INFORMATION

We start the academic year having made significant improvements to our estates and services over the Long Vacation, with the integration of the Slavonic & Modern Greek section into the Taylor Institution Library and major improvements to the St Cross building. This term we continue to work on a number of enhancements to our estates to better align them to the needs of readers and the University.

Innovative services rolled out in 2016, like the provision of real time information on reading list material, have made a marked difference to our readers. We continue to expand our digital resources and new acquisitions that provide unique resources for our readers.

With the start of term we welcome new readers to our libraries. Please contact a librarian or visit our website (www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk) if you need further information or have queries or comments.

RESOURCES & SERVICES

UPDATE ON OPEN ACCESS & ‘ACT ON ACCEPTANCE’

October 2016 marks the first anniversary of Oxford’s Act on Acceptance service, which provides researchers with a quick deposit route into the Oxford University Research Archive (ORA) and supports the University’s open access policy of ‘ensuring the widest possible access to research findings’.

The total number of deposits since October 2015 is approaching 10,000 items, around half of which have been deposited since April when the new HEFCE policy took effect. The new policy requires all articles accepted for publication since 1 April 2016 to be deposited in an open access repository within 3 months of acceptance in order to be eligible for the next Research Excellence Framework (REF). All researchers are encouraged to adopt the new routine and make a habit of depositing their latest papers.

The Libraries continue to support the research community in a variety of ways. Subject Librarians and the Enquiry team provide information, advice and training both locally and centrally. The ORA staff process all the deposited articles and other outputs, checking the copyright and publisher embargoes before making the full-text available via http://ora.ox.ac.uk. The Article Processing Charges team administer the block grants received by the University for APC (publisher’s open access fees), providing a central payment service for researchers funded by Research Councils UK and the Wellcome Trust.

For more information please visit http://openaccess.ox.ac.uk or email: openaccess@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

WESTON LIBRARY

The Weston Library was one of six buildings to be shortlisted for the RIBA Stirling Prize 2016, the most prestigious prize in British architecture. This was the latest in a string of accolades the building has been recognised with over the past few months, including The Architects’ Journal 2016 Retrofit Award, a RIBA National Award and an Oxford Preservation Trust Award. Thanks to the generosity of many benefactors, this year funding for the Weston Library was completed.

NEWLY AVAILABLE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ACQUISITIONS

Special Collections have released the third edition of its Oxfam Programme Policy, Management and Administration catalogue, which now includes over 900 boxes of material. This is part of the ongoing Wellcome-funded Oxfam project.

A large collection of Oriental manuscripts belonging to the late Simon Digby (1932-2010) were donated to the Bodleian Libraries by the Simon Digby Memorial Trust. Digby, a descendent of Sir Kenelm Digby (d.1665), whose manuscript collection the Bodleian Libraries also holds, was a Fellow of Wolfson College, and a scholar, linguist, translator, and collector. He was Assistant Keeper of Eastern Art at the Ashmolean Museum from 1972. The Simon Digby Oriental Collection now consists of over 260 manuscripts, the majority of which are in Persian, with a handful in languages such as Arabic, Urdu, Turkish and Hindi.

International Open Access Week 24-30 October

The theme is Open in Action. Details of events plus other information about how to deposit and the help available are on the Open Access Oxford website: http://openaccess.ox.ac.uk and Twitter @OAOxford
UPGRADING SERVICES – BODLEIAN HEALTH CARE LIBRARIES (BHCL)

In April 2016 the Bodleian Health Care Libraries took on and started to upgrade two new libraries: the Girdlestone Memorial Library at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital (NOC) in Headington and the Horton Hospital Library in Banbury.

Work has progressed well to improve library facilities at the NOC which now includes: new Bodleian and NHS networked PCs for library users; new furniture and shelving; improved printing and scanning facilities; adjustable desks for disabled library users; and a laptop borrowing service. The updated book stock is also now available on SOLO.

Books can now be borrowed using University cards and our NHS Bodleian Reader cards and books from any other BHCL Library site can be requested for delivery to the NOC and can be returned at any site. A new NOC Library Supervisor and Library Assistant are in post and we are exploring ways to provide enhanced Outreach Librarian support across the NOC site (which includes the University Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences).

Further planned improvements over 16/17 include installing WiFi and adding the NOC to the Bodleian book delivery network. Library services at the Horton will be similarly upgraded over 16/17 with a view to bringing the facilities as far as is possible in line with those available across the other BHCL sites.

