The Library Collections

Nuffield College was founded in 1937, and its Library is largely a post-war development. In the 1950s, it was expanded considerably by the purchase of G.D.H. Cole’s library. We possess rich collections on labour and political history, extensive political party and trade unions material, and some 120,000 government publications.

The Archive Collections include the personal papers of Lord Nuffield (William Morris), G.D.H. Cole and Margaret Cole, and material relating to the Nuffield College Social Reconstruction Survey. Other unpublished papers held by the Library include the personal papers of Lord Cherwell (Frederick Lindemann) and a large number of William Cobbett’s papers.

View our website for a detailed list of our collections: (https://www.nuffield.ox.ac.uk/the-college/library/).

Using the Archives

If you are interested in accessing materials from the Archives, please apply in writing (email is fine) to:

The Archives Assistant, Nuffield College Library, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1NF

Send us an email: library-archives@nuffield.ox.ac.uk

Identification

Members of Oxford University should bring their University card for identification. External archive readers must produce a letter of accreditation on their first visit to the Library or identification from their home institution. Readers are not permitted to consult archives without proper identification and verification of their status.

Copyright, Digital Photography, Photocopying

We allow readers to make copies of archive materials using their own digital and SLR cameras. Please note that flash photography is not permitted under any circumstances. The preservation of documents is paramount.

When they first arrive, readers will be asked to sign a copyright declaration to the effect that photographs are for research or private study, undertaking not to copy, quote, or publish material without written consent from the copyright owner(s). We ask readers to keep a record of which documents they photograph.

There is a photocopying service available at the Enquiry Desk. There is a charge of 15p per A4 page. Readers are requested to fill in a form detailing what they would like to be photocopied. Copies will be sent out in the post.
**Access to the Library**

Regular hours: Monday to Friday, 9:30—17:30

Summer (mid July-mid September): Monday to Friday, 13:30—17:30

Closed periods: Christmas and Easter breaks (check our website).

Please note there is a reduced service between 12:30 and 13:30. We would appreciate it if you were able to avoid arriving at this time.

The Library Entrance is on your right, opposite the Porters’ Lodge as you come into the College (from New Road). Please ring the bell for admission.

Wheelchair access to the Library is possible with assistance. Please telephone ahead of your visit, or apply at the Lodge on arrival.

**How to find us**

Nuffield College Library

New Road

Oxford, OX1 1NF

**By rail:** Oxford railway station is a 5-6 minute walk.

**By bus:** Frequent services from Heathrow Airport or central London: Gloucester Green bus station is a 2 minute walk. There are also services from Gatwick, Cambridge, and Stansted.

**By car:** From the A34 take the A420 Botley exit towards Oxford. Follow signs to the City Centre along Botley Road, pass under the railway bridge and turn right at the next set of traffic lights. Immediately turn left into Park End Street. There is a public car park opposite the College though this is often full.

**Park and Ride:** We would recommend using the Park & Ride services if coming by road. Seacourt Park and Ride is closest (on the A420), and the bus sets down and picks up from New Road, just opposite the College.