



Homerton College Library



Library Catalogues

Heritage, iDiscover, Newton

You may well have come across some or all of the following library catalogues when looking for books and other items: Heritage, iDiscover and Newton. At first sight, this may seem a bit strange – why have three catalogues? This leaflet will explain in turn what the coverage of each catalogue is, and why/when you should use it.

Heritage

<http://heritage.homerton.cam.ac.uk/>

This is the catalogue for Homerton College Library. To find details of everything in the Library (books, DVDS, music scores) and information on whether it is on loan, you need to use Heritage. You can also use Heritage to renew and reserve items from Homerton by logging in to your library account using the ‘V’ number on your University card.

You may well have seen listings for Homerton items on the other catalogues, and perhaps even noticed that you cannot see whether an item is on loan or not (e.g. ‘may be available’). This is because the live information about loans is not currently held on other catalogues such as iDiscover. This is due to a compatibility issue between two systems and will be resolved when we transfer to a new system in Summer 2017. In the meantime, the Heritage catalogue is the best place for up to date Homerton information about our resources.

There are also some items from our Rare Books Collection that are not yet listed anywhere except on Heritage. If you wish to look for any item with a publishing date of 1940 or older available at Homerton, please search Heritage and then speak to a member of staff about viewing the item.

iDiscover

www.idiscover.cam.ac.uk

iDiscover allows you to search all physical items (DVDS, books, music scores) in all College, Faculty/Departmental libraries and the main University Library (UL) from one catalogue. Subscribed eresources including ebooks, journals and databases, open access items in the University's institutional repository and the electronic legal deposit collection are also searchable on iDiscover.

We recommend that you use iDiscover to search for books in your Faculty or Departmental library as you can also log in to manage your loans or any requests from other Cambridge libraries and access ebooks, ejournals and all online resources at the same time.

Just a reminder: you will be able to see Homerton books listed on iDiscover but not whether they are currently on available to borrow or not (see description of Heritage catalogue for further information).

Newton

<http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/newton/>

This is an older system that pre dates iDiscover. Like iDiscover, the catalogue is for the whole University but it is divided into multiple databases. To use Newton, you need to select which database you wish to search as you cannot find out information about where a book is located across the University without repeating searches in different databases. Please be aware: Newton will not be available after Summer 2017 when the University of Cambridge switches to a new system.

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