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FRONT COVER

From a collection of 106 chromolithograph cards showing French mainland and overseas *départements*, possibly given away with packets of wool or thread as 'Le fil géographique'. Purchased 2008

Expressions of confidence in the quality of the Library's services and collections came from quite distinct and varied sources during the year.

In March 2008 the Higher Education Funding Council for England published its *Review of HEFCE funding for research libraries*, a report prepared by Professor Sir Ivor Crewe, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Essex. The purpose of the review was to examine the level of special funding that is provided to a small number of library collections of exceptional importance, including Cambridge University Library, which are heavily used by academic staff and research students from other universities. The report's specific comments on Cambridge were highly complimentary, noting that

'the scale, distinction and uniqueness of the Cambridge University Library collection are reflected in the quality of the services and facilities it offers external users. Particularly strong features include the complete digitisation of, and thus remote on line-access to, the main catalogue..., the almost complete digitisation of the manuscript catalogue (at the collection level), the ambitious rolling programme of digitisation of special collections and the extensive volume of e-journal subscriptions. The immensity of CUL's holdings restricts open access to about 30% of its collection but this is mitigated by an on-line advance ordering system and a rapid fetching time (18 minutes). Comment from external users in the consultation was overwhelmingly positive (all 46 user-respondents rated it 'excellent' or 'good').'

TITLE PAGE

The Munby Rare Books Room



TOP RIGHT

Rachel Rowe, Smuts Librarian for Commonwealth Studies, showing HRH The Prince of Wales digitised images from the Royal Commonwealth Society collections during his visit in May 2008.



BOTTOM RIGHT

The Prince of Wales cleans one of the books damaged by smoke during the Blitz, before the collection came to Cambridge.

HE Madam Fu Ying, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, visited the Library in November 2007. She is seen here with Charles Aylmer, Head of the Library's Chinese Department, and a colleague from the Embassy.



of such support to ensure that Cambridge is at the forefront of teaching and learning in a period of rapid change. It recommended that the University Library's role should be expanded and that it should become responsible for the provision and dissemination of electronic materials for teaching and learning across the University. The report noted that 'The UL can provide the structure necessary for the management of all content. The UL could oversee and focus innovation in CARET and the Language Centre without restricting the ability of the smaller organisations to man-

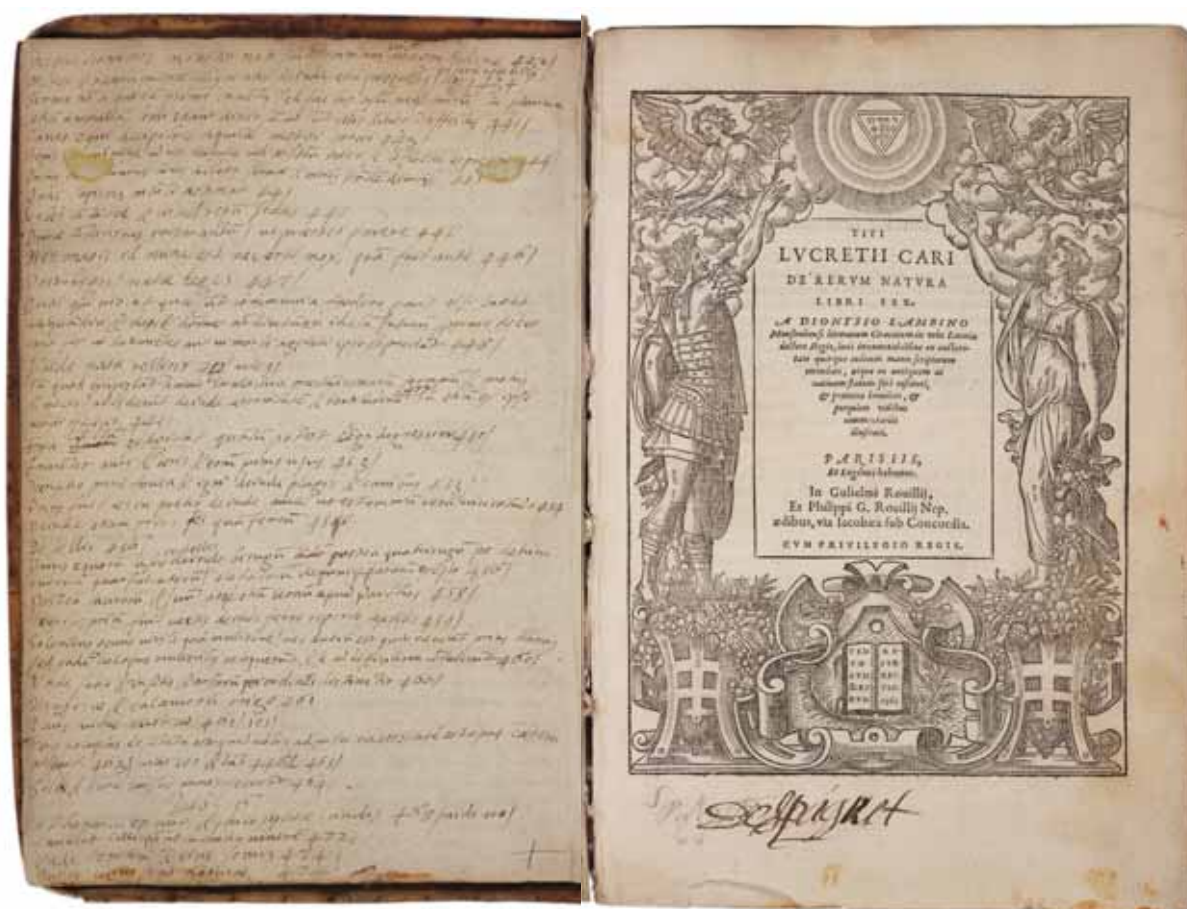
The report recommended that 'HEFCE should designate the libraries of Cambridge, LSE, Manchester, Oxford and SOAS as National Research Libraries, entitled to renewable long-term supplementary funding in return for a specified and periodically assessed quality of provision and collaboration in national strategic programmes for collections development and services.' It also noted that the current level of special funding fell well short of the actual cost of providing services to external users and that, therefore, those users were being subsidised by the five institutions with major library collections, but, regrettably, failed to recommend that HEFCE should increase this funding to meet the actual costs.

Closer to home, in October 2007 the General Board of the Faculties set up a committee to review teaching and learning support services in the University. The review principally concerned activities currently carried out by the University Library (UL), the Computing Service (UCS), the Language Centre, the Centre for Applied Research in Educational Technologies (CARET), as well as the coordination of pedagogic support. The purpose of the review was to examine the University's provision for the support of teaching and learning, and to make recommendations for the future provision

oeuvre. In this way, the UL would coordinate the development and maintenance of the necessary pedagogic support to be delivered over the networks maintained by the UCS.' In order to achieve this, it recommended that, following the retirement in March 2009 of the present University Librarian, the role of the Librarian 'should be rapidly developed to become *de facto* Director of Library Services to oversee the broader remit of all the University libraries in pedagogic support'.

The third expression of support came in the form of a munificent donation of £500,000 from the Arcadia Trust. The principal condition attached to the gift was that it should be 'transformational'. The donor recognised that the Library was wrestling with issues that are affecting all academic libraries: how to communicate with students, both physically and virtually, in their preferred modes, whether that be through a laptop, iTunes, Facebook or something not yet invented. The University Library's response to the challenge laid down by the donor was to propose that the bulk of the grant be used to support a fellowship programme which would explore the role of academic libraries in a digital age, create new programmes and services, particularly for undergraduates, and lead the transformation in academic library services by

Montaigne's
copy of Lucretius'
De rerum natura
(1563), with his
annotations. From
the Montaigne
Library, donated
in 2008.



helping to prepare a new generation of librarians to meet the demands of the 'Amazoogole Generation'. This proposal was greeted with enthusiasm and by the summer of 2008 the first Arcadia Fellow was in post.

The findings and outputs of the programme, which is guided by John Naughton, Professor of the Public Understanding of Technology at the Open University, will be shared with the academic library community worldwide. The first project is an initiative to increase access to, and knowledge of, scientific electronic resources through the creation of a web-based portal, science@cambridge. This is intended to help users discover, search across and improve their use of scientific e-resources, and acknowledges that for many of those working in contemporary science the library is now largely a 'virtual' resource. Users want prompt access to electronic information from their desktop, and to tools that help them navigate through the vast number of sources available. Science@cambridge will draw users into a virtual library space with online real-time help being made available from library subject experts, alongside assistance on using the resources. The service will go live at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term 2008.

Fourthly, following several months of discussions, the donation of the hugely important Montaigne collection assembled by Gilbert de Botton acknowledged the Library's reputation as a place that could provide suitably secure and environmentally sound storage for the collection as well as complementary research resources and an attractive working environment for scholars. De Botton, who died in 2000, was a scholar and financier, whose life's ambition was to recreate Montaigne's library, either by buying the writer's personal copies where these could be obtained, or other copies of works known to have belonged to or been read by him. The collection, comprising some 1,400 works, includes ten books from Montaigne's own library, including his heavily annotated copy of Lucretius' *De rerum natura* of 1563. There is also a fine set of early printed editions of Montaigne's works, including copies owned by Ben Jonson, Napoleon I and Jean-Jacques Rousseau, as well as modern editions and a substantial body of secondary literature. The majority of the collection will be housed in the newly created 'Montaigne Room' in the Munby Rare Books Reading Room.

Following the announcement of funding through HEFCE's Capital Investment Framework (CIF),

approval was given for the construction of the final stage (Phase 6) of the extension to the West Road building, which will provide a further 30 km of storage space and release one complete floor of the West Bookstack (5 km of shelving) for open-access collections. By the end of the reporting year, the design team had reached an advanced stage of planning, and it was expected that work on site would begin in the Michaelmas Term 2008, with completion due early in 2010.

