# **Northampton College Libraries Staff Induction Video**

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Hello and welcome to the Northampton College Libraries staff induction video. The Libraries are at the heart of teaching and learning in the college and can support you and your students by providing an extensive collection of resources in various formats. Our friendly staff are always on hand to help you and your students find what you are looking for.

Your staff ID card also acts as your library card and as a member of staff at the college, you can borrow up to ten items across the three library centres. All items are currently available for four weeks at a time and can be renewed twice. This can be done physically, through telephone or via email. Access to the libraries is currently restricted for students. Please advise your students to request resources via the library website where we will provide a click and collect service. The Library has a large collection of staff development resources in both paper and electronic form to develop and enhance your teaching skills. We welcome up-to-date reading lists and suggestions for new resources to add to stock. Please contact the library if you have any requests.

The Library runs a number of schemes and competitions throughout the year. These include Reading Ahead; a national reading scheme which encourages students to record their reading in a diary, Word Detective; a twenty-week literacy scheme designed to improve vocabulary and writing skills, Maths Magician; a weekly numeracy scheme using scenarios based in practical situations to solve puzzles, and DigiCap; a progressive scheme which offers support with the development of IT skills from a basic to advanced level. Please ask a member of Library staff for more information or if you are interested in signing your students up for any of these schemes.

The Library also holds various creative and literacy-based competitions, including art, photography, poetry, and short story competitions. These can be entered via the Library website and are open to both students and staff. Winning entries are displayed around the college, so please do encourage your students to take part.

Each year, the Libraries hold award ceremonies to recognise students’ achievements in Library schemes and competitions with special guests such as local authors Sue Bentley and Mark Robson. Students, families and friends are also invited to the event, which helps to make it a special occasion for all that attend. Last year, we held our first ever virtual award ceremony so that students’ achievements could still be celebrated despite the pandemic.

(Sue Bentley) And again to send all of you, my many, many warm congratulations. Well done all of you for your achievements for getting a reading award this year and hopefully next year will be able to be together in flesh in spirit and share the awards ceremony as we've done in the past.

The Library website is the hub for all aspects of our service. It includes an online catalogue where you can browse for resources, view our collections of eBooks and other resources that can be accessed from home or college, take a look at our subject specific resource guides as well as find contact information and the latest news and updates including details on library competitions and schemes. Our web address is library.northamptoncollege.ac.uk.

As mentioned previously, the library has access to eBooks across two platforms that can be viewed 24/7 from home or college. One collection on VLe Books and over 400 titles on Proquest Ebook Central. These are a great resource to share with your students and ideal for those working from home. You can find information on how to access the books on our Library website.

The Library has access to several subject specific online resources such as Anatomy TV, Childlink and Issues Online as well as Planet eStream, a fantastic video on demand service that holds thousands of film, TV and radio resources that you can request and use for your lessons. You can access the Planet eStream platform via estream.northamptoncollege.ac.uk where you will be required to log in with your college ID and password.

The Library has many ways of helping students to improve their academic and study skills. We have a number of in-depth interactive courses that students can take online and lots of supplementary documents to help improve their ability to learn and to help them excel. We also offer one to one sessions with students where we can help with assignments, referencing and research. For more information, please visit the Library website and refer to our electronic staff guide anytime. Thank you for watching and we look forward to working with you in the college.