

# Oxford Brookes University Library

## Sustainable Building Performance and Design

### A guide to finding information

#### 1. Books

If you are looking for a **particular book** and know the author or title, you can use the Books & e-books tab on the library web page to see if it is held. The catalogue will give the exact location (shelfmark) for that book.

There are a large number of **ebooks** which can also be accessed via the library catalogue.

You may also wish to browse the shelves – here are some key shelfmarks:

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Climate change – Britain              | 551.6941        |
| Solar energy technology               | 621.47          |
| Sustainable building materials        | 691 + 720.47    |
| Building regulations                  | 692.9           |
| Energy efficiency                     | 697.7           |
| Solar heating in buildings            | 697.78          |
| Sustainable development               | 711.132 + 333.7 |
| Urban planning                        | 711.4           |
| <b>Sustainable/green architecture</b> | <b>720.47</b>   |
| Twenty-first century architecture     | 724.7           |
| Low energy housing                    | 728             |

#### Shelfmarks are on the 3 floors as follows:

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 000 – 499 | Level 2 |
| 500 – 719 | Level 3 |
| 720 – 999 | Level 4 |

#### 2. Journals

Both print and electronic/online journals are listed by title on the Library catalogue. (NB: look under the **journal title**, not the title of the **article** you need).

#### 3. Journal articles

Journal articles can be accessed by either using Library Search or a specialist journal collection (see below). These can be accessed via the home page by clicking on Database tab and selecting the database efrom the A-Z list.

[Academic Search Complete](#) – full text peer reviewed journal articles

[Avery](#) – journal articles relating to architecture

[Business Source Complete](#) – full text peer reviewed journal articles

[Detail Inspiration](#)

**WWW.BROOKES.AC.UK/LIBRARY**

[Emerald](#)- full text peer reviewed journal articles

[LexisLibrary \(law\)](#)

[ScienceDirect](#)

[Westlaw \(law\)](#)

If the article you require is not available in any of the library's collections then you may be able to obtain a copy via the library's Inter-Library Loan service or by using the Bodleian Library.

#### 4. Cost information, British Standards, Building Regulations, technical reports

[Building Cost Information Service \(BCIS\)](#) - is available online and we also have access to the Online Rates Database. Access is through the Library Home Page and clicking the button *Journal Articles on a Topic*.

[British Standards](#) – are available via the library home page by clicking on the button *Journal Articles on a Topic*.

**Technical reports (Architects Working Details, BRE, CIRIA, TRL etc)** - are available online by using the [Construction Information Service \(CIS\)](#). Access to this is via the library's home page click on the button *Journal Articles on a Topic*. Please note there is also the full text of a large number of ebooks relating to the built environment available on the CIS.

**Building Regulations** and books commenting on them are kept in the main book sequence at 692.9.

Building regulations are also available online via:

- The Construction Centre at <http://www.theconstructioncentre.co.uk>
- The Planning Portal. <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/>

#### 5. Dissertations and theses

- Brookes PhD and MPhil theses are held in the Library (ask at Enquiry Desk).
- Brookes Masters and undergraduate architecture dissertations are held in the Built Environment Resource Centre (AB215, Abercrombie Building)
- PhD and MPhil theses submitted at other UK universities are indexed on the *Index to Theses* (access via *Find a database*)

**Your Academic Liaison Librarian (Geoff Morgan)** – is available to help you use the library's resources and find the information you need. Please contact him via email: [g.morgan@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:g.morgan@brookes.ac.uk) or phone: 01865 483137. He also has a subject help page which you can access via the library's home page by clicking on *Subject Help* and then selecting *Architecture* from the list.

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