

# Armagh Robinson Library



## Access Guide

## **Background to the Library**

- Archbishop Robinson founded this Library in the heart of the City of Armagh in 1771. His aim was to share his own collection of books and fine art with the general public.
- Light from elegant windows lights up this classical library, lined from floor to ceiling with rare and beautiful books. The largest books are shelved on the lowest shelves, the smallest at the top. There are around 42,000 printed works, on subjects such as medicine, science, history, law, politics, theology and travel, as well as maps and atlases.
- On display are examples of the Library's many treasures, such as medieval manuscripts, incunabula (books printed before 1501), Jonathan Swift's copy of Gulliver's Travels containing notes in his own handwriting, and Archbishop Beresford's archaeological collection.

## **Opening Times**

Monday to Friday: 10am - 1pm & 2-4pm

(We close for lunch between 1pm and 2pm)

Free admission (donations welcome)

## Getting here by car

### From Portadown *(not suitable for large busses – please see the bus route below)*

- Follow the Portadown Road to the roundabout at the Mall, and then go straight ahead up College Street
- At the top of College Street, bear round to the right, and take first turn to the left onto Abbey Street, in front of Maison Estate Agents
- At the top of Abbey Street turn left, and Armagh Robinson Library is ahead

### From Dungannon *(not suitable for large busses – please see the bus route below)*

- Follow the Moy Road to the first roundabout, take the third exit onto Railway Street and follow Railway Street until the second roundabout at the Mall
- Take the third exit from the roundabout and drive up College Street
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### From Dublin/Newry

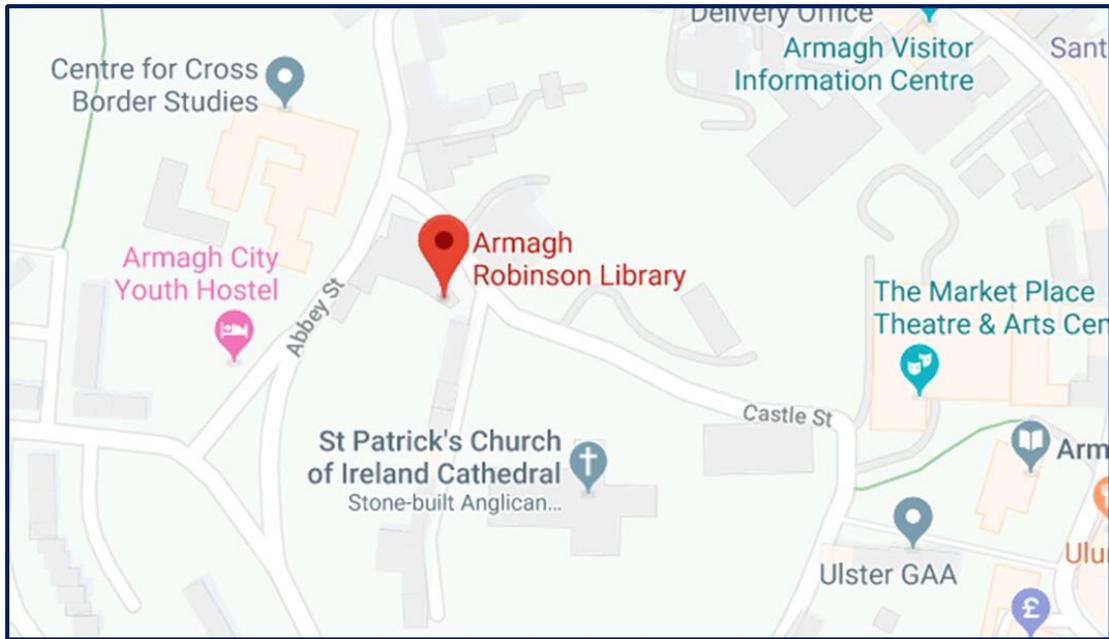
- Follow the Newry Road to the traffic lights at the police station, turn left onto Friary Road
- Follow Friary Road, passing the Armagh City Hotel on the left and past the traffic lights at the Palace Demesne on to the bridge. Take the next turn right and you will drive to St Malachy's Chapel. At the T junction turn left onto Irish Street
- Follow Irish Street up and around the hill, driving with a stone wall to your left
- Turn right at the end of the wall. The Library is on your right hand side

## Getting here by bus

Whether you travel from the North, South, East or West, there is only one access route for large vehicles to the Hill of Armagh.

Make your way to Friary Road

- (from Portadown, as you approach Armagh, go to the second roundabout and take first left onto Drumadd Road. Keep on the road which will lead to the Gaol end of the Mall. Go through two sets of traffic lights on Friary Road)
- (from Dungannon, follow the Moy Road to the first roundabout, take the third exit onto Railway Street and follow Railway Street until the second roundabout at the Mall. Take the second exit and drive the length of the Mall on your left. At traffic lights turn right and then move into the central lane to travel along Friary Road)
- (from Dublin/Newry, please follow the same directions for cars)
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## Car Parking

Visitors are welcome to park in the grounds of St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral which is very close to the Library.