ST CROSS BUILDING REFURBISHMENT

The St Cross Building (home of the Bodleian Law Library and the English Faculty Library) has now reopened following a major refurbishment. After several months which included the temporary closure of the whole building over the 2016 Long Vacation, the Grade II* listed building has been reconfigured to improve access and provide new facilities for library users with a new central lift, a new cafeteria, new seminar rooms and new disabled access.

Work is continuing on other sections of the building and soon both libraries will have improved entrances as well as additional spaces for individual and group study. Much of the building's interior will be redecorated, giving it a much-needed face-lift.

Due to changes to the building, some of the older, and the superseded, law material is now housed in new rolling-stacks onsite on the ground floor rather than on open shelving.

The English Faculty Library’s Wilfred Owen collection is now housed in the Weston Library, as part of the Bodleian’s Special Collections, whilst low-use material is available on request from the Book Storage Facility in Swindon.

RESOURCES & SERVICES

ORLIMS: ONLINE READING LIST MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

The ORLIMS service is now Business as Usual for the five Departments and Centres who took part in the pilot. Reading lists are now available: Department of Politics and International Relations; Centre for Criminology; Department of International Development; Department of Economics and African Studies Centre.

The ORLIMS service proved very popular in 2015-16, receiving 2,534 ‘visits’. The most popular list was International Relations for PPE/History and Politics Undergraduates (Department of Politics and International Relations), which was accessed 321 times. The total lists created and completed to date is 61.

PCAS: PRINTING, COPYING & SCANNING

The PCAS printers in the Bodleian Libraries’ reading rooms were upgraded this summer. New copying, printing and scanning machines provide faster printing and proximity “touch” authentication replace separate card swipes.

The key change is that PCAS accounts now use Bodleian Libraries username and password (which are also used to login to reading room PCs and Bodleian Libraries WiFi). This delivers considerable improvements by automatically setting up the reader’s account and simplifying prints jobs from reading room PCs.

Support for all aspects of the changes is available from the PCAS support team at pcas@bodleian.ox.ac.uk and guides for using the new equipment are available from www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/using/copy/pcas
RADCLIFFE OBSERVATORY QUARTER (ROQ)
Work continues in planning the ROQ Humanities building and its library. A pre-feasibility study was undertaken during the Long Vacation and was presented to the ROQ Project Sponsor Group and Building Committee for consideration. The study provides expert recommendations on broad planning issues such as the size, layout, massing and servicing of the potential building within the ROQ site. Specific library requirements and aspirations were fed into the study along with a key discussion about the provision of graduate study space in the building.

A Libraries User Group has also been established, consisting of academics, students and subject librarians from relevant faculties, reporting to the Building Committee. This group will also look into the provision of graduate study space in the Library and in the rest of the building.

FUTURE OF THE RADCLIFFE SCIENCE LIBRARY (RSL) PROJECT
A proposal has been put forward to refurbish the RSL with the overall aim to enhance resources and provide better spaces for informal and formal teaching, learning and research (including interdisciplinary research). Spaces proposed include seminar facilities and a Doctoral Training Centre to accommodate postgraduate students. The refurbishment also aims to encourage and support knowledge exchange and transfer through links to specialist support functions for example OSI and OUI, Research Services. Finally the project also aims to deliver facilities to support public engagement (using University collections and supporting Oxford Sparks and STEM education initiatives) and allocating the sub-basement of the RSL to the museums for storage.

This project flows from a joint initiative by the Bodleian Libraries, the Mathematical Physical and Life Sciences Division, Social Sciences Division and the Medical Sciences Division, and is set within the context of a cultural precinct which is envisaged for the heart of the Science Area.

Since Trinity Term 2016 the firm to conduct the pre-feasibility study has been named, a timeline is being developed and a final draft of the pre-feasibility report is due for review on 24 October 2016 with the agreed pre-feasibility report submitted to BESC on 18 November 2016.

TAYLOR INSTITUTION LIBRARY – INTEGRATION OF THE SLAVONIC & MODERN GREEK LIBRARY
The integration of the Slavonic & Modern Greek section into the Taylor Institution Library was successfully completed during the Long Vacation. The former Room 3 now provides a Slavonic Reading Room with reference material, key periodicals, enquiry point and 20 reader seats while the former Room 10B caters for Modern Greek (12 readers seats). 13% of the research collections across all languages have been transferred to the BSF while an estimated 400k volumes are on open access in the library.

