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SWANSEA UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

Inspiring Learning
& Enabling Research



ABOUT OUR *Libraries*

Swansea University Libraries provide high-quality information services for all students and staff and are constantly developing these services to support the University.

The libraries have an extensive collection of print and electronic books, online journals and databases, as well as other learning resources. There are five libraries: Singleton Park Library, Bay Library, South Wales Miners' Library, St David's Park Library and Banwen Library.

The Singleton Park and Bay Libraries are open 24 hours, all year round, except for Christmas Day (25th December), Boxing Day (26th December) and New Year's Day (1st January).

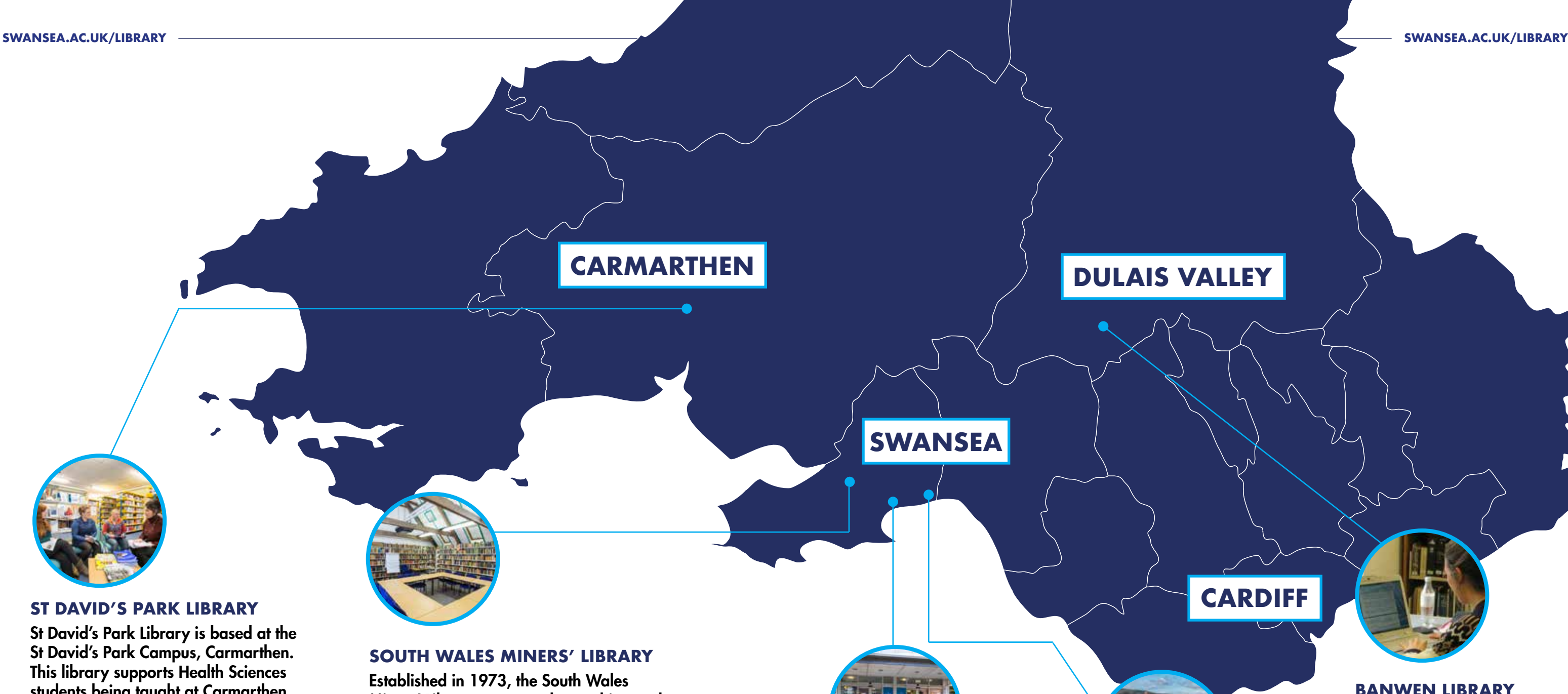




HISTORY OF OUR LIBRARIES

In 2017 the original building of the Singleton Park Library celebrated its 80th year.