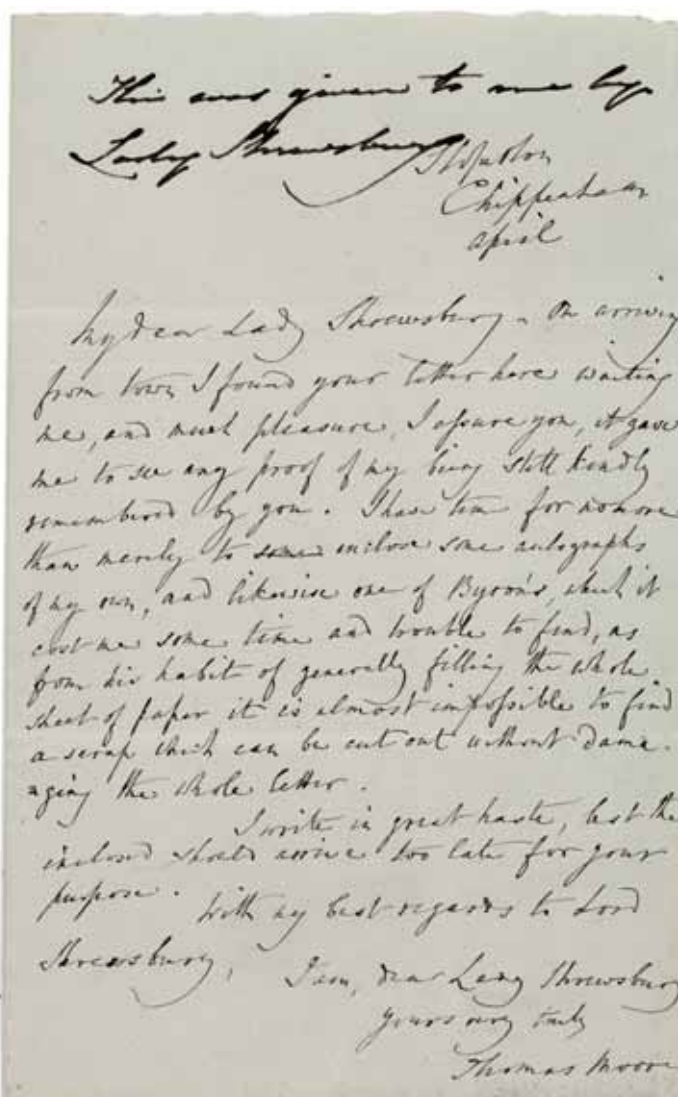
In May 2008 the Library was honoured by a visit from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who saw a display of materials from the Royal Commonwealth Society's collections and unveiled a plaque in the Commonwealth Room. Those attending the event, which was hosted by the

Vice-Chancellor, included the Lord Lieutenant, the Mayor of Cambridge, Mr David Howarth (MP for Cambridge), Sir Patrick Sheehy (Chairman of the Appeal to Save the Royal Commonwealth Society Library for the Nation), Mr Stuart Mole (Director General of the Royal Commonwealth Society), members of the Library's Visiting Committee, students and staff from the Commonwealth and members of the University's academic staff with research interests in Commonwealth studies. The visit also provided an opportunity to launch an online show featuring highlights from the RCS photograph gallery which became a regularly changing feature of the Library's website throughout the summer.

During the year the Librarian announced his intention to retire with effect from 31 March 2009, and the University put in place procedures for the choosing of a successor.

The Library Syndicate wishes to place on record its warmest thanks to Mr Peter Fox for his vision and leadership during the fifteen years that he will have served as University Librarian. During this time he has made a remarkable contribution in the enhancement of the Library's world-class collections, in the development of innovative and forward-looking library services, and in the expansion of the Library's physical space. Much of what has been achieved in recent years is, moreover, the direct result of his success in fund-raising for both buildings and service initiatives. Mr Fox will retire at a time when the national and international reputation of the University Library is higher than ever, and the University owes him a very considerable debt of gratitude.

(Professor Richard Hunter, Chairman)



Letter from the poet Thomas Moore to Lady Shrewsbury, enclosing 'some autographs of my own, and likewise one of Byron's'. From an album of correspondence belonging to Sir Thomas Gage, an additional volume of the Hengrave Hall Papers, purchased in 2008.

STRENGTHENING THE COLLECTIONS

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Use of electronic resources continued to rise at a staggering rate, not just in the sciences and technology. A 41% increase in the number of downloaded articles was recorded, with the JSTOR and ScienceDirect packages being by far the most heavily used. Cambridge is the heaviest user of ScienceDirect in the UK. The two electronic journals most in demand were, hardly surprisingly, *Nature* and *Science*, followed by *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* and the *Cambridge Law Journal*.

In a major enhancement to information provision in support of research and teaching in the sciences and social sciences the University Library subscribed to Elsevier's *Scopus* database. Developed in conjunction with researchers to provide an easily navigated single entry-point to the world's scientific information, *Scopus* is the largest abstract and citation database for the sciences and social sciences. Containing 33 million abstracts, it covers 15,000 peer-reviewed journals, including open-access titles and conference proceedings. It also indexes 386 million scientific web-pages, including 22 million patents from five patent offices, an area for which existing provision was lacking.

As resources permit, the Library is purchasing full electronic backfiles of major journals. During the year the most significant of these were the complete *Nature Archives* which provides online access from the first issue of the journal in 1869 to the present, and the backfiles of over 1,700 journals in the *Springer Online Archives Collection*.

The Legal Deposit Advisory Panel, of which the University Librarian is a member and which reports to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport,

prepared recommendations for the legal deposit of offline electronic publications (such as CD-ROMs) and publications available freely on the web. For the former, it was felt that, as the market was relatively small, and declining, a voluntary deposit scheme was sufficient to meet the needs of the legal deposit libraries and regulations were not appropriate. The situation for web publications was quite different. A pilot scheme had been run, which involved seeking permission from the publishers to download such material. The response rate had been poor and it was clear to the Panel that legislation would be needed if such material was to be harvested by the legal deposit libraries for long-term preservation and access. Both of these recommendations are expected to be considered by the Secretary of State during 2008–9.

The receipt of printed legal deposit books and journals remains a major area of activity for all the legal deposit libraries, and, despite projections of 'the death of the book', there is still no sign of a reduction in print publication, at least as far as monographs are concerned. *The Bookseller* reported that the number of books published in the UK in 2007 was almost identical to that of the previous year at around 115,000 titles. During the year, the five libraries which administer the Agency for the Legal Deposit Libraries agreed that the Agency would move from its current location in central London and would be based at the National Library of Scotland's premises in Edinburgh from early 2009. The planning for this move occupied much time and involved not just Library staff but also the University's Legal Services, Human Resources Division and Estate Management and Building Service.

The Montaigne Room, housing the Montaigne Library of Gilbert de Botton, donated in 2008.



A.N. Nechaev,
Dobrynia Nikitich
 (Moscow 1982).
 From the collection
 of the late Norman
 Waddleton.

The volatility of sterling against the dollar and the euro indicates the impact that exchange rates can have on the Library's ability to meet its readers' needs. Since a significant proportion of English-language purchasing is of items priced in US dollars, that currency's relative weakness against sterling during the year was greatly to the Library's advantage, and a record number of English-language books (about 12,000) were ordered, especially from US publishers. However, that advantage was offset by the strengthening of the euro during the financial year, with the result that the number of French and German books purchased was about 2,500 fewer than in the previous year.

Most book purchases are initiated by Library staff but readers are also encouraged to submit recommendations. The newly-introduced facility of an online recommendation form is clearly a service that meets the needs of the academic community and this year the number of reader recommendations increased by 45% to almost 1,500.

Since 1998 the University Library, along with the other legal deposit libraries, has received an annual snapshot from Ordnance Survey of Great Britain (OS) of its large scale map data. Mapping at these scales was originally received under legal deposit in paper form and then microfilm, resulting in comprehensive collections of these detailed maps in the legal deposit libraries. Since 1998, however, prompted by the shift away from the conventional printing of maps towards a print-on-demand service from digital data, OS have voluntarily deposited annual snapshots to enable the legal deposit libraries to continue to maintain their valuable mapping archive in the digital age. The data format is a complex one which required the libraries to develop new software for viewing it. This has now been installed in the Map Room, where the data can be viewed on a dedicated PC and it is possible to take colour printouts which can be centred on any location, to compare two maps of different date side by side, to zoom and pan, to turn contours and grid lines on or off and to measure distance. The same software can also be used to view detailed Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland mapping, of which several snapshots have been received since 2004.

Two important collections of archives were donated during the year. The most substantial was that of the publishing firm Chadwyck-Healey Ltd and associated companies, presented by the new owners at the instigation of the company's founder, Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey. These papers chart the entire history of the Cambridge-based company Chadwyck-Healey Ltd, publisher of scholarly reference and full-text materials, from its foundation



in 1973 until its sale in 1999. Sir Charles generously funded the cataloguing of the archive before its transfer to the Library. In May 2008 Dr Rosemary Summers presented to the Library the archives of the composer Roberto Gerhard. The first part of the archive was placed on deposit in the Library in 1971, and since then much further material has been added. It comprises over 300 holograph manuscripts, several hundred letters, photographs, much other supporting documentation, and his library of books and music. Discussions are under way with the Biblioteca de Catalunya in Barcelona on the digitisation of some of the Gerhard archive, particularly the sound recordings.

With the agreement of the Law Library Sub-Syndicate the Squire embarked on a collaborative venture with the Bodleian Law Library and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library to rationalise holdings of the *US National Reporter System*. It was agreed that each library would retain certain important *US Reporter* series whilst dividing the other reporters between the three libraries, ensuring that one set is retained within the United Kingdom. The three libraries would then offer a free document-delivery service between them so that case material could be transferred efficiently on request. This arrangement will save approximately \$15,000 a year for the Squire, which will be redirected to building up other parts of the comparative law collection.

MAJOR PURCHASES

Electronic resources

- ◆ *Nature Archives* (1869–1996)
- ◆ *Springer Online Archives Collection*
- ◆ *20th-century House of Commons Parliamentary Papers*
- ◆ *Database of Latin Dictionaries and Aristoteles Latinus* (Brepols)
- ◆ *Dictionary of Medical Biography* (Greenwood)
- ◆ *Encyclopedia of the Qu'ran* (Brill)
- ◆ *Encyclopaedia Judaica* (Cengage)
- ◆ *Factiva newspapers collection and business resource* (Dow Jones)
- ◆ *Oxford Language Dictionaries Online* (OUP)
- ◆ *PsycArticles* (APA ejournals)
- ◆ *Who's Who and Who Was Who* online (OUP)

Manuscripts

- ◆ A Processional of the Use of Sarum from the late 15th century
- ◆ Further correspondence and papers of T.C. Lethbridge, archaeologist, c.1920–70
- ◆ Correspondence of officers of the Cambridge University Free Trade Association, c.1870–1920
- ◆ Correspondence of C. St J. Pulley, Secretary of the Royal Society of Literature, with Siegfried Sassoon
- ◆ A letter from James Currie to Erasmus Darwin, 1796

Bought with the assistance of the Friends of the Library:

- ◆ Letters to Sir Sydney Roberts, c.1911–55

Maps

- ◆ Current maps of Malaysia and Brazil (1:25,000), Sweden, Hungary and Denmark (1:50,000), Mozambique (1:150,000) and Spain (1:250,000)
- ◆ *New and corrected map of Europe. To His most Sacred Majesty George II... geographical & political tables which give a sumary view of ye several Kingdomes & Dominions of Europe...* (London 1743), apparently a previously unrecorded map of Europe

Bought with the assistance of the Friends of the Library:

- ◆ *A new and correct mapp of Europe: done from ye latest & best observations; illustrated with the arms of each Kingd: & State, rightly blazoned* (London 1719)
- ◆ *A new and exact plan of the city of London and suburbs thereof: with the addition of the new buildings, churches &c. to this present year 1724* (London 1724)

Music

- ◆ C.G. Grauns, *Passions-Cantate, Der Tod Jesu: im Klavierauszuge herausgegeben von J.A. Hiller* (Leipzig 1809?)