During Michaelmas Term, processing of materials currently housed in the Oriental Institute Library continues; it is hoped to complete the transfer by the end of 2016. The former Room 16 has been designated as an additional study room for (up to 18) graduate students allowing the existing study room to be used flexibly for small seminars run by graduate students, meetings or extra reader seats at time of peak demand. Further details are on the Library’s website at www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/taylor

SAINSBURY LIBRARY
The lower level of the Sainsbury Library was just recently refurbished with a new carpet and floor plan, and the installation of easier to access power sockets on top of the discussion tables. The self-issue system has also been relocated, from a free standing and somewhat intrusive location, into a brand new library front desk, designed and built to merge in with the new layout.

LEOPOLD MULLER LIBRARY
Following a fire in the Clarendon Institute during the Long Vacation, the building, including the Leopold Muller Memorial Library, is now open.
WHAT’S ON AT THE BODLEIAN LIBRARIES

The Libraries run a programme of exhibitions, displays and events. These are primarily held in the Weston Library and in the Bodleian Library. Admission to exhibitions and events is free; pre-booking for events is advised at: www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson

EXHIBITIONS AND DISPLAYS

Staging History 14 Oct – 8 Jan
ST LEE GALLERY, WESTON LIBRARY
Exploration, revolution and patriotism take centre stage in the Bodleian Libraries’ newest exhibition, Staging History, which reveals how historical events were presented on stage in Regency-era Britain (1780-1840).

Bodleian Treasures: 24 Pairs
Open until 19 Feb 2016
THE TREASURY, WESTON LIBRARY
What is ‘treasure’? Explore this theme and more in this unique exhibition which presents some of the best of the Bodleian’s 12 million items uniquely displayed in 24 pairs.

BLACKWELL HALL, WESTON LIBRARY
A display of Elizabethan travel books and rare maps celebrating the Oxford geographer Richard Hakluyt (1552-1616).

The Hunt in Mughal India 29 Oct – 8 Jan
PROSCHOLIUM DISPLAY, BODLEIAN LIBRARY
Look out for this small display featuring depictions of the varied hunting practises in Mughal India, as found in some of the most beautiful items held in the Libraries’ South Asia collection.

EVENTS

Sonnets Alive! 10 Nov BLACKWELL HALL, WESTON LIBRARY
Come and join a celebration of Shakespeare’s poetry and sonnet-writing today. Enjoy a presentation of hand-printed sonnets from around the world and closer to home, as well as a poetry reading with special guests.

Shakespeare Dead or Alive 27 Nov BLACKWELL HALL, WESTON LIBRARY
The closing event of the year-long Shakespeare Oxford 2016 is a new dance and spoken word piece presented by Crossover Dance Projects.

Christmas Light Festival 25 – 27 Nov WESTON LIBRARY
The Weston Library is opening its doors for the Christmas Light Festival once again. Look out for events happening across the weekend, including the chance to create your own e-christmas card with Film Oxford, late night entry to exhibitions, and Christmas gifts and seasonal treats at the Weston Library shop and café.

VISITING SCHOLARS’ CENTRE

The Bodleian Visiting Fellowships Programme offers several Fellowships to external academic and curatorial researchers to use Special Collections material for their own projects (see www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/csb/fellowships).

Over the course of Michaelmas Term the VSC will be welcoming 11 scholars from institutions around the world undertaking projects including research into the history of the breviary, the Long Parliament diaries of Walter Yonge 1642-1645, and research into the Marconi archives and the nationalization of the radio engineering industry in post-war Poland. Free talks by some of our visiting scholars take place throughout the year. Please check online for details of all upcoming talks and events: www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson

Publications launched by Bodleian Publishing this Autumn include:

Treasures from the Map Room Sept 2016
With contributions from members of the Bodleian’s Special Collections team.

Bodleianalia
Oct 2016
A book on all things Bodleian.

For more information visit
www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/about-us/publishing

Our next newsletter will be with you in January 2017. In the meantime, please continue to visit www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk for news and updates, or follow us on Twitter (@bodleianlibs) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/bodleianlibraries).

Please contact me directly if you have any other questions or comments on our services.

Kind regards,

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