Built in response to increasing student numbers and a need for more space, the library, known locally as the 1937 building, was officially opened by the Duke of Kent in October, 1937.



ST DAVID'S PARK LIBRARY

St David's Park Library is based at the St David's Park Campus, Carmarthen. This library supports Health Sciences students being taught at Carmarthen.

The Library is primarily for the use of Swansea University Health Sciences students, but any registered student or member of staff is entitled to use the facilities and borrow items from the Library in person.



SOUTH WALES MINERS' LIBRARY

Established in 1973, the South Wales Miners' Library supports the teaching and research activities of the University and promotes links with the wider community.

The South Wales Miners' Library houses the printed book and pamphlet collections, including the libraries of over 60 institute and welfare halls from across the coalfield, oral history, video, poster, and banner collections. The manuscript records and photographs are held in the University's Richard Burton Archives.



SINGLETON PARK LIBRARY

Singleton Park Library is located on the 47 acre Singleton Park Campus, within walking distance of the beach and close to the city centre.

Since 2010, over £72 million has been invested in an ongoing programme to maximise the potential of the campus.



BAY LIBRARY

Swansea University's new Bay Campus has the distinction of being one of the few global universities with direct access onto a beach.

The campus provides student accommodation, academic facilities and research space and includes a state of the art Library which opened in 2015.



BANWEN LIBRARY

Banwen Library is a branch of the South Wales Miners' Library and is based at the DOVE Workshop, Banwen, 25 miles from Swansea in the Dulais Valley.

This was opened in 1989 to support the pioneering Community University of the Valleys. The library was enlarged and refurbished in 1993 and 2002.



WHERE TO FIND US
WHERE WE ARE LOCATED

LIBRARY STAFF: HERE TO HELP YOU *succeed*

Swansea University Libraries and Archives are proud holders of the Customer Service Excellence Award, along with colleagues across our directorate.

Our Customer Service Team are your first point of contact in the Library and are always happy to help with everything from IT questions to locating books and resources in the building or online.

Our specialised & experienced Subject Librarians offer a range of services to support students including one to one appointments, advice via live chat and subject specific teaching. They also support academics in research, teaching, information literacy, search skills and collection development.

Our Collections team work tirelessly to enable discovery and access to the content you need. They maintain and develop our online and physical collections, as well as connecting you to content beyond these, to support your learning and research.

Our Research Librarians provide a number of resources and services to help researchers, such as Open Access, Publishing and Research data management.

All our teams work together and with teams across the university to provide award winning student experience and ensure that you get the most out of your libraries.



LIBRARY *spaces*

Our libraries have over 1,500 study spaces. These are zoned as silent, quiet or group study areas. Study spaces are available 24 hours a day, 362 days a year.