Bought with the assistance of the Friends of the Library:

- ◆ Stockhausen, *Momente: Originalpartitur für Solosopran, 4 Chorgruppen und 13 Instrumentalisten* (Kürten 2008) and *Momente: Europa Version 1972: für Solosopran, 4 Chorgruppen und 13 Instrumentalisten* (Kürten 2008)
- ◆ *Dick Whittington: music by Jacques Offenbach* (London? 1874?), copyist's manuscript, probably for the London performances (first performed at the Alhambra, London, December 1874)

Rare books

- ◆ Konrad Celtes, *Epitoma in utramque Ciceronis rhetoricam* (Ingolstadt, after 28 March 1492), a treatise on rhetoric and associated matters
- ◆ Dietrich Gresemund, *Oratio ad sanctam synodum Moguntinam elegantissima* (Strasbourg, not before 1499), Gresemund's address to the synod at Mainz in 1499, in which he censures the moral life of the clergy
- ◆ Balthasar de Porta, *Canon sacratissime misse una cum expositione* (Nuremberg 1503), a commentary on the Canon of the Mass
- ◆ Plutarch, *Eroticus, interprete Arnaldo Ferrono Burdigalensi* (Lyon 1557), a very rare translation of Plutarch's dialogue on love, supplemented by annotations by Montaigne's friend Etienne de La Boétie
- ◆ Johann Pauli, *Schimpff und Ernst. Durche alle Welthendel* (Frankfurt 1563), an illustrated edition of this famous *Schwankbuch*, one of the earliest collections of German tales
- ◆ Johann Helwig, *Die Nympe Noris in zweyen Tagzeiten vorgestellt* (Nuremberg 1650), a prose eclogue celebrating the literary world of the Shepherds of the Pegnitz, the influential society of poets, of which Helwig was a member
- ◆ A.J.B.M. Guenet, *Instruction abrégée sur les maladies des enfants* (Paris 1777), a rare paediatric work for those working with charities for sick and poor children

Johann Helwig, *Die Nympe Noris in zweyen Tagzeiten vorgestellt* (Nuremberg 1650). Purchased 2008.



DONATIONS AND TRANSFERS

DONATIONS

Electronic resources

- ◆ Cambridge Histories Online, Shakespeare Survey Online, Cambridge Companions Online (Cambridge University Press)

Manuscripts

- ◆ Archive of Chadwyck-Healey Ltd (Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey)
- ◆ Papers of G.E. Moore, philosopher; Nicholas Moore, poet; and Timothy Moore, composer (presented by Nicholas's son, Mr Peregrine Moore)
- ◆ Manuscripts of papers by the mathematician and philosopher Frank Ramsey, all from 1929 (Professor D.H. Mellor)
- ◆ 'A tale of Ludlow Castle', poem by W.W. Skeat, 1866 (Dr J.D. Pickles)
- ◆ Correspondence of Ruth Darwin (1883–1972), mainly letters received by her as a nurse in World War I from soldiers (Dr Claire Barlow)
- ◆ Additional papers of the Cambridge University Liberal Club

Received on deposit:

- ◆ Personal and theatrical notebooks of Michael Black, playwright, 1983–2007
- ◆ Additional papers of the Cambridge University Conservative Association

Modern collections

- ◆ Cambridge University Press books for the Central Science Library, Medical Library, Moore Library and Squire Law Library (CUP)
- ◆ Books on Roman law and society for the Squire Law Library (bequest of Professor John Crook)
- ◆ Books on labour law for the Squire Law Library (bequest of Professor Paul O'Higgins)

Music

- ◆ Roberto Gerhard archives (Dr Rosemary Summers)

Rare books

- ◆ Montaigne Library of Gilbert de Botton
- ◆ 2,500 books for the Waddleton Collection (Mr Norman Waddleton)
- ◆ Miss Smith, *Studies of flowers from nature* (Doncaster c.1818), a copy-book of hand-coloured aquatints (purchased by the Friends of the Library from a contribution by an anonymous donor)

Part of an alphabet of memory from Konrad Celtes, *Epitoma in utramque Ciceronis rhetoricam* (Ingolstadt c.1492). Purchased 2007.

TRANSFERS

Manuscripts and University Archives

- ◆ Records of the Cambridge University Automobile Club, 1903–69; Cricket Club, 1984–2005; Cymdeithas Y Mabinogi, 1978–95; Footlights Dramatic Club, 1948–99; Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859, 1861–1990; Russian Society, 2003–7; Underwater Exploration Group, 1967–2007; Wireless Society, 1920–57; Youth Hostel Association, 1950–80
- ◆ Records of the Cambridge Society, from its foundation in 1974 to its merger with the University Development Office in 2008
- ◆ Records from the General Board of the Academic Division relating to the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, 1930s–90s, personnel files and matriculation registers



ENHANCING ACCESSIBILITY OF THE COLLECTIONS

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Rolf Gardiner as
Troilus and George
'Dadie' Rylands as
Diomedes in
the 1922 production
of Shakespeare's
Troilus and Cressida
by the Marlowe
Dramatic Society.
From the recently
catalogued archives
of the Society.



During the Easter Term 2008, the Library launched eresources@cambridge, a new service which provides users with seamless access to the University's growing collection of subscribed electronic resources. Users can search for article citations and full-text resources by using CrossSearch, a new service which makes it possible to carry out a simultaneous search of over 300 key resources, including Web of Science, ScienceDirect, Cambridge Scientific Abstracts and major e-journal providers.

The electronic journals service, ejournals@cambridge, was enhanced with the provision of expanded search options including the ability to view all the e-journals to which the University Library subscribes from a particular publisher. Citation searches are also available, enabling searches to be run by article title, author, date, volume, issue and page numbers. In addition, when searching abstracting and indexing databases such as Google Scholar, Cambridge Scientific Abstracts and Web of Science, links to Cambridge holdings of e-journals can be found alongside article citations.

A collection of gadgets, toolbars and other plug-ins that can operate alongside the Newton catalogue and electronic resources was made available to members of the University and Library readers. These include search plug-ins for iGoogle and Opensearch compatible browsers such as Firefox and Internet Explorer. A fully featured toolbar for

Internet Explorer 7 and Firefox is also available, allowing complex searches to be conducted away from the catalogue interface.

The introduction of online loan renewals has been very successful, resulting in an overall increase in borrowing figures. About 77% of renewals were carried out online during the year. Statistics for recalled items indicate that readers have renewed faith in the effectiveness of the system to retrieve books that they need from other users, with 30,155 items recalled in the past twelve months, compared to 17,474 in the previous year.

The number of enquiries received by letter, fax and e-mail continued to increase, and the Library Syndicate approved an enquiry policy which codified and clarified the existing informal arrangements. This policy sets out priorities for response in respect of the status and location of the enquirer and the subject of enquiry, lists categories of enquiry which will not be answered and advertises the level of service which can be expected. Enquiries are now directed to an online form which allows information about the status of the enquirer to be obtained and facilitates the direction of enquiries to the most appropriate department.

The online application form for admission to the Library was introduced during the autumn of 2007 and has been received very positively, with about 15% of applications now being made by this method.

In August 2007 the Inter-Library Loans Department began trial use of the IFLA voucher scheme, which, at a cost of €8 per voucher, eliminates invoices and bank charges. Previously, items not available in UK libraries had been requested via the British Library, which offered an increasingly slow and expensive service, with charges of £47 for the supply of a photocopy and £50 for a loan.

The experiment of 'fast-tracking' the processing of specific categories of books received under legal deposit was successful and has resulted in many academic items being available to readers much sooner than before. Approximately 16,000 books were processed during the year using the 'fast-track' procedure, which represents an increase of around 50% in the number of legal-deposit books made available during the year for readers' use.

The work of the Tower Project, which is creating electronic catalogue records for 19th-century books stored in the tower and is funded by a \$1 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, continued to attract widespread interest. On Valentine's Day 2008 *The Guardian* published a piece

based on the collection, entitled 'The secret love lives of the Victorians', and the *Daily Telegraph* also carried a feature on the Project. During the year the project staff catalogued 38,030 volumes and added the records to the Newton catalogue; the books are also cleaned and checked for damage before being returned to the tower.

Work continued on making the Royal Commonwealth Society (RCS) collections more accessible, using funding from the RCS appeal released by the Trustees. In total, records for 275 RCS manuscript collections and 729 photograph collections are now accessible through Janus, the Cambridge archives database. Those completed this year included papers and photographs of Cuthbert Christy (1863–1932), explorer and zoologist; the Kenya diaries and letters of Arnold Paice (1879–1963), tea trader and farmer; T. O. Fraser's Notes on the Boer War; and the 1838 journal of Major General William Napier. Significant progress was made with the rare Blue Books and locally published government publications; almost 18,000 items, representing 300 metres of shelving, have now been cleaned, boxed and catalogued. Two RCS African collections were microfilmed for publication by Adam Matthew Publications as part 5 of *Africa through Western Eyes*.

Cataloguing of the very substantial archive of the writer Hammond Innes, acquired a few years ago, was completed, and the papers of Lord Butterfield, former Regius Professor of Physic, and Neil Wiseman (computer scientist, 1934–95) were catalogued for the Library by the National Cataloguing Unit for the Archives of Contemporary Scientists at the University of Bath. The project to catalogue the archives of University clubs and societies, part-funded by a grant from the Gladys

Kreble Delmas Foundation of New York, proceeded on schedule and was due for completion during the summer of 2008. Work continued on the two catalogues of medieval manuscripts that are planned for publication in the near future, with a proposal for the *Catalogue of medieval additional manuscripts* being submitted to a publisher and descriptions for the *Catalogue of medieval illuminated and decorated manuscripts* reaching a late stage of revision.

Thanks to a collaborative project with the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, five of the Islamic manuscript catalogues are now available online through that institution's website, reproduced photographically from the printed catalogues produced in the early part of the 20th century. This has opened up these collections to a wider audience but must be regarded merely as a stopgap until resources can be found to undertake full online cataloguing of the Library's important collection of Islamic manuscripts. John Tait, Professor of Egyptology at UCL donated a manuscript catalogue of the Ostraca Collection which he had compiled over many years but which remains unpublished. This is a most valuable resource describing a formerly uncatalogued collection.

