

Making an impact as a new Subject Librarian

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Strategies for the liaison librarian

- Learn the new information landscape
- Engage with users
- Build on existing service strengths
- Provide timely support for users' information needs

Learn the new information landscape

- Network
 - Library users
 - Your colleagues
 - Professional groups
 - Publishers
 - Attend events
- Absorb information
 - Listen
 - Read
 - Lurk
 - Follow

- Don't stalk!
- Start to establish your current awareness strategies

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GILBERT AND
HAMILTON

Entomology

A Guide to Information Sources

Z5856.G4

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Green

KEYGUIDE

Food Science and Technology

Z5775
G7

BOTTLE

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THE USE OF BIOLOGICAL LITERATURE

SECOND
EDITION

Z5320
U7

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Morgan

KEYGUIDE

Agricultural Engineering

Z5074
M18
M6

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Using the Agricultural, Environmental, and Food Literature

Hutchinson

Z5071
U7

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Information Sources in
**Agriculture and
Food Science**

Z5071
L4

CHEMISTRY OF COCKTAILS

Presented by
Steve Pearce

*Sit back and listen to Steve as he
explains the magic of your Mojito
and the science behind your Sambuca.*

Thursday 9th May

-6pm registration/refreshments



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9 May

In the interests of networking as a subject librarian, I'll go to a talk on the Chemistry of Cocktails tonight yfrog.com/g0tkisij

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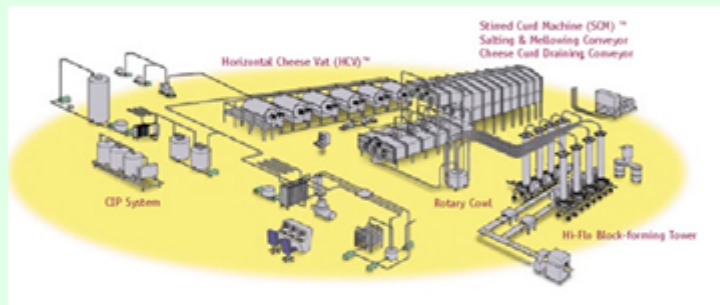


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Cheese-making

Find out about...

- Why do we need microbes in cheese?
- Mouldy cheese – love it or hate it?
- Why do some cheeses smell of o



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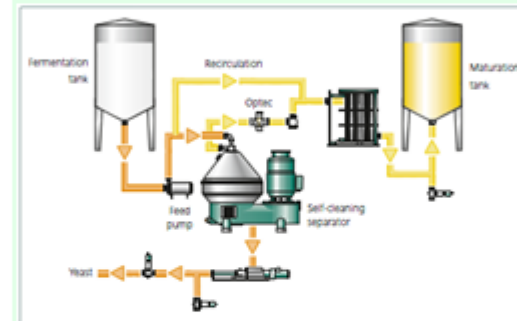
- 11.30am on Thursday 21 February
- Rushcliffe Restaurant
- Free sandwich lunch available
- RSVP to Kathy.Lawson@nottingham.ac.uk by Monday 18 February (for numbers for

This talk will be given by Professor Chris Doonan as part of our Knowledge Transfer programme which will continue with a session on "Diseases of Plants" on 21 Feb

The Perfect Pint

Find out what it's all about...

- What are the key flavour attributes of beer?
- How beers are brewed to produce a range of beer styles
- What influences the quality of beer for consumers?



