How the Library Budget is Spent

**PRINT AND E-BOOKS**: In any given year we purchase between 4,000 and 5,000 new print books and e-books. The cost of these varies a great deal but, on average, print books cost £25-£50 each and ebooks cost £100-£150 each.

**JOURNALS AND DATABASES**: We provide access to around 30,000 journals, the vast majority of which are online. Individual journal subscriptions vary greatly in price, with some as low as £12 and others as high as £4,000 per year. However, the vast majority of our journal access is via database subscription packages with specific publishers or suppliers. We subscribe to around 60 different databases and these can cost anywhere from a few thousands to tens of thousands of pounds each.

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT CONTRACTS**: Boring but necessary, our support contracts ensure that if we have a problem with our equipment or software (big things like our library computer system and little things like our till) there’s always someone on hand quickly to sort them out.

**PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION**: This covers everything to do with promoting our services to the BGU community – particularly printing and design costs.

**DOCUMENT SUPPLY**: Expenditure on document supply is mainly for inter-library loans. Library Services heavily subsidises this service, so for each request that costs you £1 we normally pay between £10 and £15 to the lending library.

**STATIONERY, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT**: All the things you would expect under this heading: from pens to barcode scanners and from book trolleys to the special stickers we put in and on books!