The Genizah Research Unit continued to work closely with the Friedberg Genizah Project and to receive generous funding from it for research. Negotiations for a major digitisation programme funded from the same source have almost been concluded. The Friedberg Online Research Platform, a portal to catalogues and tools for Genizah research and likely to become the single most-important online destination for Genizah researchers, relies heavily upon the work of the Cambridge Unit. All but the most recent of the Unit's catalogues, handlists and bibliographies have been digitised and made accessible through the Project's website.

The 18-month project to digitise and describe 1,000 fragments from the Jacques Mosseri Genizah Collection was successfully concluded, with delivery of the digitised material to the British Library, where the images and associated metadata will be displayed on the *Endangered Archives* website in due course. The project was supported by the Endangered Archives Programme, funded by the Arcadia Trust.

In June 2008 Anglia TV broadcast, as part of its *Closer to Home* series, a sequence about the Library's map collections and the refurbishment of the Map Department, which included some of the treasures from the collection and an interview with the Head of the Map Department.



Guests at the opening of the refurbished Map Room

OPTIMISING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDY AND RESEARCH

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From August 2007 to March 2008 the Map Department operated in cramped conditions in the West Room whilst its reading room was being refurbished. The refurbishment was part-funded by a grant from the Wolfson Foundation under its CURL Library Programme. The changes to the Map Room, which had been largely unaltered since it opened in 1934, are dramatic, and the new environment was described by a grateful regular reader in an e-mail as 'a joy to work in, with excellent light, table space, power supply, comfortable chairs, and of course your usual efficient and friendly staff'. The Map Room was officially opened on 13 June 2008 by Dr Vanessa Lawrence, Director General and Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey, in the presence of around 50 invited guests from the University, Library, and the local and national cartographic community.

At the Medical Library, the year was dominated by preparations for the major refurbishment project, also part-funded by a grant from the Wolfson Foundation under the CURL Library Programme. The design provides for a new IT study area on the upper floor, replacing journal stacks; and on the lower floor a completely rebuilt reception area, new staff offices, and the creation of two new small seminar rooms and an IT training room (these latter three rooms all available to the Library and also bookable as part of the Clinical School's teaching accommodation). At the School's request the upper floor IT area was designed as a dual-purpose room to serve both as a general study area and, when the

need arose, as an examination room for computer-based assessments. In planning the staff offices and reception area, the Library staff have taken the opportunity to review work flows and the functions of service delivery points, while also preparing to absorb a reduction in the amount of office space. Construction work began on site at the end of June 2008 and is scheduled for completion in mid-November 2008.

The decision to convert journal stacks in the Medical Library into an IT study area was seen as an important step towards implementing that Library's strategic objective of greater reliance on the use of e-journals in place of printed resources. Freeing the space required for the new IT area meant the loss of about 1,000 metres of shelving, and a large-scale survey of journal usage was undertaken in order to identify low-use dead titles that could be considered for removal. Titles duplicated elsewhere in Cambridge were disposed of and those for which there were no other copies in Cambridge were either retained in the Medical Library, transferred to the Central Science Library or placed in a temporary store until a long-term decision was made on their future. From the responses to the survey, it was clear that the majority of users of the Medical Library were quite content with these arrangements, but the decision to remove some titles, albeit on a temporary basis, raised concerns among historians of medicine. Given the widespread expectation, particularly in the sciences, that e-journals will replace printed collections, it is a matter of some urgency for the University to agree on a policy that recognises both the needs of long-term scholarship and the realities of economically sustainable retention practices. This is a matter that the University as a whole will have to grapple with over the next few years, as heads of science departments are increasingly likely to see the space occupied by unused back-runs of print journals in departmental libraries as space that could be released for other purposes.

In Michaelmas Term 2007 the Library Syndicate established a review group under the chairmanship of Professor John Bell, Chairman of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, to make recommendations on the future of the Central Science Library (CSL). This review was precipitated by the decline in use of the physical library space and an acknowledgement that the current accommodation is no longer fit for purpose, either for the provision of library services or the adequate storage of material. The report of the review group recommended that long-term plans for the physical

Wireless networking is now available in most of the reading rooms in the West Road building, as well as the dependent libraries



Fetching books
from the new
mobile cases in
the West
Bookstack.



library should form part of the New Museums Site development plans, but it was agreed that a number of short-term recommendations would be implemented. These included investigation of alternative forms of document delivery for CSL material which is currently fetched from closed access, a comprehensive audit to assess what CSL material is unique in Cambridge and what is unique nationally, and closure of the library on Saturdays. Staff have also been identifying new ways of promoting the library as a physical space and planning services offered to virtual users through the medium of web 2.0 technologies like Facebook.

The physical relocation of print journal sequences from the West Road building to the Betty and Gordon Moore Library, which started last year, continued, with several titles being transferred each week. A further 195 titles, representing 2,928 bound volumes, were transferred. This major project was completed in March 2008. Binding of these journal sequences continued to place pressure on the limited binding budget, and it was decided that journals in the Moore Library and Central Science Library which were available electronically would no longer be bound, although binding of print-only titles would

continue. Income saved will be used for the purchase of monographs.

With the aim of consolidating the holdings of recent physical sciences material at the Moore Library, the transfer of about 3,500 monographs from the West Road building to the Moore took place during the summer of 2008. The material comprises recent (post 2000) monographs in statistics, astronomy, geophysics, meteorology, mathematics, computing, and physics.

These moves enabled an extensive re-spacing exercise to take place on the South Front and South Wing of the West Road building to restore books to the shelves and return the tables for readers' use. The subject areas stored on the North side of the building did not lend themselves to similar transfer, but as these areas were also so overcrowded that they were close to unusable, the Library Syndicate decided to move some older books into closed access to provide space for newer titles to be shelved in a satisfactory way. This process began early in 2008 and will continue into the following year.

The programme to replace the 1970s mobile cases in the West Bookstack with state-of-the-art, easily maintained mobile shelving was completed on schedule in August 2008. This project, funded by HEFCE's SRIF3 Programme involved the removal, in carefully planned stages, of about two million volumes, without any visible sign of disruption to service, a magnificent achievement by the Collection Management staff.

The final year of SRIF funding for public PCs saw a major programme of equipment replacement in the West Road building and the Betty and Gordon Moore Library. The Squire Law Library was entirely re-equipped, and all 30 PCs in the Wolfson Suite at the Medical Library were replaced. A further 73 were acquired to equip the new IT Research Suite in the Medical Library.

New catalogue PCs were installed in the South Wing of the West Road building, and this provision will be extended to the North Wing when the new wiring has been installed and table space again becomes available.

Information about new services, exhibitions, classes in research skills, etc., is now provided via digital display screens at various locations in the West Road building.

The Library's Health and Safety Committee met once a term and its minutes were reviewed by the Senior Management Team. A rolling, in-house, manual-handling training course is carried out, and a total of 85 staff have now been trained.

PRESERVING THE COLLECTIONS

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Work continued on the conservation of the fragments from the Jacques Mosseri Genizah collection, deposited in the Library in 2005, and a further 466 were completed, bringing the total to 1,315, out of an estimated 7,000. The manuscripts' extremely poor state of preservation has meant that work has proceeded more slowly than expected, but the rate of progress has increased and is expected to increase further. The first two volumes containing the conserved and digitised documents have been bound. Concern for the condition of some of the inks in which the manuscript fragments are written has meant that research has had to be undertaken to determine possible consolidation materials and methods. As a result, a special dosing device to be used for the treatment of the flaking inks has been acquired.

The Mosseri collection contains a letter with a seal still attached. The survival of such an artefact is very rare, and, while it remains largely intact, it is crumbling and very fragile. Before the necessary consolidation of this seal could be carried out, elemental analysis was carried out at the Hamilton Kerr Institute to confirm its composition. The analysis established that the seal was made of clay, and research into the most appropriate treatment for this material is now underway.

As the Royal Commonwealth Society collections are being sorted and catalogued, metal fastenings are being removed, acidic files and boxes replaced with acid-free ones, and fragile pages sleeved in inert

clear plastic. Conservation work on the important British Association of Malaysia photograph collection was completed, and the collection has now been sleeved, conserved and re-boxed. Nine tightly rolled photographic panoramas, in very poor condition, were taken to Museum Conservation Services, Duxford, where they are being treated by a specialist photographic conservator to enable them to be safely unrolled.



ABOVE
RIGHT
A 10th-century letter from the Mosseri Collection with the personal seal of Nehemiah Gaon, head of the Jewish Academy of Pumbeditha in Iraq.

RIGHT
Document from the Mosseri Collection showing text loss caused by flaking of the ink.



PARTNERSHIP, COLLABORATION AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY

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Following the appointment of a new Head of Science Information Services a programme of meetings with the heads of departments in the Schools of Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences and Technology was initiated. Feedback from these helped to determine policy on the provision of information services in the sciences and will continue to do so. They have been welcomed by the academic staff as evidence of the University Library's desire to find better ways of understanding and responding to the needs of all its users, not just those who use the physical buildings on a regular basis but also those hundreds who rarely, if ever, set foot in the Library but who use its electronic services on a daily basis. Following concerns raised by some departments, Science Library staff have begun a review of the funding options that the University might wish to adopt in relation to open-access publishing models.

In an attempt to provide better strategic representation of the various bodies with an interest in the Medical Library, the Library Syndicate has begun to investigate the possibility of replacing the Medical Library Sub-syndicate with a new body, provisionally entitled the Medical Library Policy Advisory Group. This would have explicit responsibility for the Medical Library's policy and strategic planning, with an invited membership representative of senior management in the

University Library, the Clinical School, the NHS and the Medical Research Council. To complement the Policy Group a User Advisory Panel has been formed, consisting of volunteers from a cross-section of the Medical Library's readership. The Panel is essentially a virtual body relying on communication by email, and members are invited to contribute their opinions and advice in response to questions regarding the library's day-to-day operations and services.

With a full complement of staff in place, the DSpace@Cambridge team were able to create a strategy for the institutional repository, drawing up policies and licences with support from the University's Legal Services, and launching a new DSpace@Cambridge support web site. They also visited existing DSpace@Cambridge users to acquire feedback on their experience with the service in order to inform future developments. New services included mediated deposit of scholarly publications for academic departments and Citations@Cambridge, a publication database where metadata is available but, as yet, the full-text articles are not.

The Scott Polar Research Institute deposited the output from their Freeze Frame project in the DSpace repository. Currently five collections have been imported (228 images) and this number is expected to increase throughout the year. The Department of

At its Annual General Meeting in the University Library in April 2008 CURL (Consortium of Research Libraries) was officially re-launched as RLUK (Research Libraries UK). Cambridge was one of the seven founder members of CURL in 1983.



