This summer the University of Oxford’s libraries are upgrading to a new library system. Here are the key dates and changes to make a note of:

Inter-library loans will not be available from 5pm on Friday 11 August – Wednesday 23 August (inclusive).

Please place any Scan & Deliver requests, inter-library loan requests or stack requests by 5pm on Friday 11 August to guarantee processing.

Libraries will extend item due dates, and items will not be returned to the stacks during the upgrade period.

Changes to SOLO data from 16 August

As part of the library system upgrade, some SOLO data will not be carried over to the new system. This includes SOLO favourites, saved searches and loan history. If you’d like to keep your SOLO favourites, you must export them by Wednesday 16 August. To find out how to save your SOLO data, visit our SOLO guide or email reader.services@bodleian.ox.ac.uk.

Library system upgrade: 16–23 August

From Wednesday 16 August – Wednesday 23 August (inclusive) there will be a reduced service while essential work takes place.

Scan & Deliver will not be available

Ordering items from closed stacks and offsite storage through SOLO will not be possible

You can borrow and return library items, but self-service machines will not be available, we will be using a simple paper alternative using your Bod card barcode and book details

You can access SOLO, but you will not be able to log into your SOLO account (My SOLO).

Information on SOLO will be frozen until the update work is complete, including information about item availability.

Requesting items from closed stacks

The Bodleian will be running a limited service to handle urgent stack requests placed between 16 – 23 August. To place a request, email book.fetch@bodleian.ox.ac.uk.

You will only be able to pick up ordered items from the Bodleian Old Library or Weston Library. Please allow 48 hours for your item to be delivered.

Changes to permalinks from 24 August

Permalinks on SOLO, LibGuides, and ORLO will change when the new library system goes live on 24 August. If you have saved or favourited permalinks to resources (such as articles), these will no longer work.

The Bodleian can provide instructions on how to update permalink URLs if you have used them in reference management software or elsewhere. To request these, or if you have any questions about the changes, email reader.services@bodleian.ox.ac.uk.

Your access to e-resources will not be affected, both on campus and via remote access.

24th August – the new system goes live!