



Christ's College Library

A User's Guide To Finding/Borrowing And Returning Books



Welcome to the Library!

The Library is open to all members of Christ's College: students, Fellows, and staff. Our holdings comprise the modern resources of the [Working Library](#), law reports and journals in the [Law Library](#), and historic collections in the [Old Library](#).

The Working Library is open 24/7, accessed using your University Card. Library staff are generally available from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Students reading law also have 24/7 access to the Law Library using their University Card.



Locations

The Working and Old Libraries are located in Bath Court, which is just off First Court. The Law Library is on K Staircase.

Books and DVDs

We aim to have all books needed for Part I courses, and as many as possible for Part II. Some material may also be useful for postgraduates. Our General Interest section includes general fiction, health and [wellbeing](#), Academic Skills and Careers guides, as well as a sizeable collection of DVDs.

eBooks and e-journals

eBooks, e-journals, and databases across all subjects are accessible through the University of Cambridge Libraries' online catalogue, [iDiscover](#).

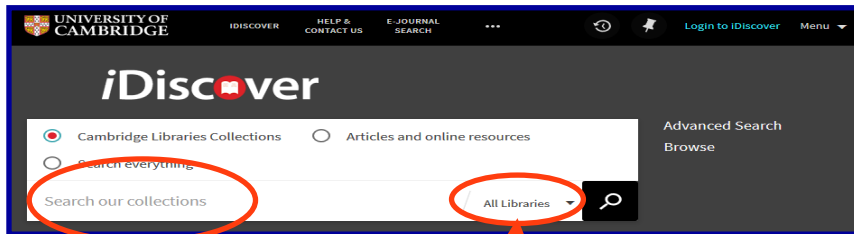
If we don't have the book you need...

... ask! You can [recommend books](#) at christs.cam.ac.uk/content/recommend-book

Finding a book

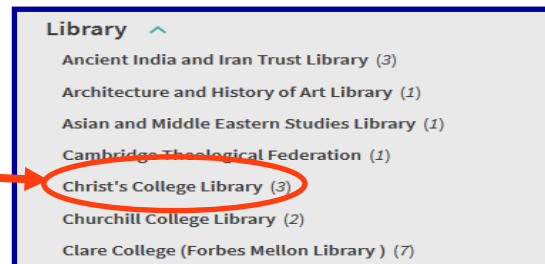
How do I find library materials?

All items in the Working Library are listed on [iDiscover](#), which can also be used to search across the entire University's collections.



Use the title, author, or a keyword

Select Christ's from the dropdown list

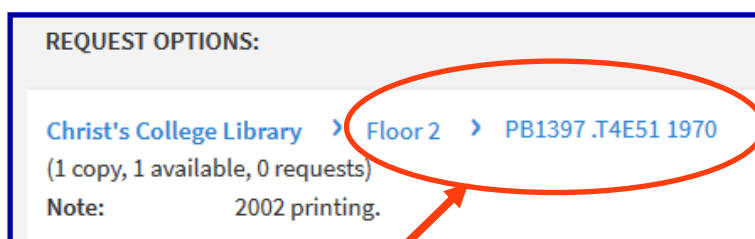


Searching on iDiscover

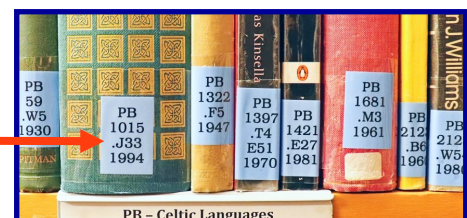
To help you to find the book you need on iDiscover, please use the filters on the right side of the search results page. Recommended filters are [Christ's library](#), [Availability](#) and [Type of Resource](#).

For information on iDiscover or online resources please visit our library pages on [iDiscover](#) and [Online Resources](#). These include visual guides and information on how to find the most relevant resources for you.

Our collections are divided by subject, and each item on the shelves is given a unique series of letters-numbers that we refer to as a classmark. You will need the classmark and floor location to physically find the book.



This tells you which floor the book is on. The books are arranged on the shelves using a system of letters and numbers.



Borrow a book

Borrowing

Please [borrow](#) library materials using the self-service terminals located by the Reading Room entrance. You will need your student card for this.