Joan Winterkorn,
one of the
adjudicators,
presenting the
Rose Book-
Collecting Prize to
the 2008 winner,
Daniel Hagon, an
undergraduate at
Hughes Hall



Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, and the Cambridge eScience Centre were established as DSpace communities; the latter has deposited the output from the CamGrid seminar of 2008 and their departmental papers. The Faculty of English Scriptorium project has deposited 15 digitised manuscripts. For the Department of Archaeology a collection of scholarly papers has been set up and the repository has made available the Nostratic Dictionary for the McDonald Institute. A significant number of additional departments are in the process of discussing deposit of material in DSpace, including Astronomy, Earth Sciences, Experimental Psychology, Philosophy and Veterinary Medicine.

The DSpace team contributed a case study to the JISC report *Keeping research data safe*, which investigated the medium- to long-term costs to universities of the preservation of research data. The Library continued to be a partner in two JISC repository projects relating to DSpace@Cambridge: CTREP – Cambridge Tetra Repositories Enhancement Project (with CARET) and FAR, Federated Access to Repositories (with the London School of Economics). The latter was successfully completed in July 2008.

The SPECTRa-T (Submission Preservation Exposure of Chemistry Teaching and Research Data from Theses) project, funded by JISC's Digital Repositories Programme as a joint project between

Cambridge University Library and the chemistry departments of the University of Cambridge and Imperial College London, came to a successful conclusion in March 2008. It was designed as a proof-of-concept approach to develop software to extract automatically chemical terms and objects contained within electronic theses. Much of the experimental data generated by postgraduate researchers in chemistry and related departments are conventionally reported in theses, and much of this is not communicated in peer-reviewed publication to the scientific community in an appropriate form. The project demonstrated that it was possible to identify organic chemical terms and to extract and deposit these automatically in a suitable repository.

During the Easter Term 2008 the Library hosted the art project *Powerhouse* by Bettina Furnée, that term's Artist in Residence at Kettles' Yard. The project consisted of an eight-week long word association game, which started with the first word 'Powerhouse'. Each chosen word was displayed on an LED screen in the West Road building Entrance Hall, with a second smaller screen in the Tea Room, and over the eight week term many students, staff and readers engaged with the project. It was an unusual project and the installation became an interesting focus without intruding on or negatively affecting regular Library business.

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition Centre

THROUGH THE WHOLE ISLAND: EXCURSIONS IN
GREAT BRITAIN

July – December 2007

Prepared by Mr Wells, and opened by Mr Nicholas
Crane

LIVING AT THIS HOUR: JOHN MILTON 1608–2008

January – July 2008

Prepared by Mr Wells, and opened by the
Rt Hon. The Earl Howe

The receptions for the opening ceremonies were
generously sponsored by Cambridge University Press.

Exhibitions in the North Front corridor

100 YEARS AGO TODAY: A MISCELLANY FROM 1907

August – September 2007

Prepared by Dr Dourish

ARCHIVES OF THE CAMBRIDGE GREEK PLAY

September – October 2007

Prepared by Mrs Lacey

MEDIEVAL PSALTERS, PRAYER BOOKS AND BOOKS
OF HOURS

November 2007 – January 2008

A display of facsimile editions

Prepared by Professor Nigel Morgan (Corpus
Christi College)

CONVERSATION AFTER CONVERSATION: CREATIVITY
AND COLLABORATION IN SCIENCE

Part of the University's Science Festival

February – April 2008

Prepared by Ms Sophie Bridges and Ms Sandra
Marsh (Churchill Archives Centre), with Mr Perkins

LIVING TWICE: IAN FLEMING (1908–1964) AND
JAMES BOND

April – June 2008

Prepared by Ms Jones

FROM BENJAMIN TO BORIS: POLITICIANS
WRITE FICTION

June – September 2008

Prepared by Mr Lees

Items from the Library's collections were loaned
to the following exhibitions:

State Library of Victoria, Melbourne:

'The medieval imagination: illuminated manuscripts
from Cambridge, Australia and New Zealand'

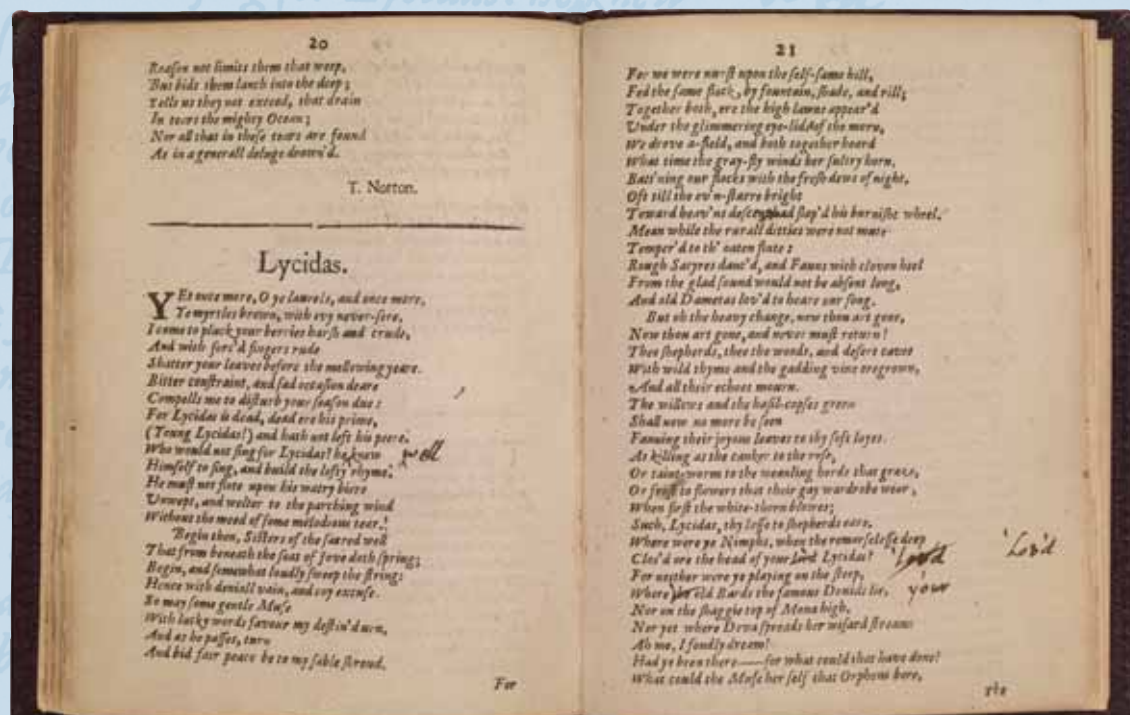
New York Botanic Garden:

'Darwin's garden: an evolutionary adventure'
Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge:

'From reason to revolution: art and society in
eighteenth century Britain'

Corrections in
Milton's hand to
the first printing
of his 'Lycidas'
(Cambridge 1638).

From the
exhibition 'Living
at this hour: John
Milton 1608–2008'





ABOVE
From *Vermischte physiognomische Regeln*, an illustrated calligraphic manuscript on 100 cards, made up for Johann Kaspar Lavater in 1789 and given away in exchange for aid to the poor. Purchased 2007.

Miss Valerie Phipps retired in April 2008 after over 35 years' service, including many in which she organised the annual Inspection.

Mr Donald Manning moved from the University Computing Service to become Head of Imaging Services, and Mr James Cauldwell came from the Bodleian Library in Oxford to become Deputy Head of Periodicals and Electronic Subscriptions Manager. Ms Yvonne Nobis was appointed to a new post of Head of Science Information Services, overseeing the Central Science Library and the Betty and Gordon Moore

Library, and reporting to Mr Peter Morgan, whose role was expanded to cover Medical and Science Libraries. The DSpace@Cambridge team reached full strength with the appointments of Ms Elin Stangeland as Repository Manager and Mrs Barbara Bultmann as Support and Liaison Officer.

FUNDING

With the donations from the Arcadia Trust, the Wolfson Foundation and that of the Montaigne collection, together with a range of smaller gifts, the Library made a significant contribution towards the University's 800th Anniversary Campaign.

The first meeting of the new Visiting Committee took place in October 2007. This committee, composed of prominent individuals from outside the University's academic body, was established to consider how the Library might make itself more attractive to potential donors and to serve as a means whereby potential supporters could become more engaged with the Library's activities and goals. The donation from the Arcadia Trust was a splendid first fruit of the committee's activities.

A donation of \$500,000 from an anonymous private benefactor, reported last year, arrived in August 2007 and was used to appoint a digitisation and digital preservation specialist, who will have responsibility for ensuring that the digital information created in the University can be preserved for the use of future generations and for developing the Library's digitisation strategy.

Dr Emily Dourish was awarded the MA in Library and Information Studies from University College London, with distinction; Ms Alexandra Fisher was presented with her City and Guilds Award in Library and Information Service, having achieved one distinction and three credits in the four written examinations; and Ms Deborah Farndell has now qualified as an Accredited Member of the Institute of Conservation.

Library staff and fellow Syndics were stunned by the sudden death in November 2007 of Professor Peter Lipton, who had become Chairman of the Library Syndicate the previous month. The death also occurred, in February 2008 at the age of 91, of Mr Norman Waddleton, Honorary Keeper of the Illustrated Printed Books and a major donor of colour-printed books over many years. Both of these supporters of the Library will be much missed.

Munby Fellowship in Bibliography

The Munby Fellow for 2007–8 was Dr Andrea Worm, whose research topic was 'The study of medieval manuscript illumination in the 18th century: Jean Joseph Rive and his impact on France and England'.

HEFCE's Capital Investment Framework and funding from the Cambridge University Press Special Fund allowed work to start on the final phase of the extension to the West Road building.

The acquisition of the OpenURL resolver and federated search software to enhance the users' experience of e-journal and database consultation were funded from the final tranche of HEFCE's Science Research Infrastructure and Project Capital funds, as was the upgrade of public IT facilities and the purchase of major hardware for DSpace, including 200TB of disk storage.



RIGHT
A model of the West Road building showing the final stage (Phase 6) of the extension.

CALENDAR 2007–2008

AUGUST 2007

- ◆ International conference on Genizah Studies in honour of Professor Stefan Reif, former head of the Genizah Research Unit

SEPTEMBER 2007

- ◆ The Islamic Manuscript Association workshop, led by Professor J.J. Witkam of the University of Leiden

OCTOBER 2007

- ◆ First meeting of University Library Visiting Committee

NOVEMBER 2007

- ◆ Visit by Her Excellency Madam Fu Ying, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China

DECEMBER 2007

- ◆ Visit by Canadian Association of Research Libraries as part of UK study tour

JANUARY 2008

- ◆ Opening, by the Rt Hon. the Earl Howe, of the exhibition 'Living at this hour: John Milton 1608–2008'
- ◆ libraries@cambridge2008 Day

MARCH 2008

- ◆ Sandars Lectures: Peter Kornicki, Professor of East Asian Studies, University of Cambridge: 'Having difficulty with Chinese? – the rise of the vernacular book in Japan, Korea and Vietnam'



APRIL 2008

- ◆ Visit by His Excellency Otabek Akbarov, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- ◆ Inaugural meeting of RLUK (Research Libraries UK, formerly CURL), University Library

MAY 2008

- ◆ Visit by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales

JUNE 2008

- ◆ Opening of the refurbished Map Department by Dr Vanessa Lawrence, Director General and Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey
- ◆ South Asia Archive & Library Group meeting, University Library

JULY 2008

- ◆ Visit by His Excellency Rasoul Movahedian Attar, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran

ABOVE
Peter Kornicki,
Professor of
East Asian
Studies, giving
the Sandars
Lectures 2008.

