Support the Bodleian
Join the Friends

Rectangular world map from The Book of Curiosities and Marvels for the Eyes, c. 1200. (MS. Arab. c. 90)
BECOME A FRIEND TODAY

As a Friend you will carry forward a centuries-old tradition of preserving the world’s intellectual heritage and make a positive contribution to learning. You will also enjoy a range of offers and activities:

- Free lectures
- Literary and musical events
- Private views
- Special tours (in the UK and abroad)
- Friends’ Newsletter
- Visitors pass to take guests to Duke Humfrey’s Library
- Discount in the Bodleian Shop and Café
- Discount in the Oxford University Press shop
- Order books and manuscripts prior to a visit
- Discount on the price of a Bodleian Reader’s Card
- AGM with traditional English tea
- The Library’s scholarly journal *The Bodleian Library Record* (Honourable and Life members)

*The images in this brochure represent some of the items the Friends have helped to acquire.*
MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS’ CHAIRMAN

The Friends of the Bodleian is the oldest library support group in the world. The main aim of the society is to provide resources for the acquisition of manuscripts and printed materials which the Library would not otherwise be able to afford. We also support conservation of the priceless collections. Over the years we have helped the Bodleian to secure such diverse treasures as the Sheldon tapestry map of Gloucestershire, the manuscript draft of Jane Austen’s *The Watsons*, Mendelssohn’s *Hebrides Overture*, and *The Book of Curiosities*, an Arabic manuscript on cosmography dating from the 12th or early 13th century. We also host a lively programme of lectures, exhibitions and concerts designed to explore and enjoy the Library’s holdings. Our twice-yearly Newsletter provides up-to-date information about the Bodleian’s newest acquisitions and its ongoing programmes of cataloguing, digitization and conservation.

As Chairman of the Friends of the Bodleian, I invite you to join us in our efforts to maintain the Library’s standing as an international centre of research and education. Your support can make a difference.

Professor Richard McCabe, FBA
GET INVOLVED

☐ I would like to become a member
☐ I would like to give a membership as a gift
☐ I would like to make a donation *(please select one of the payment methods below)*

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MEMBERSHIP

☐ Student £12 per annum *(proof of status required)*
☐ Standard £32 per annum
☐ Honourable £50 per annum
☐ Life £700 as one payment

☐ Standard dual £50 per annum*
☐ Honourable dual £85 per annum*
☐ Life dual £1100 as one payment*

* Must share the same address.

PAYMENT

☐ I will make annual payments by banker’s order *(please complete the form on the right)*
☐ I enclose a cheque payable to Friends of the Bodleian in the sum of £
☐ I enclose a Charities Aid Foundation voucher, payable to Friends of the Bodleian, in the sum of £

☐ Please charge my debit/credit card for the sum of £

    Visa   /   MasterCard   /   Maestro *(please circle one)*

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DATA PROTECTION

The information you supply will be used by Friends of the Bodleian for administrative purposes within the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998.

☐ We may wish to make the information available to other carefully selected parties. Please tick this box if you would not wish us to do this.

☐ We like to let our existing members know the names of new members as they join. Please tick this box if you would not wish us to use your name in this way.
BANKER’S ORDER

To the Manager (full name and address of member’s bank)

Sort code
Account number

Please pay to the account of FRIENDS OF THE BODLEIAN
(account no. 20399760) at Barclays Bank plc, Oxford City Office, P.O. Box 333,
Oxford OX1 3HS (bank sort code 20–65–18), the sum of £

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annually until further notice. This replaces any existing order in favour of the Friends of the Bodleian.

Signature Date

GIFT AID DECLARATION

UK taxpayers are urged to complete this declaration, which will increase the member’s contribution by 25% at no extra cost to the member.

I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) at least equal to the amount that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to, will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I would like the Friends of the Bodleian to treat this and all other donations made to it as Gift Aid donations from the date of this declaration until further notice.

Signature Date

NOTES

1. If in the future the member’s circumstances change and tax is no longer payable on his/her income and capital gains equal to the amount that the Friends reclaim, this declaration can be cancelled by the member.
2. If tax is payable at the higher rate, the member can claim further tax relief in his/her Self Assessment tax return.
3. Please notify the Friends of the Bodleian of any change of name or address.
SUPPORT THE BODLEIAN LIBRARIES

The Bodleian is one of the most important libraries in the world. Founded in 1598, it is a centre for advanced international research, a national copyright repository, and the principal library of the University of Oxford. Generations of famous scholars (40 Nobel Prize winners, 26 British Prime Ministers, and writers such as Oscar Wilde, C.S. Lewis and Alan Bennett) have studied in its historic buildings. The Bodleian’s collections span more than a millennium of the human written record and include monuments of history such as four engrossments of Magna Carta, a Gutenberg Bible, modern political papers, and the literary archives of J.R.R. Tolkien, Franz Kafka and Philip Larkin.

Since Sir Thomas Bodley’s own endowment which formed the basis of the Library, many generous individuals and institutions have supported the Library in a variety of ways. The founder’s challenge for ‘posterity to imitate these former good examples’ is more urgent than ever.

*Nicholas Hilliard’s miniature of Sir Thomas Bodley, 1598. (Bodleian Library, LP73).*