Alternatively you can ask a member of staff to check out the book for you at the Library office (Monday-Friday, 9-5) or by sending us an email at library@christs.cam.ac.uk

Borrowing rights

Most members of Christ's Library are allowed to borrow:

Number of items you can borrow	15
Loan period	14 days
Maximum renewal limit	56 days

What if someone already has the book I need?

If you need to consult an item that is already on loan, you can use the 'request' button on iDiscover to recall it. You'll be notified by email when the book is returned, and you can pick it up from the 'Recalled Books and Book Requests' shelf by the Reading Room entrance.

Book reservations

Library staff can retrieve and reserve books for you, and will leave them on the reservation shelf opposite the self-issue machines once they are available. Simply send an email with the book information to library@christs.cam.ac.uk

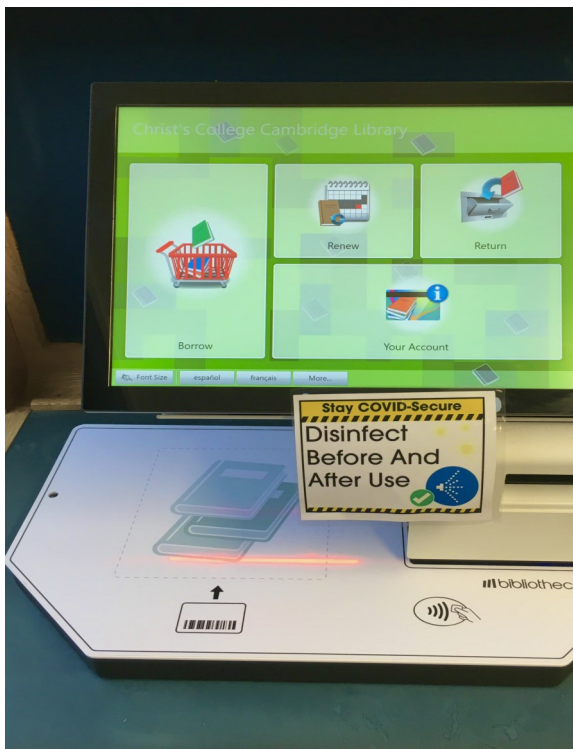
Please note that you will still need to add the book to your library account by using the self-issue machines to borrow it.

Return a book

Returning a book

Books can be returned using the self-issue machines, or at the Library office (Monday-Friday, 9-5) . You do not need your student card to return books.

The book needs to physically be back at the library to be considered returned.



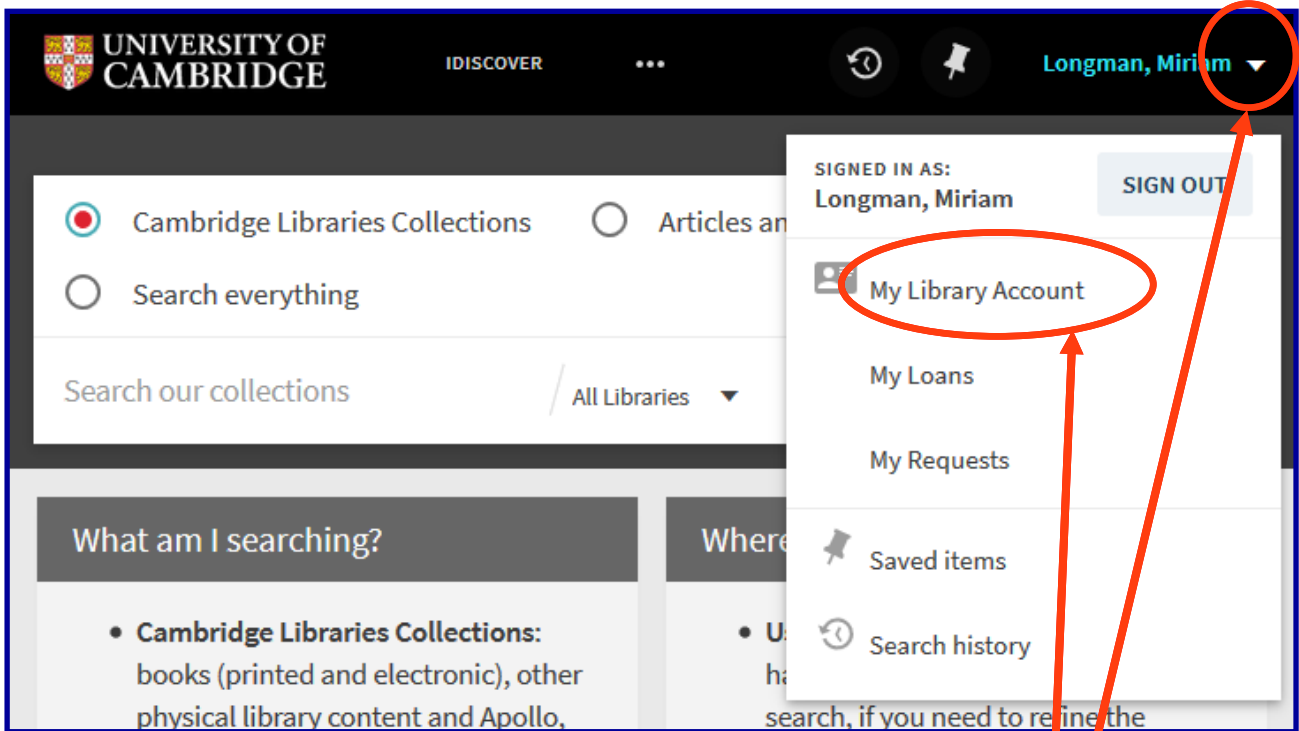
Problems returning books?