RIGHT
Members of the
Library's
Visiting
Committee
during their
meeting in
October 2007.



MAIN SOURCES OF FUNDING 2007–2008

UNIVERSITY FUNDS

Central and faculty funds

'The Chest'		£11,299,000
HEFCE Access Strand	Improving access to research collections	£566,000
HEFCE SRIF 3	Digital library infrastructure	£465,000
HEFCE Project Capital 4	Digital library infrastructure	£22,000
Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	Part funding of staff in Japanese Department	£36,000

Trust Funds

Sixth Earl of Enniskillen Fund	Acquisitions of books in specified subjects	£177,000
Commonwealth Library Fund	Royal Commonwealth Society Library projects	£73,000
Kaplanoff Fund	American studies material	£65,000
Munby Memorial Fund	Munby Fellow in Bibliography	£27,000
Smuts Memorial Fund	Part funding of Smuts Librarian for Commonwealth Studies	£19,000
Oschinsky Fund	Support for research in medieval history	£16,000
Wilson-Barkworth Fund	Special Collections material	£15,000
Richard Tench Fund	Contribution towards Saturday afternoon opening	£14,000
Gordon Duff Fund	Special Collections material	£9,000
Rustat Fund	Special Collections material	£5,000

EXTERNAL DONATIONS AND GRANTS (£5,000 AND OVER)

Acquisitions

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	Electronic resources for the Squire Law Library	£27,000
Friends of Cambridge University Library	Special Collections material	£26,000
City Solicitors' Educational Trust	Text books, periodical subscriptions and electronic resources for the Squire Law Library	£15,000
Cambridge Law Journal	Purchases for the Squire Law Library	£14,000
LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell	Purchases for the Squire Law Library	\$22,000

Special projects

Darwin Correspondence Project

John Templeton Foundation	£149,000
Isaac Newton Trust	£96,000
Cambridge University Press	£52,000
British Ecological Society	£20,000
American Council of Learned Societies	£20,000
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	£25,000
Natural Environment Research Council	£5,000

Genizah Research Unit

Arts & Humanities Research Council	£126,000
Friedberg Genizah Unit	£40,000
Mrs Mir Wieder bequest	£20,000

Grants to Medical Library

NHS East of England Strategic Health Authority	£139,000
Cambridge University Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	£38,000
Medical Research Council	£35,000

Other

Arcadia Trust	Transforming library services	£500,000
Wolfson Foundation	Map Room refurbishment	£350,000
Anonymous donation	Digital preservation specialist	\$500,000
JISC	SPECTRa-T: Preservation of chemistry data	£96,000
Matheson & Co.	Cataloguing / digitisation of Matheson Collection	£53,000
Professor N J Pounds	Bequest for Library Staff Welfare Fund (part)	£34,000
British and Foreign Bible Society	Bible Society Library staff	£31,000
Isaac Newton Trust	Manuscripts specialist	£23,000
William Alwyn Foundation	William Alwyn Archive Cataloguing Project	£14,000
Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation	Cataloguing of University Archives	\$25,000
Anstruther Literary Trust	Preservation assessment survey	£7,000
Friends of Cambridge University Library	Exhibition costs	£5,000
Blackwell's Book Services	Libraries@cambridge Day 2007	£5,000

STATISTICS

Unless indicated by an asterisk, the statistics refer to the main University Library building only.

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Additions to stock	2007–08	2006–07	2005–06	1997–98
Books and pamphlets*	119,874	123,228	123,046	123,711
Periodicals and newspapers*	139,366	145,731	140,758	144,318
Microfilm reels	3,567	4,177	3,597	1,966
Microfiche units	1,193	1,494	7,683	43,601
Maps and atlases	9,037	8,731	14,488	9,827
Printed music	5,790	5,879	4,850	13,430
Manuscripts and archives	3,065	1,869	3,909	901
Cambridge theses	1,015	954	1,026	793
New entries added to the Catalogue*	134,326	91,076	79,901	87,532
Items fetched:				
West Room bookfetching				
– Select books	33,080	29,825	34,568	48,722
– Reading Room classes	44,925	42,519	48,747	74,741
– Reserved periodicals	29,598	31,161	34,960	56,811
Manuscripts Reading Room	14,127	12,434	13,222	15,351
Map Room	12,169	21,849	12,790	21,522
Anderson Room & East Asian RR	2,363	2,832	2,897	2,336
Commonwealth Room	6,913	7,038	6,800	19,831
Microforms	7,243	11,304	9,642	9,840
Rare Books Reading Room	47,747	45,262	45,527	58,021
Bible Society's Library	1,764	1,265	1,154	851
TOTAL	199,929	204,289	210,307	308,064
Bindery/Conservation Output				
Modern case work	22,155	25,141	23,406	22,255
Modern repair work	844	1,064	1,249	3,953
Rebacking and minor repairs	1,331	1,461	1,549	5,783
Lyfguarding	2,976	6,350	7,954	1,670
Imaging Services Department				
Digital images	73,503	73,603	84,347	
Prints made from negatives	0	201	354	2,937
Microfilm frames exposed	94,510	180,333	201,421	413,000
Photocopies (includes Moore, Squire and CSL)	1,824,185	2,114,244	2,355,586	3,193,406
Expenditure on purchased acquisitions¹	£	£	£	£
<i>Main Library</i>	<i>2007–08</i>	<i>2006–07</i>	<i>2005–06</i>	<i>1997–98</i>
Modern Western Books	701,236	692,992	682,083	686,101
Indian and Middle Eastern	18,228	41,448	25,237	19,089
Chinese and Japanese	77,705	64,571	61,333	79,955
Maps	37,712	37,804	35,833	43,106
Music	40,606	42,694	34,297	35,317
Rare books and manuscripts	207,072	254,274	790,242	481,004
Electronic resources and microforms	607,634	451,927	775,464	148,870
Periodicals	746,238	697,925	668,895	761,870
TOTAL	2,436,431	2,330,242	3,073,384	2,255,312
<i>Medical Library</i>				
Books	16,316	18,835	46,447	17,446
Periodicals	200,017	202,443	189,247	147,079
<i>Science Libraries</i>				
Books	15,635	17,185	13,189	4,072
Periodicals	935,791	921,814	792,489	461,813
<i>Squire Law Library</i>				
Books	40,167	33,330	22,272	60,972
Periodicals	297,651	280,222	241,307	183,153
TOTAL	3,942,008	3,804,071	4,378,335	3,191,144

¹ Includes expenditure from grants and trust funds

APPENDIX: LIBRARY STAFF – PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Publications, papers presented, membership of committees

M.C. Allen

Committee membership

Agency for the Legal Deposit Libraries, Management Committee

R.M. Andrewes

Committee membership

Bliss Trust (Trustee)
RISM (UK) Trust (Trustee and Treasurer)
RILM Technical Advisory Committee
William Alwyn Foundation (Trustee)
Cambridge University Musical Society (Vice President)

C.A. Aylmer

Paper presented

'Internet resources for Chinese studies', NCOLR Professional Development Seminar on Internet and Related Resources for Oriental Studies, Cambridge, September 2007

Committee membership

China Library Group, Periodicals Sub-Committee

J. Bloxham

Led a workshop on the St Cuthbert Gospel of St John, known as the Stonyhurst Gospel, Guild of Book Workers, New York and Boston, October 2007 [with Kristine Rose]

I.M. Burke

Committee membership

IT Syndicate, Technical Sub-Committee
Agency for the Legal Deposit Libraries IT Project Board

S.H.M. Cameron

Joint editor: *Cambridge University Libraries Information Bulletin*

M.J. Cardwell

Papers presented

'Arms in the Tower: nineteenth-century military history and fiction in the Tower Collection', Cambridge Bibliographic Society, February 2008
'Queen Mary's Indian Collection', South Asia Archive and Library Group Conference, Cambridge, June 2008

J.W. Caudwell

Committee membership

CILIP-British Library Committee on Resource Description and Access
ARLIS UK and Ireland Cataloguing and Classification Committee

E.M. Chamberlain

Paper presented

'New interfaces: the future of the OPAC at Cambridge', libraries@cambridge2008, January 2008

C.T. Clarkson

Committee membership

University's Disability Forum

A. Collins

Paper presented

'Making a virtue out of virtual communities: working electronically with an advisory panel of library users', European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries, Helsinki, June 2008 [with I.L.Kuhn and P.B.Morgan]

Committee membership

NHS Eastern Counties Library & Knowledge Services Alliance
Higher Education Health Librarians in the Eastern Region
Clinical School Building Safety and Users Committee
Clinical School Educational Resources Working Group

E.M. Coonan

Committee membership

Cambridge Library Group

J. Cox

Committee membership

Janus Steering Group (Chair)
Cantab Developers' Group (Chair)
Cambridge Archivists Group (Secretary)
Society for the History of the University (Secretary)
Society of Archivists Data Standards Group
Information Strategy Task Force

L. Dingle

'Conversations with Professor Sir Derek William Bowett: a contribution to the Squire Law Library Eminent Scholars Archive, *Legal Information Management* (2007) [with D. Bates]
'Eminent Scholars Archive at the Squire Law Library and Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge', *Legal History and Rare Books Newsletter of the American Association of Law Libraries* (2008) [with D. Bates and M. Martin]

'Eminent Scholars Archive', *Cambridge Lawlink* (2008) [with D. Bates and M. Martin]

Book reviews in *Legal Information Management*

Papers presented

'Where does international law come from?', Foreign and Commonwealth Law Course, Cambridge, September 2007

Committee membership

FLARE (Foreign Law Research Consortium)
Freshfields/Faculty of Law Liaison Committee
American Association of Law Libraries, Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals Advisory Committee

E. Dourish

Committee membership

Cambridge Bibliographical Society

P.K. Fox

'LIBER: past, present and future' *Alexandria* (2007)

'CURL: research libraries in the British Isles', in *Digital convergence: libraries of the future*, ed. by Rae Earnshaw and John Vince (London 2008)

Committee membership

LIBER: Association of European Research Libraries (Vice-President)
Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Legal Deposit Advisory Panel
Curators of the University Libraries, University of Oxford
Joint Committee on Legal Deposit
Friends of the National Libraries, Executive Committee
National Preservation Office Board
International Editorial Board, *Journal of Library Administration*