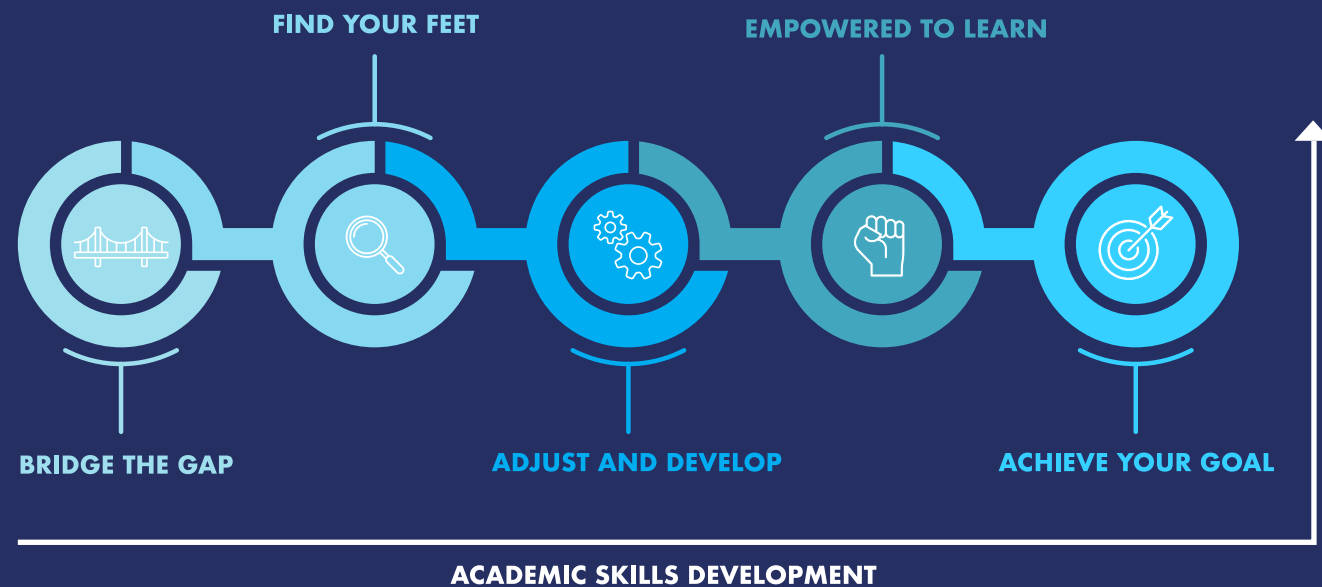
Many study spaces are equipped with networked PCs and other study areas have charging points for personal devices. We have a range of bookable group study pods and we also provide specific postgraduate spaces.



CENTRE FOR *Academic Success*

Supporting you on your academic journey

The Centre for Academic Success is here to support you in developing your academic study skills to help you achieve your goals. You can maximise your potential and develop confidence through a range of courses, workshops and one-to-one tutorials. All our staff are highly qualified, with years of experience and offer friendly, professional advice and support.



HOW CAN WE *benefit you?*

- Improve your writing
- Refresh your maths skills
- Build your stats knowledge
- Develop critical thinking
- Manage your time better
- Enhance your digital skills
- Sharpen your communication skills
- Learn how to avoid plagiarism

All our courses are free and you can attend as many as you like during your time at university. Find full details of all our classes through MyUni. If you have a Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD), disability, mental health or medical condition, we have Specialist Tutors to support your learning.

RESEARCH *Collections*

The unique and richly diverse Research Collections support the University's learning, teaching and research activities and those of the wider community. The collections include material created within the University, documenting the institutional history, as well as the industrial, social, cultural, political and educational history of Wales and beyond.

The Rare Book collection contains over 1,700 printed books and pamphlets from 1473 to the present. The Miners' Library hold collections relevant to the social and cultural histories of industrial South Wales. Key periods covered by our collection include the Spanish Civil War, the nationalisation of coal and the 1984-5 strike.



RICHARD BURTON *Archives*

The Richard Burton Archives is the corporate memory and archive repository of Swansea University. Brand holds material of local, regional and national significance. The Archives selects, preserves and makes accessible to all the records of historical value created or acquired by the University. Through its holdings and the expertise of its staff the Archives actively supports the mission of the University to provide an environment of research excellence, to deliver an outstanding student experience with teaching of the highest quality, and to enrich the community and cultural life of Wales and beyond.

The Archives hold a wealth of material including local archive collections, South Wales Coalfield, Institutional and Literary collections and the Richard Burton Collection.

WIDER SERVICES

The Library supports the University in its objective to realise the potential of all students and staff whatever their protected characteristic (age, sex, race, gender reassignment, disability, sexual orientation, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief).


The Swansea University Transcription Centre (SUTC) is a unique service which provides alternative accessible learning resources such as braille, audio, large print, electronic text and tactile diagrams for print disabled students at Swansea University. We work to each individual students' requirements in conjunction with the academic departments and organisations, such as the RNIB, to provide the best possible learning environment for our students.

The Egypt Centre is an award winning small museum of Egyptian Antiquities which serves both the general public and the University. As well as objects from the time of Tutankhamun and before, the Egypt Centre also provides lots of fun activities. For example, you can practise your mummification skills, or play ancient Egyptian games.



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