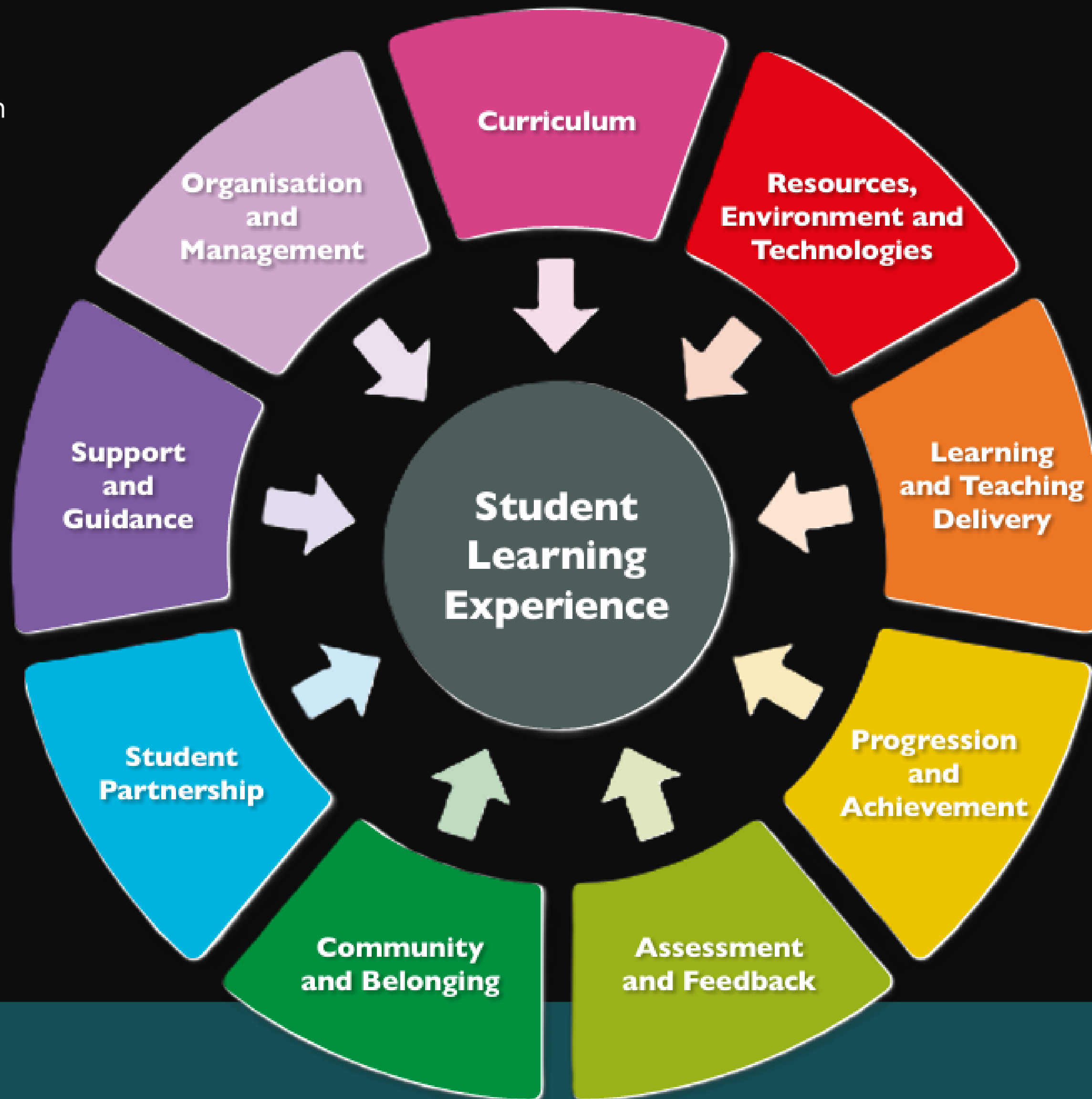


# Empowering Learning With Library Technologies and Support

Talis Aspire, Lean Library, and LibGuides

An aerial photograph showing a dense green forest on the left, a rocky coastline in the middle, and a blue body of water on the right. In the bottom right corner, there is a stack of books with one book open, showing its pages.

