



Stuart Hall Library Temporary Closure FAQs

We are currently in the middle of some exciting new developments, and the library will re-open in Spring 2019. During this busy time, we may be slower than usual in responding to email enquiries, but we aim to respond within **two weeks** library@iniva.org .

Please be aware that the library and archive collections will not be accessible until end of March 2019. Subscribe to Iniva's [newsletter](#) for future announcements and updates, as well as details of our [continuing programme](#) during the closure.

If you are a current student:

A university library should be able to get hold of most books if requested in advance or obtain them through the inter-library loan system. Please note that the Stuart Hall Library, as a reference collection, does not participate in the inter-library-loan scheme. However, items on our [catalogue](#) may be available from other institutions through an inter-library loan request to your university librarian.

If you are a student at a UK university, you are also eligible for the SCONUL scheme, which gives you access to university libraries around the country. If you don't have one already, you can register [here](#). For journals we recommend checking [COPAC](#).

Other research collections in London that are free to access:

Black History Special Collections:

For histories of African and Caribbean people in Britain check out the [Black Cultural Archives](#) in Brixton.

Black and Asian diaspora collections:

For materials relating to the black community of Caribbean, African and Asian descent in Britain and continental Europe, visit the [George Padmore Institute](#) in Finsbury Park.

For archives with a strong emphasis on modern and contemporary artists practicing in Britain and of African-Caribbean, Asian and African descent, visit the [Chelsea College of Arts](#) special collections.

Visual Arts Libraries:

The [National Art Library](#) at the V&A holds a visual art collection including exhibition catalogues. Check their catalogue [here](#).

The [Tate Library and Archive](#) at Tate Britain has a collection of books, exhibition catalogues and rare items relating to British art and artists from the 1500s onwards, and international art from around 1900.

Other libraries:

If you are looking for books and journals published in the UK that are not available at your local public library, you can visit the [British Library](#). Check their catalogue [here](#) and request a reader pass [here](#).

For academic collections related to the study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East, you can visit [SOAS Library](#). Please be advised that fees may be charged for some categories of visitor and you should enquire [here](#) before you visit.

We look forward to seeing you in the library when we reopen.

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