



# Magnet

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## Library Newsletter for Engineering Students

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**Hello and welcome** once again to Magnet, the quarterly newsletter written especially for all our Engineering students. We're confident you'll find this second issue as content-packed and informative as our launch issue. Scroll down for up-to-the-minute news about our Engineering Drop-in Clinics, the Student hub, new full-text databases and much more! And don't forget, we're actively seeking your feedback (good or bad!). Email us at the addresses below.

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### Face your information gremlins at our NEW drop-in clinics!

Cartoon by Dave Walker



weblogcartoons.com

Do you find Metalib maddening?

Does Refworks leave you cold?

Come along to our **WEEKLY** drop-in sessions for one-to-one advice from a member of the Library Engineering Team. You can either turn up, or book a slot via [E.N.Gineer@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:E.N.Gineer@lboro.ac.uk)

All clinics will be held in Library Training Room 2 between 12-2pm, on the following dates:

### February

Tues 10th; Thurs 19th; Tues 24th

### March

Thurs 5th; Tues 10th; Thurs 19th;

## Don't get out of bed! New full-text engineering stuff available online...

With the needs of our over-worked students always forefront in our minds, we've gone and spoilt you again with some fabulous new full-text resources online. Yes, last year, newly flush with increased funds, we hot-footed it down to **Databases R Us** to pick out some great new resources for you. These include: -



**SAE Digital Library** (no more crusty old CDs in the Library - full-text Technical Papers from 1990 onwards now online)



**SPIE Digital Library** (journals and proceedings from the Society of Photo-optical Instrumentation Engineers)



**Construction Information Service** (a wealth of reports, standards, and all things construction-related, all full-text, all online)



**ASTM Digital Library** (thousands of standards and documents from the American Society for Testing and Materials)

Check them out at <http://metalib.lboro.ac.uk>

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## Student Hub---Maximise your potential!



Want to take advantage of the wealth of opportunities available across campus? Like the idea of volunteering or learning a new skill but not sure who to contact? - then the Student hub is for you. The new **Student hub** website is a one-stop-shop pointing you to a wide variety of ways to enhance your skills through workshops, schemes, work experience and activities - so you stand out from the crowd when looking for jobs!

Just visit <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/students/hub/>

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## Searching for a patent?

Are you aware of PatBase, a recent addition to the Library's database collection? If you're searching for a patent this is an excellent place to start.

PatBase is an extensive and welcome addition to the Library's growing collection of searchable patent resources. In excess of 75 countries are included with full-text availability on over 20 million documents. The EP, PCT, US, GB, FR and DE patent-issuing authorities are all covered .



Photograph by Sam Teigen, www.flickr.com

Access to PatBase is via MetaLib from either the Patents subject category or the Find Database link. You will need to login with the username and password specified on the Library's [Electronic journal and information services passwords](#) web page.

There is also a very useful online guide to get you started - <https://www.patbase.com/quickguide.pdf>.

Why not book yourself onto the **Library's Database of the Month** course on **Wed. 18th March**? This session focuses specifically on PatBase. For further information and to book your place: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/library/skills/dbaseofmonth.html>.

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## Staffing update



Here in the team office the stork arrived on a cold January morning to deliver a delightful New Year bundle. Tracy Marshall, our Academic Librarian for the Wolfson School and Department of Chemical Engineering is now on maternity leave following the birth of Alexander. Congratulations to Tracy and family. Tracy's post is currently being covered by Sharon Reid: [S.D.Reid@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:S.D.Reid@lboro.ac.uk) , ext. 2344.

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## Science and Engineering Exhibition



Look out for a new display coming to the Library soon. To mark National Science and Engineering Week, 7-16<sup>th</sup> March, the Library is mounting an exhibition featuring some of the published works of your very own lecturers. We're hoping to include a range of interesting and relevant artefacts too making it well worth at least a passing glance on your way to the Library Café! Here's the link for more information on this national event:

<http://www.dius.gov.uk/Press/science-engineering-week.html>

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