If for any reason the self-issue machine fails to register that you have returned your books (this sometimes happens...), please leave the books on the "Books returned" trolley and contact library staff either in person at the Library office (Monday-Friday, 9-5) or by sending us an email at library@christs.cam.ac.uk

Check your books

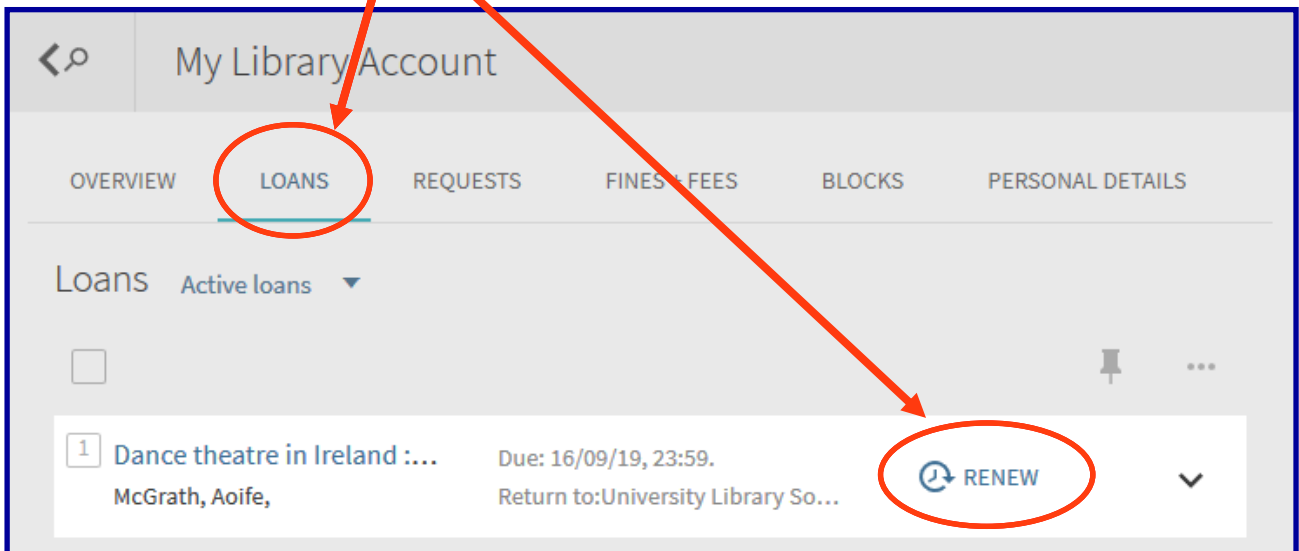
Your Library Account

Can't remember what you've got on loan, or need to renew a book? You can do this by logging into iDiscover (idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk), then selecting 'My Library Account'.



Click on your name to bring up the menu, then select 'My Library Account'.

Click on the 'loans' tab to see your current loans, and use the 'renew' button to renew them




Any issues, Contact us

You can contact staff in person at the Library office (Monday-Friday, 9-5) or by sending us an email at library@christs.cam.ac.uk
We'll be happy to help.

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Library Office Opening Hours
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