P.J. Girling

Paper presented

'From data to discovery', libraries@cambridge2008, January 2008

L.J. Gray

Paper presented

'Raising the profile, changing the image: maintaining the value of libraries in the digital age', Library Staff Development Day, Cambridge, June 2008

Committee membership

International Group of Ex Libris Users, Steering Committee
libraries@cambridge2007 Planning Committee (Chair)
Cambridge Journals Advisory Group

W.A. Hale

'Hibernica from the Library at Florence Court', *The National Trust historic houses and collections annual* (2008)

Paper presented

'DCRM(B): a very short introduction', libraries@cambridge2008, January 2008

Committee membership

CILIP Rare Books and Special Collections Group, Bibliographic Standards Committee

S.J. Hills

University Library Staff Club (President)
Editor: *University Library Readers' Newsletter*

C.N. Hudson

University Vice-Marshall

R.C. Jamieson**Committee membership**

Union Handlist of Manuscripts in North Indian Languages
National Committee for Information Resources on Asia, Automation Working Party

R. Jefferson

'Genizah marriage contracts: contrasting Biblical law and Halakhah with mediaeval practice' in *A question of sex: gender and difference in the Hebrew Bible and beyond*, ed. by Deborah W. Rooke (Sheffield 2007)

Editor: *Genizah Fragments*

Paper presented

'A Genizah secret', 1st International Conference on Genizah Studies, Cambridge, August 2007

B. Jenkins**Committee membership**

English Short Title Catalogue, UK Committee
National Preservation Office, Preservation Advisory Panel
Brotherton Collection Advisory Committee
Cambridge University Joint Committee on Museums

H.E. Jones

'From data to discovery', libraries@cambridge2008, January 2008

Committee membership

libraries@cambridge Advisory Group

J.E. Kelly**Committee membership**

British Association of American Studies, Library and Resources Sub-Committee (Secretary)

P. Killiard**Committee membership**

JCLD/LDAP joint committee on e-journals
Legal Deposit Libraries Act Implementation Group
University Telephone Project Board
Library Syndicate (staff representative)
libraries@cambridge Advisory Group
Cambridge College Libraries Forum ebooks Group

N. Koyama

'Hei-on-Wai no koshoten to intanetto (Bookshops in Hay on Wye and the internet)', in *Kanda Jibocho to Hei-on-Wai: koshō to machizukuri no hikaku shakaigaku (Kanda Jibocho and Hay on Wye: comparative sociological studies on antiquarian books and town planning)*, ed. by Tazuko Ouchi, (Tokyo 2008)

Paper presented

'An introduction to the Kikutei manuscripts of Japanese music in the Lawrence Picken Collection at Cambridge University Library', 18th Annual Conference of the European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists, Rome, September 2007

Committee membership

Japan Library Group (Chair)
European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists (Board Member)

I.L. Kuhn**Papers presented**

'Making a virtue out of virtual communities: working electronically with an advisory panel of library users', European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries, Helsinki, June 2008 [with A. Collins and P.B. Morgan]

'Evaluating your training, a pragmatic approach: the East of England experience', Health Libraries Group Conference, Cardiff, July 2008 [with D. Lepley and P. Hockley]

Committee membership

Clinical School Educational IT Steering Group
NHS Eastern Counties Library & Knowledge Services Alliance
East of England Health Information Skills Trainers (Chair)

S.V. Lambert

Assistant Editor, *The Indexer*

D.K. Lowe**Committee membership**

West European Studies Library and Information Network (Convenor)
French Studies Library Group

D. Manning**Paper presented**

'Keep it on the straight and narrow', Library Staff Development Day, Cambridge, June 2008

Committee membership

National Preservation Office, Working Group on Preservation Microfilming

P.M. Meadows

'Pembroke Chapel, 1665–1880', *Pembroke College Cambridge Society Annual Gazette* (2007).

Committee membership

Cambridgeshire County Archives Advisory Group
Degree Sub-Committee for Master of Studies in Local and Regional History

S. Morcillo-García**Committee membership**

Advisory Council on Latin American and Iberian Information Resources

P.B. Morgan

Project SPECTRa-T (Submission, Preservation, and Exposure of Chemistry Teaching and Research data in Theses): JISC final report (2008) [with A. Tonge]

'SPECTRa: the deposition and validation of primary chemistry research data in digital repositories', *Journal of Chemistry Information Modeling* (2008) [with others]

Papers presented

'Extracting and re-using research data from chemistry e-theses: the SPECTRa-T Project', 'Spreading the Light': 11th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations, Aberdeen, June 2008 [with others]

'Making a virtue out of virtual communities: working electronically with an advisory panel of library users', European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries, Helsinki, June 2008 [with I.L. Kuhn and A. Collins]

Committee and representative membership

Research Information Network, Librarianship & Information Science Consultative Group
University Health & Medical Librarians Group
NHS Eastern Counties Library & Knowledge Services Alliance
Higher Education Health Librarians in the Eastern Region
SHERPA Management Group
SPECTRa-T Project Steering Group
Clinical School/Addenbrooke's Hospital SIFT Liaison Group
Clinical School Building Safety and Users Committee
Clinical School Educational Resources Working Group

A.E. Murray

'Growing your own: developing leaders through succession planning', *LIBER Quarterly: the Journal of European Research Libraries* (2007)

Paper presented

'Growing your own: developing the next generation of leaders at Cambridge University Library', Irish National and University Library Staff Conference, Dublin, June 2008

Committee membership

LIBER: Association of European Research Libraries, Library Management and Administration Division (Secretary)
Research Libraries Group, Program Council
Research Libraries UK, Workforce Think-Tank

F. Niessen

'Genizah', in *Encyclopaedia of the World of Islam*, ed by G-'A. Haddād 'Ādel (Tehran 2007) (in Persian)

'A hospital handbook for the community: evidence for the extensive Use of Ibn Abī'l-Bayān's al-Dustūr al-bīmāristānī by the Jewish Practitioners of Medieval Cairo' [with L. Chipman and E. Lev], *Journal of Semitic Studies* (2008)

Papers presented

'Early Karaite grammatical thought as reflected in a commentary on Hosea', 1st International Conference on Genizah Studies, Cambridge, August 2007

'New Testament translations from the Cairo Genizah', Second International Congress on Eastern Christianity, Madrid, April 2008.

Y. Nobis**Paper presented**

'Get out of my (face) book', libraries@cambridge2008, January 2008

Committee membership

libraries@cambridge Advisory Group

W.A. Noble

Book reviews in *CILIP Rare Books Group Newsletter*

B.M. Outhwaite

'Taylor-Schechter developments', *Bulletin of the Friends of Cambridge University Library* (2006–7)

Book review in *Journal of Semitic Studies*

Affiliated lecturer in Medieval and Rabbinic Hebrew, Faculty of Asian and Middle-Eastern Studies

Papers presented

'The Mosseri Collection today', 1st International Conference on Genizah Studies, Cambridge, August 2007

'The Mosseri Genizah Collection', Hebrew, Jewish and Early-Christian Studies Seminar, Cambridge, March 2008

'The Mosseri Collection: a new Genizah at Cambridge', Newcastle Jewish Literary Society, March 2008

Committee membership

AHRC John Rylands Genizah Project, Advisory Board

A.J. Perkins**Committee membership**

International Astronomical Union, Commission 41 / Inter-Union Commission for History of Astronomy, Working Group on Astronomical Archives.

A.E. Pittock**Committee membership**

libraries@cambridge Advisory Group

S.M. Preston

'The Colonial Blue Books: a major resource in the Royal Commonwealth Society Library', *Bulletin of the Friends of Cambridge University Library* (2006–7)

B.M. Rex**Committee membership**

Italian Studies Library Group

K. Rose

Led a workshop on the St Cuthbert Gospel of St John, known as the Stonyhurst Gospel, Guild of Book Workers, New York and Boston, October 2007 [with James Bloxam]

R. Rowe**Committee membership**

South Asia Archive and Library Group (Chairman)

N.A. Smith

'Norman Waddleton', in *A modest collection: Private Libraries Association, 1956–2006* (Pinner 2007)

Committee membership

Cambridge Bibliographical Society (Secretary)
Cambridge Museum of Technology (Treasurer)

C. Staufenbiel**Committee membership**

German Studies Library Group (Treasurer)

A.E.M. Taylor

Editor, *Bulletin of the Friends of Cambridge University Library*

Committee membership

British and Irish Committee for Map Information and Catalogue Systems (BRICMICS)
Charles Close Society Archives Sub-Committee
United Kingdom Cartography Committee
MapForum (Editorial Board member)
Cambridge Library Group (Membership Secretary)

J.R.H. Taylor**Paper presented**

'RDA: the current state of play', International Association of Music Libraries (UK & Ireland) Academic Librarians' Seminar, Birmingham, May 2008

Committee membership

Legal Deposit Libraries Shared Cataloguing Programme, Steering Group (Chair)

RLG Union Catalog Advisory Group

Joint Steering Committee for Revision of Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (CILIP representative)

SUNCAT Bibliographic Quality Advisory Group

RLG Programs Working Group 'Implications of MARC Tag Usage on Library Metadata Practices'

E.-M. Wagner**Papers presented**

'The weakening of the bourgeoisie: social changes mirrored in the language of the Genizah letters', 1st International Conference on Genizah Studies, Cambridge, August 2007

Lectures at the Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, July 2008

J.D. Wells

Living at this hour: John Milton 1608–2008. An exhibition in Cambridge University Library (Cambridge 2008)

'A logbook of HMS *Elk*' and 'Prices current, times past', *Bulletin of the Friends of Cambridge University Library* (2008)

Committee membership

Friends of Cambridge University Library (Secretary and Treasurer)
Group for Literary Archives and Manuscripts

Committee for the Commemoration of the Quatercentenary of the Birth of John Milton

J. Whitelock

'''My booke and my selfe': Michel de Montaigne 1533–1592. An exhibition in Cambridge University Library 4 August–23 December 2008', in Philip Ford, *The Montaigne Library of Gilbert de Botton at Cambridge University Library* (Cambridge 2008)

Editor: *Transactions of the Cambridge Bibliographical Society and Monographs*

Committee membership

Library Syndicate (staff representative)

Cambridge Bibliographical Society

Friends of Cambridge University Library

G.H. Wiedermann:**Committee membership**

Coutts OASIS Advisory Group

Library Syndicate (staff representative)

D.F. Wills**Committee Membership**

BIALL Awards and Bursaries Committee (Chair)

FLARE (Foreign Law Research Consortium)

Freshfields / Faculty of Law Liaison Committee

P. Zawada**Committee membership**

EU Databases User Group (EUDUG)

P.N.R. Zutshi

'Petitioners, popes, proctors: the development of curial institutions, c.1150–1250', in *Pensiero e sperimentazioni istituzionali nella Societas Christiana*, ed. By G. Andenna (Milano 2007)

General Editor, *The History of the University of Cambridge: Texts and Studies*

Paper presented

'The Benedictional of Robert de Clercq (Cambridge University Library, MS. Nn.4.1)', State Library of Victoria, Melbourne, March 2008

Committee membership

Oxford University Archives Committee

Advisory and Technical Panel, Northamptonshire Record Office

SCONUL representative, East of England Regional Archives Council

Charles Darwin Trust (Trustee)

Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*

PSQG Access and Security Working Party

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A manuscript
of the four
Gospels, written
in Sis in the
Kingdom of
Armenian
Cilicia in 1217.
Loaned to the
exhibition
'Byzantium
330–1453' at the
Royal Academy.