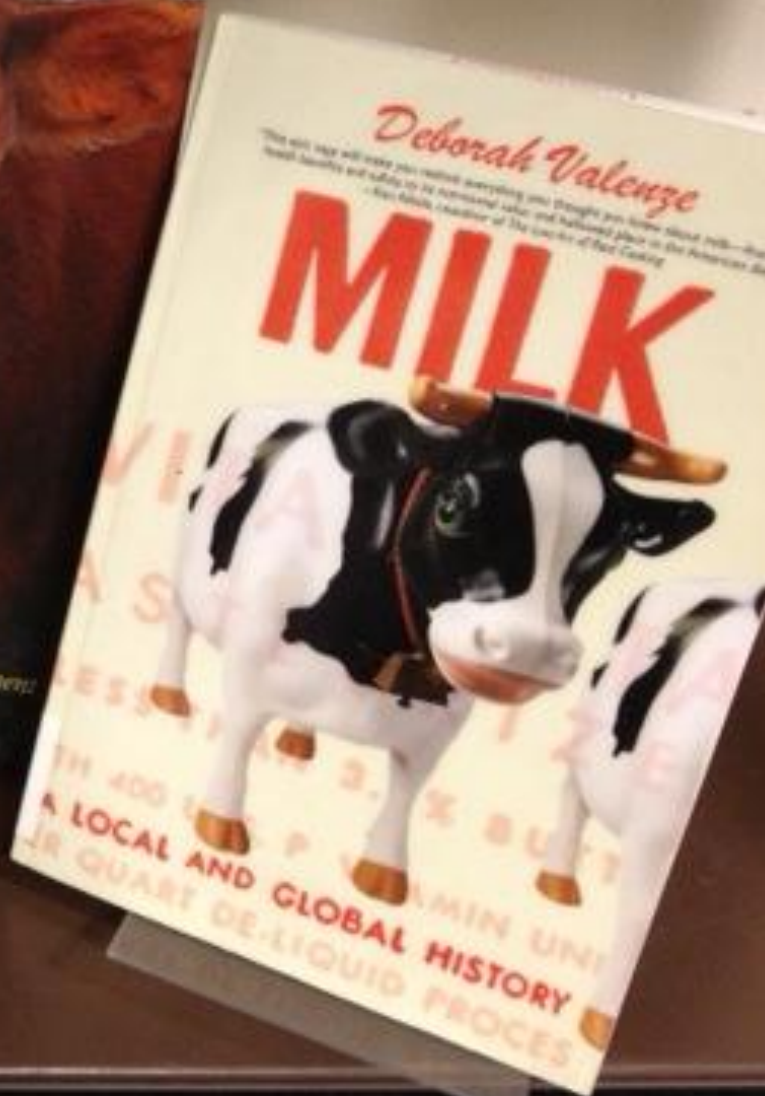
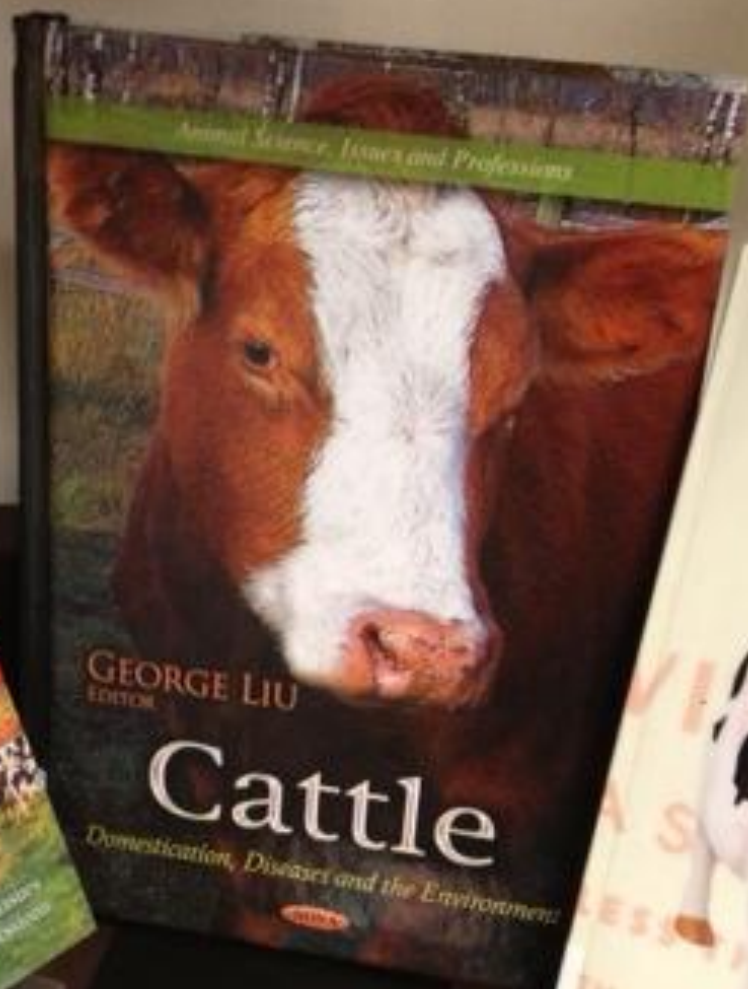
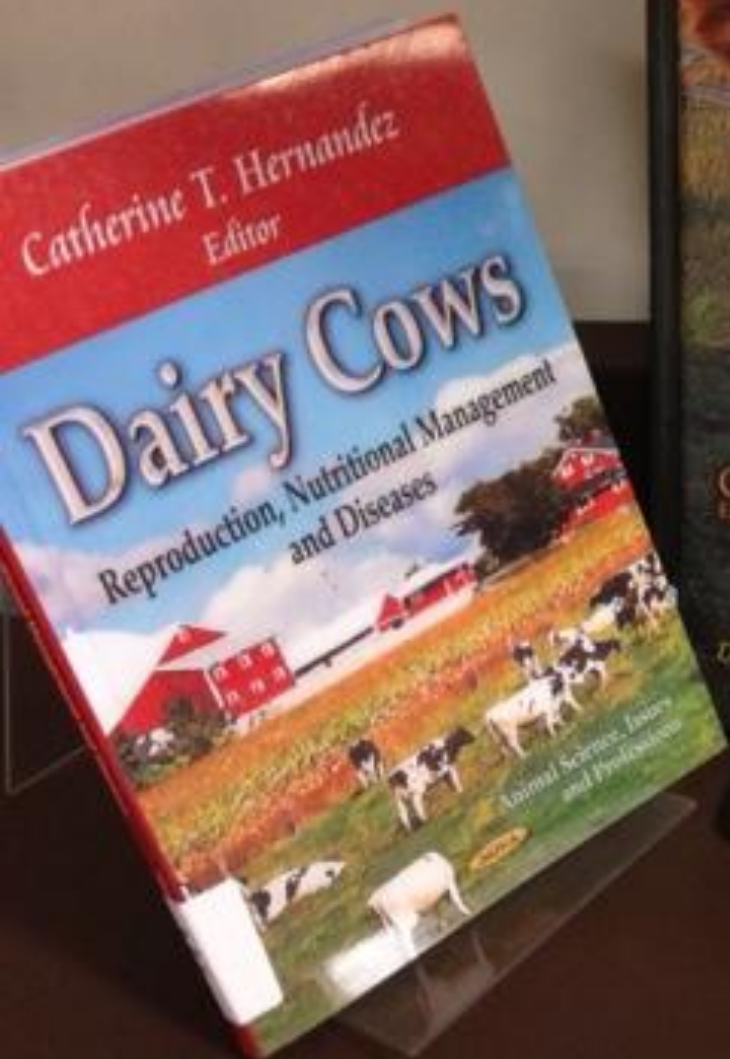
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- 11.30am on Monday 24 June
- ***CHARNWOOD ROOM***
- Free sandwich lunch available
- RSVP to Katherine.Lawson@nottingham.ac.uk by Wednesday 19 June (for catering numbers)