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**206,000+**  
**print**  
**books**

**650,000+**  
**eBooks**

**95,000+**  
**eJournals**

**100+**  
**databases**

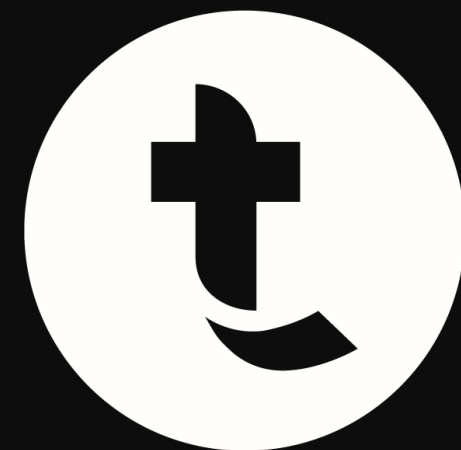


*“Library staff are always helpful  
and much appreciated”*

*“Love this service – feel very valued  
and supported”*

*“As always, brilliant support from  
the library -  
a happy customer.”*

*“Was so nice to be able to chat to the librarian directly and she was very helpful indeed.”*



# TalisAspire



# Student Experience

- Easy access to resources and consistent experience across modules.
- Seamless integration with Brightspace – students can access and interact with lists without leaving the VLE.
- Filter and search longer lists by section or resource type.
- Add personal study notes and set reading intentions
- Quickly report broken links from within the list.

# Staff Experience

- Build engaging lists with sections and notes to guide student reading and provide context.
- Add resources quickly from a wide range of sources (e.g. books, articles, websites, videos, and more) with Talis browser extension.
- Request digitisations directly from your list via integration with the Digital Content Store.
- Track usage with built-in analytics on list views and student interactions.
- Streamline resource requests process with ‘Library Review’ feature.

# Time - Saving Reading List Design

**Dr Hughes has just joined UHI from another university and has inherited two modules. With teaching already underway, he has no time to learn new systems or navigate unfamiliar procedures.**

## Challenges

- **Wants to ensure students have fast, reliable access to the newest editions of key texts but isn't sure how to request new academic resources, such as eBooks or updated editions.**
- **Doesn't know the process for obtaining copyright-compliant chapter scans when an eBook isn't available.**
- **Concerned about the time required to locate, check, update and upload readings manually.**
- **Wants a solution that works consistently across the whole UHI partnership.**

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# Solution

**Request Talis Publisher role via Servicedesk**

**Contact Subject Librarian for help**

**Install a bookmarking extension to easily add resource to Talis List**

**Create or update existing list, including new resources**

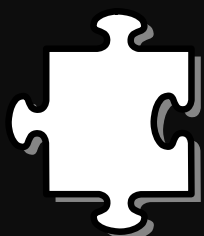
**Submit list for library review & request digitisations**

**Embed list in Brightspace**

# Resources



**Login in to Self-Service Portal: <https://uhi.unidesk.ac.uk/>.  
Select **Libraries and E-Resources > Talis Resource Lists > Talis New Editor Account****



**Login to <https://uhi.rl.talis.com/> go to ‘My Bookmarks’  
and click on ‘Install Bookmarking Extension’**



**Create or update existing list, or contact your Subject Librarian for help: [Who is your Subject Network Librarian?](#)**

