

## Plans for Samatha Trust Libraries

### AIMS

To develop a Buddhist Library with a wide collection of resources (books, audio, video and online) that:

- support the development of samatha practice
- support the development of wisdom through dhamma investigation
- make this gift of resources for study and practice available to the wider Buddhist community

### SCOPE

- Developing a network of interest locally, nationally and internationally

### LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

- Develop an online library management, administration and catalogue system that will:
  - Provide information about and promote interest in the library in a manner suitable for all digital devices
  - Provide an online library catalogue using bar codes of all library resources including: books, research papers, periodicals, booklets, scanned texts, audio and video available to samatha practitioners and others who complete expression of interest form
  - Provide access to online digital resources for download
  - Provide an audio library of chants and talks
- The library management, administration and cataloguing website will be facilitated by
  - A well secured I pad and a portable laptop computer
  - A colour laser printer
  - A text and image scanner: for scanning and optical character reading out of copyright books & booklets and scanning images
  - A bar code creator and scanner for easy cataloguing, check in and check out of books and other resources
  - An audio digitiser for digitising analogue resources to MP3 and AIF files
  - Cloud based and hard drive back-up systems

### SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE LIBRARY Content (library catalogue areas)

#### BOOKS

- **Pali canon:** Vinaya, Sutta and Abhidhamma in Pali and translation
- **Abhidhamma studies:** Comprehensive range of scholarly and general publications

- **Commentaries & reference texts:** A wide variety of general and specialist texts
- **Esoteric Southern Buddhism:** A wide variety of source texts and scholarly work in various languages
- **Meditation practice:** Samatha, vipassanā, rupa, arupa and lokuttara jhana practices
- **Theravāda general:** A wide variety of books, journals, papers and pamphlets
- **Mahāyāna Buddhism:** A collection of general and scholarly works
- **Vajrayāna Buddhism:** A collection of general and scholarly works
- **Western Esoteric traditions:** An eclectic range of texts and commentaries
- **Christian Mysticism:** A variety of texts about Christian practice and practitioners
- Other content, including South East Asian Free distribution materials

#### **AUDIO**

- Talks
- Chanting (including palichanting.org)

#### **VIDEO**

- A collection of online resources relevant to the interests of the library

### **MANCHESTER CENTRE FOR BUDDHIST MEDITATION**

#### Equipment Requirements

- Macbook Air Laptop
- Laptop safe
- Tablet
- Wired Mouse for laptop
- Internet access – install broadband connection to the library with wireless router and WiFi hub
- Internet access
- Website [www.samatha-trust-library.org](http://www.samatha-trust-library.org) URL and ISP (provided by samatha.org)
- Online back-up facility – Dropbox
- Hard disc Backup facility, My Passport WD
- Analogue tape digitiser into MP3 and AIF format – Audacity Open Source
- Tape player with USB out

- Colour laser Printer
- Camera
- Camera tripod
- Text Scanner with OCR – Fujitsu Scansnap iX 500 (600m dpi x 600 dpi)
- Cataloguing software - Koha open source library management system
- Cataloguing Bar code generator – online (through Koha system)
- Brother QL570 label printer (including software)
- Rolls of labels
- Book loans check in & check out scanning software and hardware (through Koha system)

#### Furniture Requirements

- Abingdon stain resistant Carpet with underlay (same range as Stair Carpet)
- Additional Lighting
- Additional shelving
- Settee and chairs
- Table

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