The Library has a wide variety of information about hair and beauty, included in books, journals and DVDs, as well as online resources.

Can’t find a recommended book? New to InfoTrac? Confused about referencing? Or just not sure how to start looking for the information you need? We offer an enquiry service throughout opening hours and we can usually provide help straightaway.

We like to know what you think of the Library. If you’ve got any good ideas for making it even better – maybe a suggestion for a new resource– let us know.

In addition, your librarian Tammy Taylor (tammy.taylor@brooklands.ac.uk) can arrange a 1-2-1 or group tutorial to help use specific resources and improve your research skills.

Books

Your tutor may recommend particular books to you and we would keep a few copies of these for you to borrow or use in The Library.

If you can’t find what you want on the library shelves you can use the Library Catalogue PC machine to see if the item is stocked by the library. You can search by keyword, author and title and it will tell you if the book is available or on loan and whether it is in Weybridge or Ashford.

Newspapers and magazines

We provide Daily newspapers as well as the Staines and Ashford News. For Hairdressing we also keep:

- Hairdresser’s journal
- Embody
- Make-up artist magazine

Current copies of these are in the magazine section.

A number of national and international newspapers are also available online via the newspaper database of Infotrac in the E-library section of The Library website. You must have an Athens password to access it off campus, ask a member of staff.

Other useful areas

The Library has a number of resources to help you with your studies or for reading for pleasure, such as dictionaries, study skills books, career resources and fiction books.

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**DVDs**

All DVDs are free to borrow and are available for a period of 1 week at a time. They are either shelved together with books on the same subject or on a separate stand.

**Web links guide**

To help you find good quality information on the web we have put together a list of sites that have been evaluated and selected for you. The main list is available on the Library website but here are a few examples:

**Dreamweaver braiding**
(www.dreamweaverbraiding.com)
An excellent resource that provides a wide variety of hair braiding instructions.

**Habia**
(www.habia.org)
This is the standard setting body for the hair, beauty, nails and spa industries, and creates the standards that form the basis of all qualifications including NVQs, SVQs, Apprenticeships, Diplomas and Foundation degrees, as well as industry codes of practice.

**Hairdressing training**
(http://hairdressing.ac.uk/)
Photographic step-by-step guides combined with lessons and handy tips and techniques.

**Nails magazine**
(www.nailsmag.com)
Information and services for nail technicians featuring an online magazine, client handouts and product reviews.

**E-resources**

The Library website includes a collection of resources (under e-library). They include:

**Infotrac**
(http://find.galegroup.com/menu)
A journal and newspaper database

**Gale Virtual Reference Library**
(http://go.galegroup.com/ps/)

**Ebrary**
(http://site.ebrary.com/lib/brooklands)

**Issues Online**
(www.independence.co.uk/issues-online)
An online reference site that provides news, views, statistics and information on a large number of contemporary topics from child abuse to health and relationships. You will need an Athens password to access this off site.

**Dawson Era**
(www.dawsonera.com)