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The aims and management of the Friends

As stated in Clause 1 of the Friends' Constitution, the aim of the Friends of Cambridge University Library is to advance the education of the public in particular by supporting and furthering the charitable work of Cambridge University Library. In furtherance of this aim but not further or otherwise the Friends may:

- (i) raise funds for the purchase and conservation of printed manuscript and other material important for research, provided that the Friends shall not undertake any form of permanent trading in seeking to raise funds;
- (ii) help the Library to acquire such additions by gift or bequest;
- (iii) raise funds for and otherwise support such charitable projects undertaken by the Library as the Committee shall deem appropriate.

The activities recorded in this report are those undertaken in order to carry out the Friends' aims for the public benefit.

The affairs of the Friends are conducted by a Committee ordinarily consisting of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and not less than nine nor more than fifteen other members. The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer are elected annually and other members of the Committee for terms of three years renewable for a second term but not thereafter until the lapse of two years. These elections take place at the Annual General Meeting, held during the Michaelmas Term of the academic year, and any member of the Friends, if duly seconded, may stand for election to any post.



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The Committee

The members of the Committee on 31 July 2008 were: D.J. McKitterick (President), Mrs P. Aske (Membership Secretary), Professor P. A. Cartledge, Mr P.K. Fox, Mr R. Gaskell, Mr D.J. Hall, Dr E.S. Leedham-Green, Professor J. Marrow, Dr A.M. Nicholls, Mr A.L. Ray, Dr R. Smith, Ms A.E.M. Taylor, Mr J.D. Wells (Hon. Treasurer and Secretary) and Dr J. Whitelock (co-opted).

The Committee met twice during the year, on 12 October 2007 and 16 May 2008. At the Annual General Meeting on 24 November 2007 Mr Wells was elected to the office of Treasurer, and Mr Fox and Ms Taylor were elected to second terms on the Committee. Dr F.H. Willmoth resigned from the Committee at this meeting.

On 31 July 2008 the Financial Panel of the Committee consisted of the President, the Treasurer, Mrs Aske, Mr Gaskell and Dr Nicholls.

Membership

In July 2008 there were approximately 575 members of the Friends.

Volunteers

Our loyal team of volunteers again staffed the sales desk in the Library's Entrance Hall, which opened for business on every weekday in the run-up to Christmas and on Thursdays throughout the year, excepting January. Members of the same team, assisted by Mr S.L. Bragg, Mr H.J. Easterling, Professor A.W.F. Edwards and Mr J. van Vuren, helped with mailings to the Friends. Mr D. Turnidge has made an important contribution to the work of the Indian Department. The Committee expresses its gratitude to all who have volunteered their services in the past year.

The Friends' Bulletin

A double issue of the Friends' *Bulletin* for the years 2006–7, numbered 27–8, was distributed to Friends in the Lent Term mailing 2008. Successive issues of the Library's *Readers' newsletter* have been distributed to Friends in the regular mailings.

Purchases and Donations

The Financial Panel met on 4 June 2008 and considered for purchase a variety of books, music, maps and manuscripts selected and described by members of the Library's staff. The total sum expended by the Panel on this occasion was £25,000, and there was a ceiling of £5,000 for expenditure on any individual item. For the first time, the membership of the Friends was invited to attend the Panel meeting and observe its deliberations.

Aquatint plate of the Winged Passion-Flower from Miss Smith, *Studies of Flowers from Nature* (Doncaster c.1818). Purchased by the Friends of the Library, with a contribution from an anonymous donor, 2008.

The panel bought outright Étienne Front Coeuilhe, *Pensées diverses*, A Paris: chez Merigot fils... [1751]; Piers Browne, *Sonnets for a siren*, Wensleydale: Shorthorn Press, 2008, copy no. 12 of 20, signed by the author; Peter Harris, *The bricks of Venice*, Hinton Charterhouse: The Old School Press, 2005, copy no. 71 of 150; Sutton Nicholls, engraver, *A new and correct mapp of Europe: done from ye latest & best observations; illustrated with the arms of each Kingd: & State, rightly blazoned; also an historical & geographical table, for ye easier & more perfectly understanding the same*, London: printed & sold by Hen: Overton at the White Horse without Newgate, 1719; Sutton Nicholls, engraver, *A new and exact plan of the city of London and suburbs thereof: with the addition of the new buildings, churches &c. to this present year 1724, (not extant in any other)*, London: printed and sold by Hen: Overton at the White Horse without Newgate, 1724; Siegfried Sassoon, autograph book of poems 'Wanted themes', with a letter to H. M. Tomlinson, 1953; a poetical miscellany, c.1715; Jacques Offenbach, manuscript score of the opera 'Dick Whittington', c.1874; Karlheinz Stockhausen, *Momente: Europa Version 1972: für Solosopran, 4 Chorgruppen und 13 Instrumentalisten*, Kürten: Stockhausen-Verlag, 2008; and Karlheinz Stockhausen, *Momente: Originalpartitur : für Solosopran, 4 Chorgruppen und 13 Instrumentalisten*, Kürten: Stockhausen-Verlag, 2008. In addition to these purchases the Panel made contributions towards the purchase of Miss Smith, *Studies of flowers from nature... a selection of subjects from the choicest exotics, painted after nature, with a correct outline of each and instructions for producing a fac simile of the finished drawing*, Adwick Hall near Doncaster: printed for and sold by Miss Smith [1818]; and a bound volume of letters to Sir Sydney Roberts, c.1911–55.



In addition to these decisions of the Panel, two further donations were received from individual members of the Friends: one from an anonymous donor to complete the purchase of Miss Smith, *Studies of flowers from nature...*; and one from Mrs B.A. Wren to purchase T.S. Eliot, *The waste land; an essay on the poem by Helen Vendler; the poem interspersed with, in details and entire, the painting If not, not by R.B. Kitaj; an essay on the painting by Marco Livingstone*, San Francisco: Arion Press, 2007, in memory of her brother Professor David E. Jones.

For individual donations of books and other items, and for financial donations, the Committee is grateful to Professor D.E.D. Beales, Mr J.J.G. Brown, Mr D.J. Hall, Dr P.W. Hawkes, Mr and Mrs B. Hooper, Dr W.M. Keynes, Mr M. O'Donoghue, Dr J.D. Pickles, Dr T.P. Underhill, Mr D.L. Walker, Mr J.D. Wells, Mr P. Woudhuysen, Dr P.N.R. Zutshi, and the Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes. The Committee thanks all Friends, in particular life members, who have made contributions in excess of the basic subscription.

Exhibition Centre

A grant of £5,000 was made towards the costs of the Library's Exhibition Centre.

Activities

The Friends' programme of speaker meetings began after the Annual General Meeting on 24 November 2007, when John Keatley, a leading collector of contemporary British bookbindings, spoke on 'Twentieth-century British-designed bookbindings' and exhibited examples from his collection. On 28 November Gloria Clifton, Head of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, gave a talk on 'The Astronomers Royal at Greenwich, 1675–1900', many of whom had Cambridge connections; her talk was accompanied by a display of materials from the Observatory's archives held in the University Library, for which we are grateful to Mr A.J. Perkins of the Library's Department of Manuscripts and University Archives. There were three speaker meetings in the Lent Term. On 2 February 2008 the bookseller and librarian Sheila Markham gave a talk entitled 'Booksellers: the other side of the counter', drawing on her interviews with fifty dealers in the trade. On 27 February Paul Binski brought the Friends up to date with recent research on the Library's illuminated manuscripts with a talk on 'Discovering Gothic Illuminations in the University Library, 1200–1500', and on 5 March 2008 Rowan Watson, of the National Art Library, spoke on 'The cult of the illuminated manuscript in the nineteenth century'. 'From

Shropshire to Shanghai: the journey of Stella Benson, diarist, travel writer and experimental novelist' was the title of a talk given on 5 April by Marlene B. Davis, with extracts from Benson's diaries, which are held in the Library, read by Helen Patey. On 21 May Michael Twyman gave a richly-illustrated talk on 'The long-term significance of printed ephemera', and the programme was brought to a topical conclusion on 11 June, when Gordon Campbell gave a talk on 'Milton in Cambridge', 2008 being the quatercentenary of the poet's birth.

As noted above, for the first time this year the Friends' Financial Panel meeting was open to members. On 4 June 2008 there was a display of the items to be considered for support by the Friends, after which members of the Library staff gave presentations to the Panel. The experiment of opening the Panel meeting was deemed a success, and it is hoped that this will become a popular fixture of the Friends' programme in future years. We are grateful to Mr R.M. Andrewes, Dr E.J. Dourish, Mr W.A. Hale, Mr Perkins, Ms Taylor and Dr G.H.H. Wiedermann for their contribution to the event.

On Monday 14 January 2008 a reception was held to mark the opening by Earl Howe of the Library exhibition 'Living at this Hour: John Milton 1608–2008', to which the Friends were invited. On 16 July Friends visited a display of treasures from the Indian and Chinese departments, and enjoyed interesting commentaries from the Library's experts in these areas, Mr R.C. Jamieson and Mr C.A. Aylmer.

Abbreviations

ARLIS	Art Libraries Society
CARET	Centre for Applied Research in Educational Technologies (University of Cambridge)
CILIP	Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals
CSL	Central Science Library
CURL	Consortium of University Research Libraries (now RLUK)
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England
IFLA	International Federation of Library Associations
JCLD	Joint Committee on Legal Deposit
JISC	Joint Information Systems Committee (of the higher education funding councils)
LDAP	Legal Deposit Advisory Panel
LIBER	Association of European Research Libraries
MARC	Machine-Readable Cataloguing
NHS	National Health Service
RCS	Royal Commonwealth Society
RLG	Research Libraries Group
RLUK	Research Libraries UK (formerly CURL)
SCONUL	Society of College, National and University Libraries
SRIF	Science Research Infrastructure Fund
SUNCAT	Serials Union Catalogue



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