This talk will be given by Dr David Cook and is part of our Knowledge Transfer programme which will continue with a session about "Agroforestry in the Semi-arid Tropics" on 23

Engage with users

- What's the norm?
 - What is unacceptable?
 - What do others do?
 - What could I do?
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- Stay in your comfort zone
 - Get out of your comfort zone



Build on existing service strengths



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Useful slides with time, project & self- management tips aimed at students studying online : slideshare.net/SidneyEve/quic...

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Access to Understanding 2014: Europe PubMed Central's science writing competition for PhDs and ECRs

Erik Murchie (@ErikMurchie) replied to one of your Tweets!

30 July 2013 07:44



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Erik Murchie replied to your Tweet!



Erik Murchie

@ErikMurchie

New Harvest series on BBC Two explores farmers' fight to feed the UK bbc.in/11Tbx8q - 18 Jul

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[@ErikMurchie](#) You can request the series to be recorded via nottingham.ac.uk/teaching/resou... - 19 Jul



Erik Murchie

@ErikMurchie

[@AlisonMcNab](#) thanks for the tip !

07:44 AM - 30 Jul 13



A toolkit for the new subject librarian

- Points of contact
- Get the vocabulary right
- Keep updated
- Mission statement

How can I add value?



Formal /
Informal

Important
/ Trivial



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Study and Communication Skills (2013/2014)

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A listing of recent titles - either held in the James Cameron Gifford Library (or in other UoN libraries) or available as e-books - on study, communication and professional skills. Includes titles relevant to both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

72 items

Studying effectively - The University of Nottingham

Webpage | **Recommended** | Designed for University of Nottingham students - the best place to start.

Palgrave Study Skills

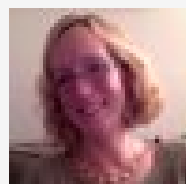
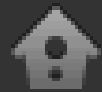
Webpage | Strategies to help you improve the way you study and get what you want out of your time as a student.

