Hello I’m Grant, one of the Librarians at the UEA, supporting the Arts and Humanities. I’m really pleased to be welcoming you to your Library.

Over the next three or four minutes, I’m going to give you a quick introduction to the Library, suggest three things you might want to do next, and give you some key contacts for further help.
For a humanities student, the Library is your lab – the place where you make discoveries and test ideas.

All of the Library’s physical resources are in a large central building on campus which you can access with your campus card. Even with Covid restrictions, there are lots of places there for you to work, including spaces you can book and dedicated rooms for postgraduates.

While there are loads of resources available on the shelves for borrowing, it probably won’t surprise you to learn that most of the Library’s resources are now electronic rather than physical – perhaps 10x the content of that building. So your main route into the Library is not through the Library’s doors, but though our web portal.

But be aware that there are two versions of the Library website. You will need the my.UEA version – the one shown here with the Search box. The other site will give you minimal information and a very limited search.
There are several searches available on homepage – a general search, along with other searches targeted at books, journals and specialist databases. It’s vital you learn how to use these tools effectively and there are other resources linked to from this guide to help you with that.

The other things you should definitely check out are these Subject Guides. There are dozens, covering each discipline at UEA. The purpose of these guides is to highlight key resources and put you in touch with help.
So do make sure you explore the resources available in this guide – there are great things here.

To give you a couple of examples from the Literature Guide –

you’ll find One Literature, which has hundreds of thousands of resources – novels, plays, critical commentaries, reference works...this resource is especially good at expanding beyond the Western classics to include work by black writers and those beyond the UK or US.

There’s also Box of Broadcasts – which has 2 million television and radio programmes you can stream, including movies, documentaries, news and interviews.
In addition to familiarising yourself with the Search tools, one thing I’d strongly recommend you do is go to this link - http://leanlibrary.com/download – and download and install the little plug-in there for your web browser. And once installed, make sure that you tell it you’re at UEA.

This tries to detect if you’re on a subscription site and then check and see if it can help you obtain access to resources. Hopefully the links you find in the Library’s search results or via the Subject Guides will work well. But if they fail – or if you stumble across other resources via Google or Google Scholar – then this little tool will help you.
So to close, I’m going to suggest three things you should do next and give you some key contacts.

Do a search and see if you can find some interesting resources; explore the resources on this and other relevant subject guides, including further helpful videos. And make sure you install the Library Access plug-in.

And if you need help, now or as you undertake your studies, you could contact our general helpdesk – including online chat from the Library homepage. Contact e-services if you have any problems accessing our electronic resources. And contact me or attend one of my drop-ins if you need help finding resources.

So welcome to UEA and the Library, and bye for now.