

MU Library



Fig 1. Exterior of MU Library

MU Library is a popular place to meet, study and research in. We're located in the middle of the campus on the southern side, beside the Kilcock road. Choose from a variety of study spaces; from the open-access area on the ground floor, where food, drink and chat is allowed, with access to over 50 laptops and print facilities, to the quieter areas on levels 1 and 2, with training rooms and meeting rooms. There's a Starbucks located on the ground floor, and even sleep-pods on level 1 if you need to re-charge. Use our bookable group study rooms(http://nuim.libcal.com/booking/MU_GroupStudyRooms) for your group project-work. MU Library hosts campus exhibitions and events in the foyer during the year, so there's nearly always something new to view.

MU Library is the portal to a vast collection of resources for students of the Edward M Kennedy Institute, which you'll need for your essays and research. Take a look at the MU library homepage; (<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library>)we've excellent information, training, materials, supports and services that will help you in your studies. We also provide a dedicated Edward M Kennedy Institute (<http://nuim.libguides.com/kennedy>) space on our webpage that we recommend you bookmark; it's a great source of subject-specific material and news.

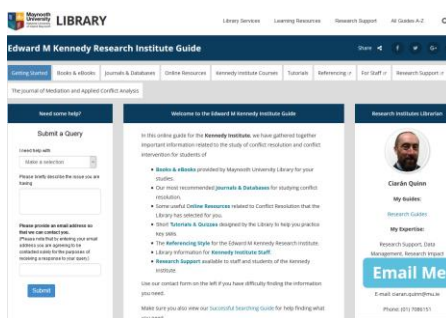


Fig 2 Edward M Kennedy Institute subject guide online



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

Use **LibrarySearch** (see Fig. 3 above) on the library homepage to discover everything MU Library holds on your subject and topics. It gives you the location and details of thousands of e-books and e-journals you can read online on your devices, as well as information on books, journal articles, and databases on your subject. We also have online e-dictionaries, encyclopaedias and e-books; basically, everything you need to write successful assignments. If it seems like a lot of stuff, start with your subject guide here (<http://nuim.libguides.com/kennedy>) for basic suggestions and help.

You can access the information on LibrarySearch, and e-books, e-journals and databases when you're on or off-campus. You have options for basic and advanced search features to find exactly what you are looking for. Get hacks for running successful searches in our free LIST Online tutorials, and come to our **LIST training sessions** in the library (later in Semester 1) to learn skills that will help in your essays and assignments. If you've any queries about finding material, whether it's online, or on the shelf, library staff are happy to help you; just ask at the Library desk or live "Library Chat" box on our homepage. You'll also see us around campus in Semester 1 as we hold "pop-up" events, where you can find out more about what the library can offer you.

Your **MyCard** (student 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.

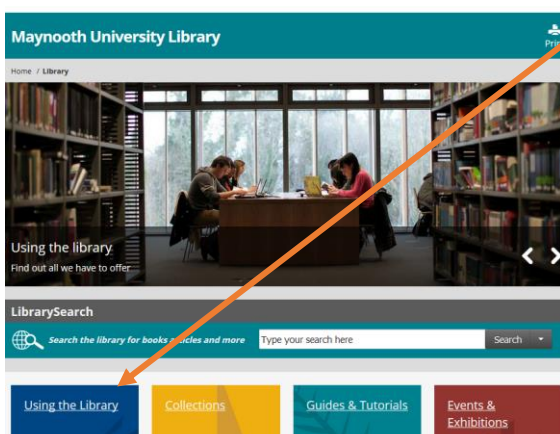


Fig. 4. Library Homepage with arrow to the "Using the Library" section

Explore the green box **Guides & Tutorials** for your subject guide, containing suggestions and lots of subject-support. Take our free, short, **online training sessions** in your own time to upskill in information skills that you'll need in university; see LIST Online (<http://nuim.libguides.com/list-online>). They cover

everything from finding items on your reading lists, to using e-books, avoiding plagiarism in your essays, and how to evaluate information – all essential skills for students.

You can borrow a laptop from the laptop-bank, opposite the library desk, to use within the library, or you can log on to one of the library PC's to do your essays. The Library is wireless so you can use your own laptop in the library too. We have a 3D printer available (ask us at the Library desk) as well as a colour photocopier, in addition to numerous black and white photocopiers. You use your MyCard to load it with credit to print. **IT Services** have a dedicated space at the main library desk too where you can go if you need IT help. The **Maths Support Centre** (ground floor) is also located in the library.

Contact us with your **queries** about using the Library, finding information for your studies or how to use any of the online material. There is no such thing as a “stupid question”. We all know it can be a lot to take in when you start in university and we are here to help you!

The Library wishes you every success in your studies and we really look forward to seeing you during your years in MU.

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS:

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>

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