Note the website is from the publisher Palgrave Macmillan and will try to sell you books - in many cases we have copies in the library.

Study skills (18 items)

The study skills handbook - Cottrell, Stella, 2013

Book



Sarah McMullen @DrSMcMullen

1h

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nutritionandsociety.org/publications/t...

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@DrSMcMullen It is available as an e-book which seems a better solution. Will also move a copy into Short Loan.

8:39 a.m. Wed, Oct 23



Duane Mellor (@MellorDuane) replied to one of your Tweets!

30 July 2013 08:01



AlisonMcNab,

Duane Mellor replied to your Tweet!



Duane Mellor

@MellorDuane

Only my office to tidy and I am moving on from Uni of Chester - couple of weeks and I'll be at the Uni of Nottingham @ Sutton Bonnington - 27 Jul

More Tweets



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@MellorDuane Look forward to welcoming you to @JCGLib at SB - 29 Jul



Duane Mellor

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@AlisonMcNab @JCGLib thanks, I may be calling in as I have a few articles which I am struggling to get in Chester

Get the vocabulary right





Keep updated

- Professional knowledge
- Subject knowledge
- Time
- Tools
- Preferences



I provide library
resources and services to
people seeking to
improve our quality of life,
what we eat, and the
quality of our interactions
with food and animals





In light of contemporary debates about scriptural narrative, in what senses is the Bible authoritative?

There has been much debate in recent years about the Bible's authority as scripture, its relevance today and its authority as literature. Recently there has been much discussion about the concept of the "divine narrative". This essay seeks to briefly explore the concept of the divine narrative as well as discuss how, in light of this divine narrative, the Bible holds authority.

SUGGESTED READING
Cassidy, D.A. (1996) *The Bible as Literature*. Ann Arbor, MI: UMI Press.
Smith, James (2000) *The Art of the Bible*.

One final tip:
Keep a compliments file



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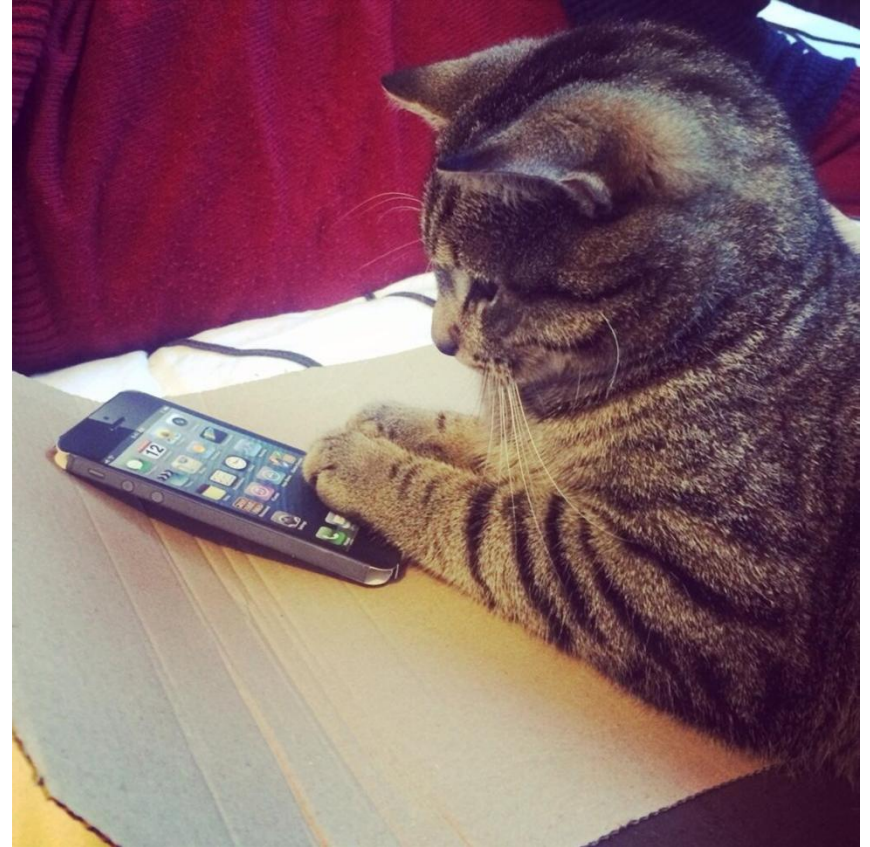
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@Slangers1 @JCGLib Twitter has put me more in touch with colleagues around the University, including engaging more with library resources!

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Thank you - Any questions?

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