

Using Kilwinning Academy Library

The School Library is located in C Block on the first floor, next to the English Classrooms.

What is available?

The Library is a mix of study spaces, book stock, other resources, and IT facilities.

The library has around **6,300** resources in total:

- 2,870 junior and senior fiction books in the fiction section
- 250 quick reads – short books to get you into reading
- 380 graphic novels (including comics and manga)
- 2,330 non-fiction books arranged using the Dewey Decimal Classification Scheme – numerical system where like subjects are located together
- 100 books in the reference section
- 80 books in the Shelf Help section – self-help and fiction books dealing with personal issues such as sexuality, anxiety, self-esteem, and resilience.



How many books can I borrow?

- S1 to S3 pupils can borrow 1 book and 1 DVD for one month – more can be borrowed by arrangement
- S4 to S6 pupils are allowed to borrow up to 4 books for one month or for a longer period by arrangement with the Librarian
- You can also borrow books from other NA libraries and academies – ask in the School Library about placing a reservation.



When can I visit?

- The Library is open the last 20 minutes of lunch time (Mon, Thurs and alternate Fridays)
- All S1-S3 classes have a time allocated to come to the Library to choose and return books, however, everyone can pop in at any time to choose a book.



What online information do I have access to?

- There are a variety of electronic resources available via **North Ayrshire Libraries** – eBooks, music, videos, digital magazines, audio books, and online resources such as SCRAN. You can access these at home or in your local Library using your Library card number. Ask in the School Library for further details.



How do I know what's happening in the Library?

Information about the Library can be found at:

- The Library website - <https://kwacadlibrary.weebly.com/>
- The Library blog - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/kwacadlibrary/>
- The Library News board - located in the corridor of the Language and Literacy department (as you leave to go to the Science corridor)



What help is available?

Library helpsheets

These are quick guides to study skills and are available to pick up in the Library or can be found on the school website in PDF format:

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| ❖ Writing a Bibliography | ❖ Personal Statement |
| ❖ Writing a CV | ❖ Quotations |
| ❖ Dewey Decimal Classification | ❖ Reading skills |
| ❖ Exam preparation | ❖ Report writing |
| ❖ Using Google effectively | ❖ Research skills |
| ❖ Harvard Referencing | ❖ Using search engines and metasearch engines |
| ❖ Going for interviews | ❖ Study and revision skills |
| ❖ Using the Internet | ❖ Writing skills |
| ❖ Using the Library catalogue | |
| ❖ Note taking | |
| ❖ Presentations | |



The Librarian is also on hand to help with finding books and making recommendations – so just ask!

How can I make a suggestion?

Suggestions for new books are welcomed – just leave a note of the title and author, if you know it, in the **book requests box** on the issue desk. Or, if you prefer, speak to the Librarian about any suggestions you have.



Please speak to the Librarian about any ideas you have to improve the facilities or services in the Library.