D printer available (ask at the Library desk) as well as a colour photocopier in addition to numerous black and white photocopiers.

Make sure to contact us with any queries about using the library, the resources or finding and using suitable sources for your research. The Library wishes you every success in your studies and we look forward to meeting you soon.

#### **USEFUL LINKS:**

Library homepage: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library>

Edward M Kennedy Institute Subject Guide: <http://nuim.libguides.com/kennedy>

LIST online: <http://nuim.libguides.com/list-online>

Inter-Library loans: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library/using-library/inter-library-loans>

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