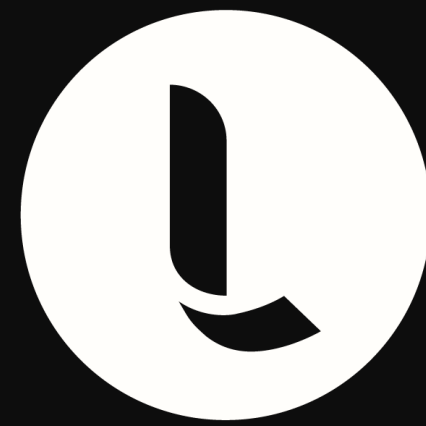


**Submit list for library review directly from your list from under the ‘Edit’ dropdown.**

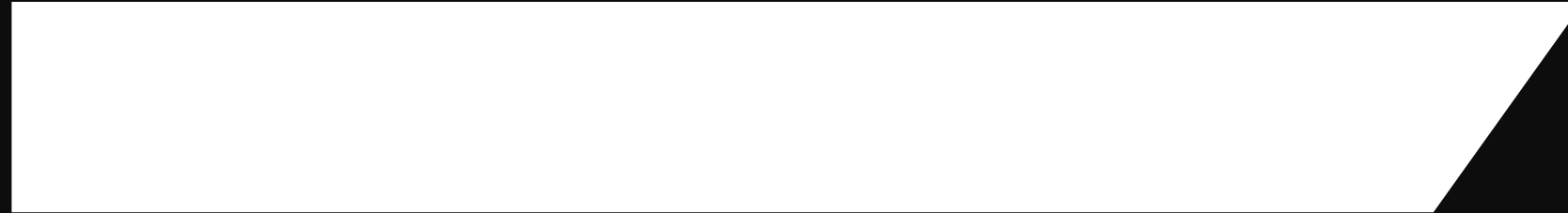
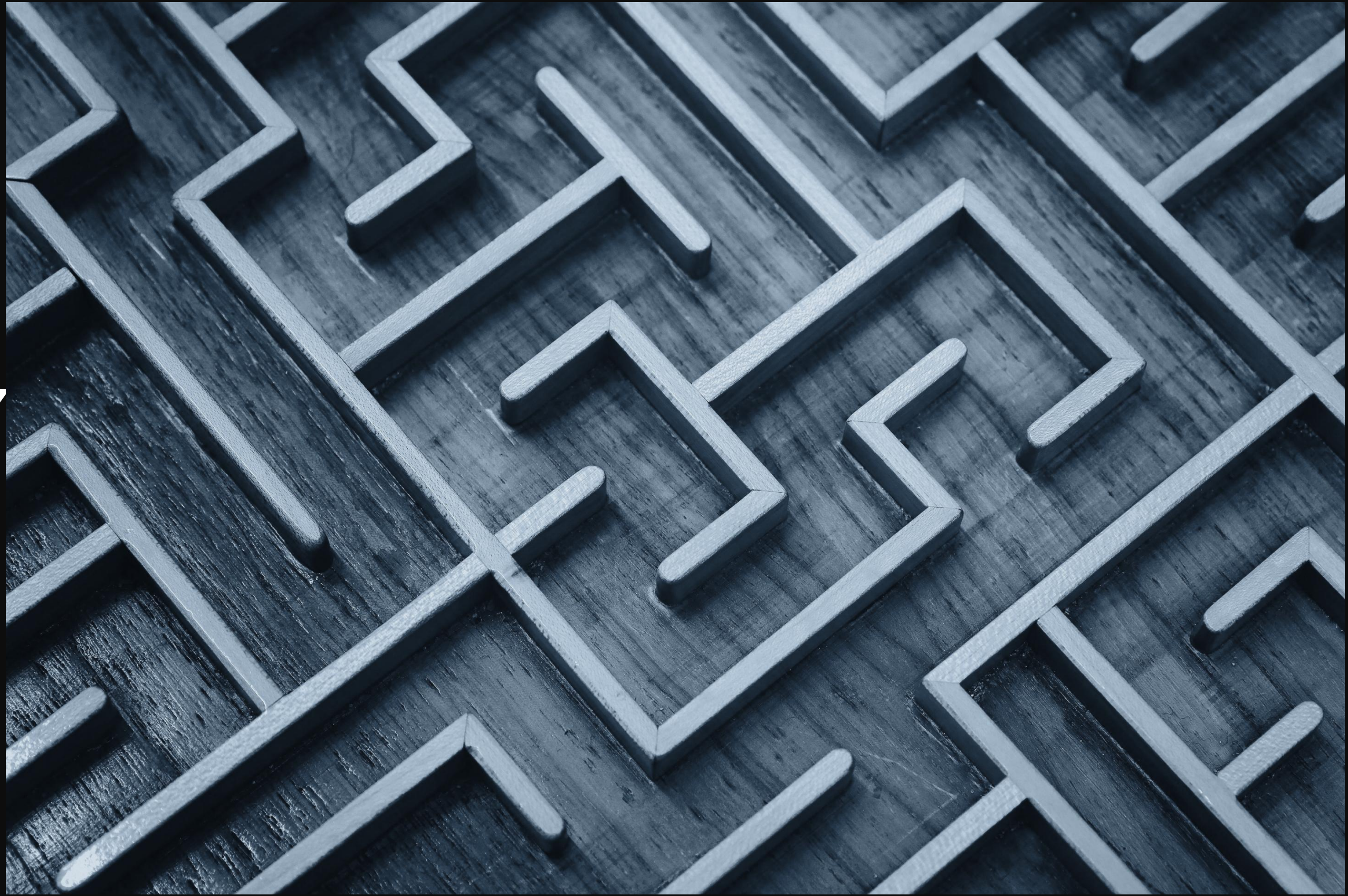


