

Time Line for Library Automation

Year	Buildings	Collections	Computer Lab	Automation	Other Notes
1961-1966	1961 first huts in Fellows' Garden	1964 Library takes responsibility for Lecky (in Museum Building) and Regent House Libraries Closed Access books in huts.			
1967	"New Library" (Berkeley) Opens (Basement area under podium, aka "Annex" used for lecture rooms)	Humanities (History, Law, Classics) moved from 1937 RR to New Library. Modern Languages Lending Library moved from Regent House to 1937 Reading Room. (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish) Biomedical Library opened in Biomedical (Welcome) Building		(December) Working Party on Library Applications – pilot proposed using BNB MARC tapes.	
1968	Computer Laboratory in new huts in Fellows' Garden		Computer Laboratory starts. Installation of IBM 360/44	Work on Library catalogue starts	Alan Tucker in original staff.
1969			(January) Formal opening of Computer Laboratory	Catalogue implemented May 1969	Computer catalogue as a fan-fold printout. 15"X11" in folders.
1970					Peter Brown appointed Librarian 1 October
1971	Mss Reading Room in Old Library opened. Science reading room in Chemistry Building opened.	Lecky Library transferred from Museum Building to New Library "Annexe" (20,000 volumes) Lending Library in 37RR combined with Library's Mod. Lang. collection in preparation for Arts building			

1972	<p>Computer Laboratory moves from huts to 200 Pearse Street.</p> <p>Huts used for Science books</p>	<p>Entry in Calendar for 1972 states: 1. Science Library Hut has Engineering Mathematics, Technology, Geology, Agriculture and Lending books; 2. Temporary East End Science Reading Room (Chemistry Building) – Natural Sciences Biological and Medical Sciences; 3. Biomedical Library - graduate reference library.</p> <p>Music Library in New Library Annex.</p> <p>Mod Language Library in 1937 RR and in basement below</p>		Circulation planned for implementation in two years	
1973	Work on Arts Building starts			Catalogue produced on roll microfilm in Cassettes	First meeting of Library/Computer Group
1974	Santry Phase I opened	As per 1972 plus Science undergraduate lending in Science Hut, with non-lending.	Records for non-Legal Deposit Books included in catalogue.		
1975	St. Mark's Hall brought into College use.				
1976		All Science books from Huts moved to New Library Exhibition Hall. (Lecky still in Annex)			
1977			<p>Money authorised for replacement machine for IBM 360.</p> <p>DEC 20/40 installed July 1977 (Teaching, Research, Library and admin.)</p>	<p>Catalogue produced as Computer output microfiche.</p> <p>Secretariat tried VDU entry for one week – preferred printer-terminal.</p>	<p>Alan Tucker leaves for Cambridge, bringing TCD's systems.</p> <p>Gail Hogan appointed as Systems Analyst, in Computer Laboratory.</p>

1978	Arts Building / Lecky Library opens 1978. New Library named as Berkeley.	Berkeley Library Lecky collection and Mod. Lang. books moved (from 1937RR) to Lecky in Arts Building Science and Engineering move to 1937 Reading Room from Berkeley. Science books from Chemistry building and Science Lending Collection from Berkeley moved to St. Mark's Hall, Pearse Street.	Transfer of Catalogue to DEC 20/40 starts.		Huts removed from Fellows' Garden
1979		Music in 1937RR. All non-Science lending in Lecky Library	DEC 20/20 installed for Library and admin use only. Circulation PDP-11 installed for circulation.	VDUs introduced for Cataloguing. Online matching system in Accessions (from May '79) with acoustic coupler	Len Mathew's Report – 70,000 Arts books 2/3 LEN
1980		Periodicals move from first floor in Berkeley to work room under Podium and reading room in old exhibition hall. Clearing of Catacombs in 37RR starts.	Work on Circulation system on PDP 11 starts		1.4M entries in catalogue (average 5.7 entries for each record in Microfiche)
1981	Luce Hall opens	St. Mark's Books moved to Luce Hall.	Transfer of catalogue to DEC 20/20 completed. Data lines to Lecky and 1937 RR delayed. Acoustic couplers used for data input	Changes in AACR II delays work on Circulation. Lending Record input starts March for 4 months. Barcodes printed and inserted September 1981. Student cards with barcode issued at registration October 1981	Using Catalogue for circulation records ruled out.

1982			Lines installed to Lecky mid-1982.	Circulation system live in July 1982. "Working well" in December 1982	Book detection system being installed
1983		Maps stored temporarily in St. Mark's – after removal from basements in No. 6 and West Chapel and prior to Map Library established in old Gym building	Work on extending Circulation to Science collection starts. Additional disk space etc., funded by Luce Hall equipment grant.	Barcodes being inserted into Science books.	
1984				Science Lending goes live	Cherry Prendergast joins Computer Laboratory.
1985					
1986	Santry Phase II opened				October 1986 Card Catalogue conversion starts (One year typing search terms)
1987					
1988			Dynix runs on a VAX machine	Dynix installed. Circulation on Dynix started in Lecky and 37RR in October 1988	Last book input to DEC 20/60 on 9 December 1988. (16 weeks before first book into Dynix) Accessions stopped putting books into title sequences.
After 1988		1992 Hamilton opens with Luce Hall and 37 RR Science collections. 1993 Stearne Library opens – in huts at St. James's previously.			1989 Summer - first OPACs in Iveagh Hall. 33 OPAC terminals by November 1989.

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