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**Student 1:** Today I found that actually wandering around in the library without a clear goal for a change can be really, really nice, and you can pick up books that you would have never thought of picking up before.

**Student 2:** When I go in, I try and grab all the books that I think are relevant, even if I don't look in the index. I just quickly get everything – you can get things out of any book. That really helps. Also, go with friends who don't chat a lot, who also have similar amounts of work to do, so when they start working, you crack down to business yourself.

**Student 3:** I think knowing your way around your library is a good one. It saves time and you can just go straight to the shelf, get the books and start working. Go with a good group, otherwise there will be too many distractions.

**Student 4:** I say just go to it – that's important. They say you can access it anywhere, from your laptop at home or anything like that, but I find just coming to the library really gets me into the mode of researching. I find if I'm at home, I can't really focus or I get too frustrated trying to find things, but if I'm here then things seem to go a bit more smoothly.

**Student 5:** We have a really good subject librarian, so she is key to finding information. She's the one that gives us all the information into Neilsen BookScan, Mintel, a lot of introductory sources. She's our gateway into finding a lot of useful information. But then, obviously, not everyone's lucky enough to have that. The electronic library we have is really useful, but apart from that, it's just catalogues and stuff.

**Student 6:** The whole experience of going to the library. Of course there are certain times of day when everybody's trying to get a seat in front of their laptop or computer. Maybe having a bottle of water with you, in case you get really into something but it's very hot, so you can have a sip of water and keep going. Things like that.

**Student 5:** I think it's really important to have somewhere comfy to sit, and [somewhere] quiet. So not necessarily even a public library, sometimes other libraries are much more useful, like the Bodleian if you're lucky enough to be able to go there like we are.

**Student 6:** Or one of those little study rooms you can book. If you have to do some teamwork you can just sit there, work and chat a bit.

**Student 5:** Knowing which environment you learn in. So if you need quiet, book a study room, but if you need business, then go for a more communal area.