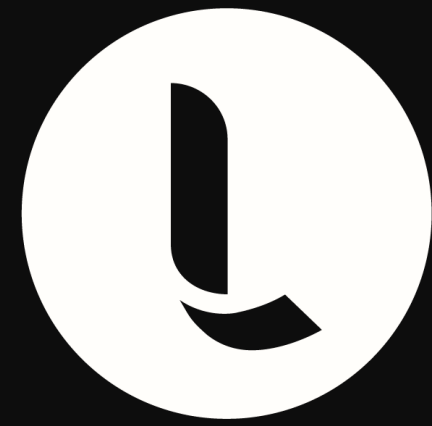
Brightspace

**[Embed list in Brightspace short video.](#)**



# LeanLibrary





# LeanLibrary

**7,300 UHI  
Staff &  
Students**

- **Provides instant access off campus when content is available via UHI subscriptions**
- **Suggests Open Access alternatives**
- **Integrated Google Scholar & Library Search**
- **Easy access to UHI Library support**
- **And more!**

# Remote doesn't mean isolated

**Elizabeth course is entirely online, she works which means her study hours are often outside the normal library support hours. She is independent and values her time but sometimes feels frustrated when trying to find resources.**

## Challenges

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- **Her work schedule often means that contacting the library via LiveChat is not possible.**
- **Unsure which articles and databases are available with UHI subscription. Sending an email (or opening a ticket) and waiting for response means a couple days may pass before she gets an answer.**



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# Solution

**Install the extension and get instant notifications when the content she is looking at is available via UHI Library.**

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**Get access to this site!**

UHI Library has access to some of the content on this site. Click here to authenticate.

**Get Access**

Allow popups on this domain

Questions? View [UHI Library FAQs](#) or [chat to a Librarian!](#)

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**Article available elsewhere**

Your library has this article available for you at a different location.

**Get Citation** **Access Article**

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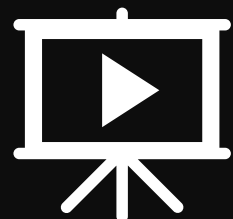
**UHI Library subscribes to this content**

You have access to this publication (and over 2,300 other world newspapers) with the UHI Library subscription via [Gale OneFile News](#).

