Using the University’s libraries

Student 1

So the university has plenty of libraries. Um, each college has its own library and every department has its own library as well so, um, if I can’t find a book in my college library, I’ll sort of hop over to my Politics library or the Anthropology library and, um, if you can’t find a resource, um, in print, you can always go online and the university has access to plenty of journals and online databases. So if I am struggling there is always somewhere I can find what I need.

Student 2

Yes, so I use loads of libraries and I am signed up to libraries that aren’t even related to my subject, but I find on iDiscover that they have lots of the books that I need and would recommend signing up to more libraries than your subject. I’ve found, um, I use, um, the Seeley Library most. Um college libraries are also very well stocked. Um, there’s the UL for any obscure book that you might need. That’s the University Library. Um, I also use the Economics library a lot, um, and the languages library as well, especially if you’ve got thinkers in translation.

Student 3

There’s so many libraries. So the one thing that I’ve learnt through the years… there’s so many libraries that you can use. So I actually work in the CMS [Centre for Mathematical Sciences/Betty Gordon Moore Library] when I want to get work done. There’s no Economics books there but it just my kind of working space. It’s like really bright, it’s really airy and it’s just that there’s so many places to work and don’t just keep yourself in your room, ‘cos you get distracted if you’re in your room but there’s so many learning environments that you don’t, that no one tells you about. When you arrive, uh, you hear about the Marshall Library and the college library but there’s just like, Cambridge is just a giant working space if you use it like that.
Student 4

There are also lots of archives as well, um, historical archives of resources that dated all the way back, um uh, well the period I am looking at is around the 1800s and so I was able to look at primary material from that period from the archive and so it’s really a mix of all these different resources from these different places.