



# The History Librarian's Intelligencer

Bodleian Libraries

Trinity Term 2015

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## Ask the History Librarian

During term-time the History Librarian will work at least once a week for an hour or two in the **Faculty's Common Room**. Please feel free to ask her any questions relating to the library resources or services.

You will know she is in residence when you see the sign at the entrance to the History Faculty:

Otherwise, you can always pop into her office in the Upper Reading Room, Old Bodleian, or sign up for one-to-one sessions here:

<http://tinyurl.com/1-1-sign-up>  
(for members of the History Faculty; otherwise contact via email)



## Weston Library update

### Moves, catalogues, exhibitions

Many **more collections have now been catalogued**, e.g. papers of Geoffrey Dawson (editor of The Times, 1893-1963).

**Almost all western manuscripts** destined for the Weston Library **have now been moved** into the building. The move of the Oxford University Archive into the Weston Library will be completed by 5 June.

**Magna Carta 800:** exhibition 21 May 2015 — 28 June 2015, Blackwell Hall

Keep up with Special Collections news by following the blog Archives and Manuscripts at the Bodleian Library

<http://blogs.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/archivesandmanuscripts/>



## Follow the CLiPS



The Trinity Term papers of the Committee of Library Provision and Strategy in History are available for members of the History Faculty on the HFL WebLearn site:

<http://tinyurl.com/HistCLIPS>



## Library staff arrivals

**Lyn Jones**, one of our former HFL library graduate trainees, has re-joined the Radcliffe Camera team on 11 May as a clerical assistant.



## New eresources

<http://blogs.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/history/tag/new/>

*BelgicaPress* (digitised Belgium newspapers 1831-1950): 1831-1919 free on web

*British Catholic History*, 2010- (formerly Recusant History)

*History Today*, 1951- current

*Indice histórico español* (IHE) freely available online 1953-2009

*The Medieval Low Countries*, 1, 2014- current

*Revue d'Histoire Ecclésiastique*, 96 (1), 2001- current



**REF Open Access Pilot: May 2015 progress report**

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There has been good progress with our pilot to test new 'quick deposit' routes into ORA, and how best to communicate HECFE's Open Access policy requirements. During March & April a total of 121 accepted manuscripts were deposited.

Much valuable feedback has been received from our focus groups with researchers from Humanities and a college (St John's), revealing a wide range of awareness and attitudes (and confusion) about OA and policy and process; with many questions, what-ifs and non-standard scenarios. There has been universal relief that ORA is human not a robot, that staff create the record and check copyright and embargo periods before releasing the full-text. This has been a good opportunity to note that ORA is a compliant repository; networking sites like Academia.edu and ResearchGate are not.

This is all part of the university's Open Access Service design project, whose aim is to 'take care of' open access and ensure

easy REF compliance for our researchers.

Numerous challenges and key questions remain in the areas of communications and advice to authors, and 'under the bonnet' with technical development, system interoperability, compliance monitoring, workflows.

**Timeline:** For research staff not in the pilot, no immediate action is required. Staff are asked at this stage to stay informed and to await further advice, keep an eye on our REF Open Access Webpage at <http://openaccess.ox.ac.uk/home-2/what-do-i-need-to-do/hefce-oa-requirements-post-2014-ref/>.

The Research Committee will evaluate the pilot's current findings in June and instructions to departments will follow by September 2015.

**Policy reminder:** 'act on acceptance'. For journal articles and conference papers accepted from 1 April 2016: deposit the 'author accepted manuscript' in a compliant repository within 3 months of acceptance.

For help or advice email the Open Access team at [open-access-enquiries@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:open-access-enquiries@bodleian.ox.ac.uk).



**Tip: Sign up** for the History Faculty Library blog to **receive** regular **updates** on resources, tips 'n tools and services.

<http://blogs.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/history>

**Calling students:**  
 Travelling Incognito?  
 Help us unmask some anonymous authors of manuscript travel diaries, c. 1790-1830

**11 June 2015**



Oxford History Faculty students are invited to come to the Weston Library on Thursday 11 June to use their detective skills and help us solve some manuscript mysteries.

More information and link to sign-up: <http://blogs.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/history/2015/04/29/travelling-incognito-11-june-2015/>

New books received in the Bodleian and HFL:



<http://tinyurl.com/BODLibraryThing>

*For any questions or feedback, please contact:*

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