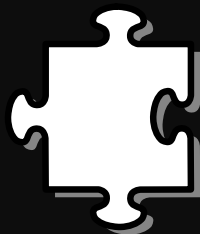
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# Resources



**What is it? - Library Extension - your own research assistant LibGuide and short videos.**



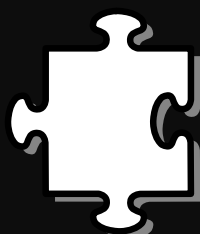
**Download the Lean Library browser extension.**



**Set up extension preferences**



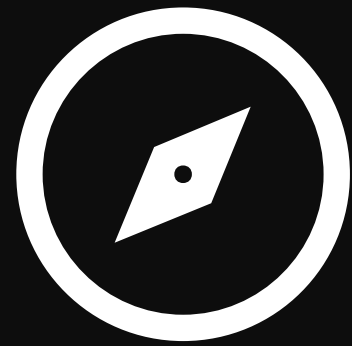
**Browse for academic resource online.**



**LibKey & BrowZine**

*"Over the last few days, I've done a ridiculous amount of research. It has made opening research articles so much easier - no more signing into individual websites or searching for UHI in endless dropdown lists. It tells me immediately when UHI has access, saving me from wasting time on inaccessible articles."*

# LibGuides



# LibGuides

- **50 library guides, organised in 10 themed groups for quick navigation**
- **Provide clear help on finding resources using UHI library services and accessing support**
- **Include short videos and how-to guides**
- **Contain guidance for Academic Staff**

# Finding Academic Confidence with Library Support

**Alice is a first-year student who feels a little overwhelmed by university expectations. She couldn't attend her library induction, and now she's unsure where to start. She knows support is available, but she doesn't know how to find it.**

## Challenges

- **Confused about borrowing rules - how many books she can borrow, how long for, and whether she can request books from another UHI library**
- **Unsure which referencing tools are available at UHI, or how to use them correctly.**
- **Not sure where to find reliable academic resources, such as eBooks, journal articles, and databases.**
- **Lives far from her home campus and wants to know whether she can use study spaces or libraries at other universities.**
- **Doesn't know how to organise her research, structure her searches, or evaluate sources.**
- **Feeling anxious about “not knowing what she doesn't know.”**

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Visit [Library induction guide](#) for a quick introduction to our services.

Find information about [UHI Referencing tools](#) and using [Cite Them Right](#) online.

Learn how to find academic [eResources](#) available to her via [UHI Library](#).

Watch short videos to quickly learn how to use [Library Search](#), [A-Z Collections](#), [eBooks](#) and [much more...](#)

Get in touch via [LiveChat](#) or [local UHI librarian](#) to ask for help. And find out how to [access study spaces](#) at other UK universities.

