Our library collection dates back to 1886 and is currently situated in the University’s Cornerstone Building.

An attractive, modern facility, we offer a wide range of study environments (social, group, quiet, silent), services and facilities. In the 2018 BGU Student Satisfaction Survey 96% of respondents said they were satisfied or very satisfied with Library Services overall, and the same with the help and guidance provided by our staff.

Current holdings include approximately 142,000 physical resources and a wide variety of online resources, with access to around 70 online databases, over 28,000 full-text journals, thousands of e-books and millions of individual journal articles. The Library has a number of special collections including a Teaching Resources Collection of approximately 23,000 items, a Lincolnshire Collection of approximately 4,000 items, and the Lincoln Mystery Plays Archive.

Our membership numbers approximately 3,500, of which around 90% are current staff and students. The remainder are external borrowers, including students from BGU's partner colleges in the further education sector. The student body is a mixture of undergraduates and postgraduates, ranging from Foundation Degree to Doctoral level.

As well as offering a wide variety of print and electronic resources and the search tools to discover them, our team provides expert help and advice; maintains access to study spaces and related equipment; promotes and develops information literacy across the University; leads on copyright compliance; supports reading list provision; and administers the University’s research repository.

The Library is open until midnight for seven days a week during term time and is staffed by a team of twenty: the Head of Library Services; a Reader Services Librarian; a Discovery Services Librarian; a Collection Librarian; a Teaching Resources Librarian; a User Support Librarian; a Senior Library Assistant; two full-time Library Assistants; six part-time Library Assistants; three Student Shelvers; and two Security Officers.

Further information is available on our LibGuides site at libguides.bishopg.ac.uk.