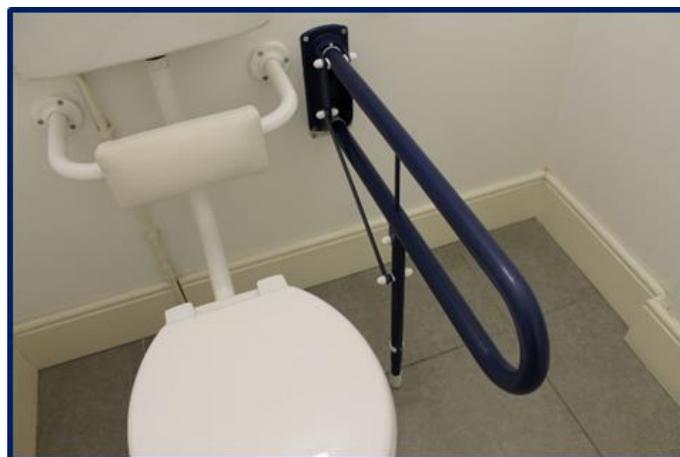
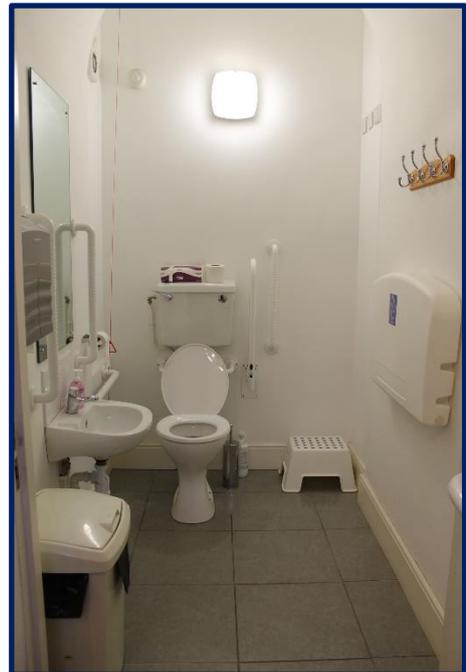
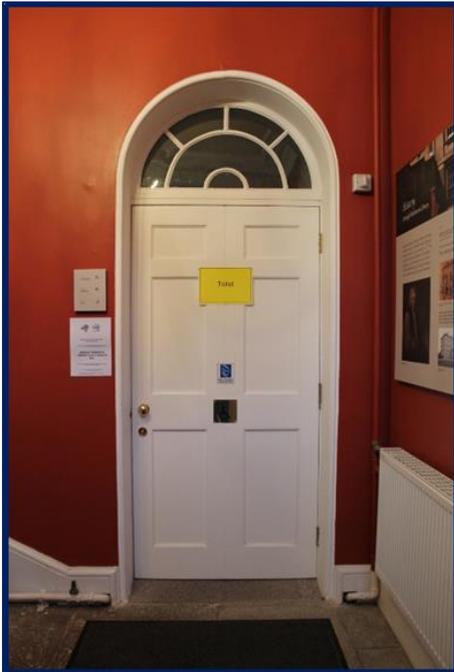
## Your Arrival

You will walk through the gateway to the Library. At the front door you will see a buzzer on the wall. Please push this and a member of staff will speak to you and welcome you. The door can then be pushed open.



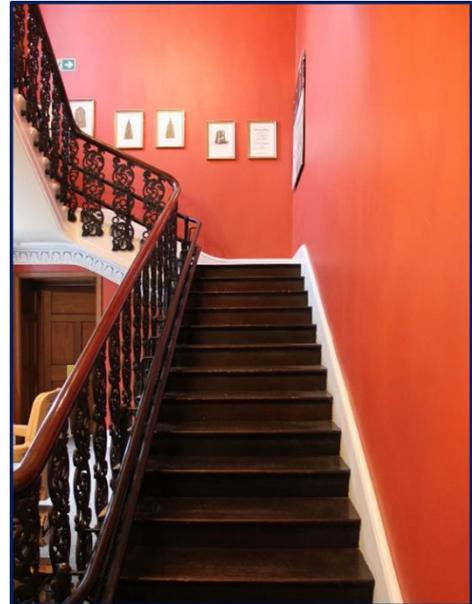
## Toilet Facilities

When you enter the Library, toilet facilities will be located directly in front of you. A baby changing station is available.



## Accessibility

To your left you will see a chair lift and a staircase which will enable access to the Library.



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When you reach the top of the stairs there is a door which leads into the main room of the Library.



## The Long Room



When you enter the Long Room, a member of staff will be there to greet you. Staff members wear badges to make them easy to identify.



The Long Room contains exhibitions under glass with text panels.

We ask you to find a member of staff if you are interested in looking at any of the books on the shelves. We wear white gloves when handling books.

The Library and No 5 are closed on Bank Holidays, Morning/Afternoon on the Hill group visits and special events.

Please check the calendar available on our website for special closures before making your journey.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Armagh Robinson Library!