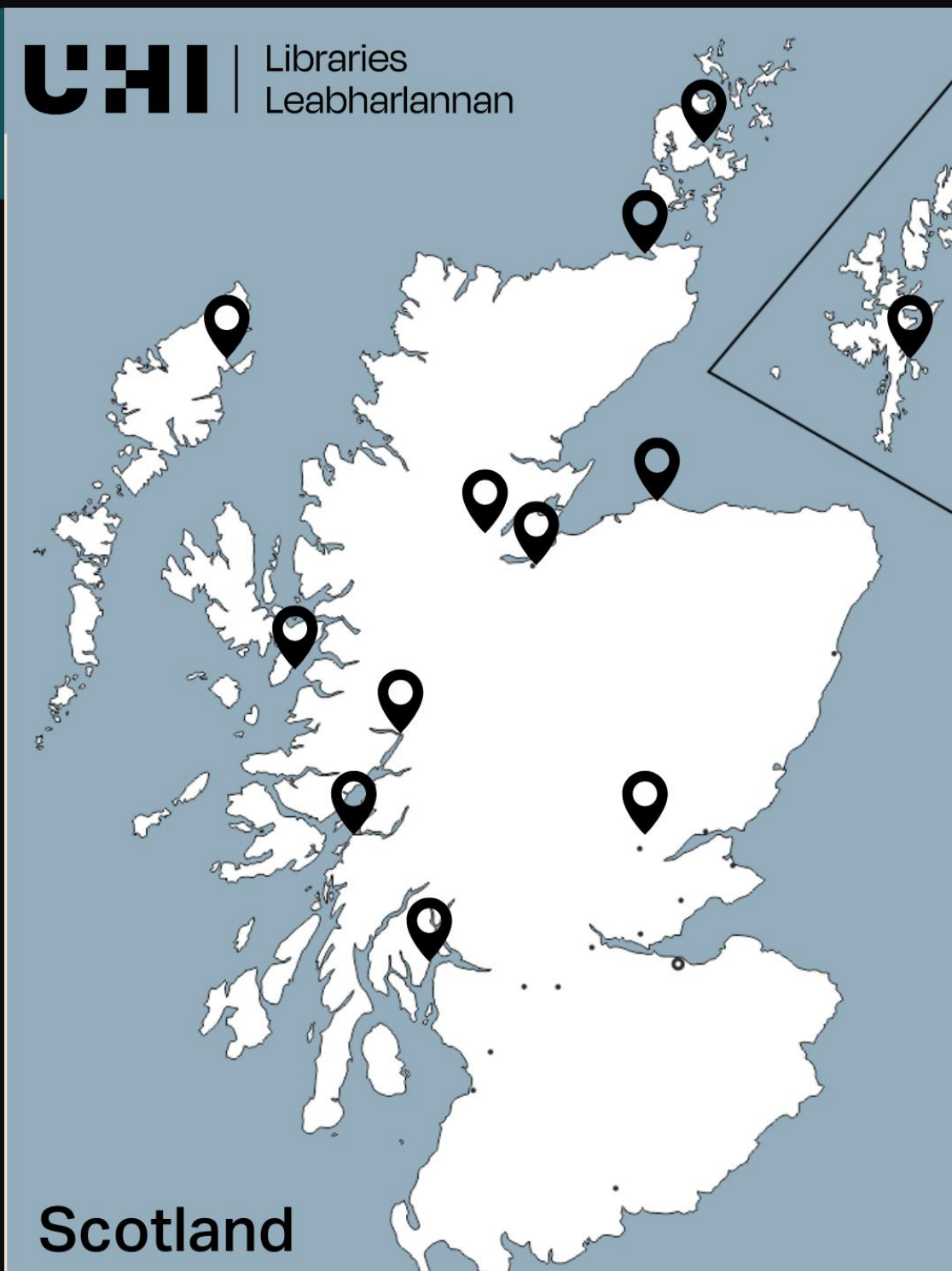
# Support

6,600 UHI

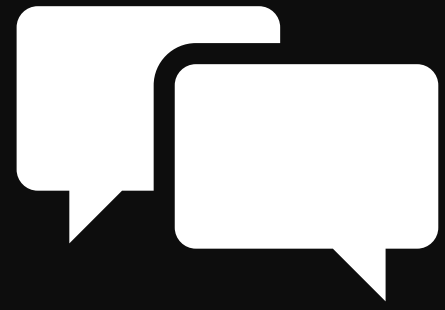




# Local Libraries



- **Inductions for groups or individuals**
- **Access to equipment**
- **Study space**
- **And more!**
- **Visit Your Local Library**



# LiveChat

springshare

- **Support from experienced UHI librarians, Mon-Fri, 9:00 – 5:00 during the term time**
- **Out of hours help through ChatBot for simple queries, with an option to open a support ticket**
- **Easy access via LibGuides, Library website, Library Search, EBSCO interface and the Lean Library extension**



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# **UHI ServiceDesk**

- **IT Support for UHI students and staff**
- **09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday**
- **When operators are available:**
  - 17:00 to 20:00 Monday to Friday**
  - 12:00 to 16:00 Saturday & Sunday**
- **Get in touch through Live Chat, UniDesk and Email.**

# Thank you

