We come to the end of an extremely busy academic year, during which the Bodleian has worked hard to deliver innovative services to support our readers, add to our collections, and make significant improvements to our library spaces.

We are trialling new services such as those that provide real time information on reading list material, and we are making improvements to our PCAS service. We continue to expand our physical and digital resources, and added our 12 millionth printed book during the course of the year. New initiatives like our Centre for Digital Scholarship are designed to help to support researchers across all disciplines utilise novel scholarly approaches to our collections using digital technologies.

Across our estates, we are working with the academic Divisions to better align our library provision with the needs of the academic endeavour at Oxford. The main project on site at present involves working closely with the Social Sciences Division on their project to make improvements to the St Cross building. While it is having an impact on the Bodleian Law Library and the English Faculty Library, we are working hard to minimise disruption there, while also delivering long-term benefits to those libraries.

We aim to provide Oxford with the best library service possible and early results from our recent reader survey show an increase in satisfaction (from 2012 results) as well as an increase in the quality of the service provided.

While pressures remain on the Libraries’ finances, we are striving to limit the effect of these on readers, and are working to increase income to both maintain and improve our collections and services and to retain our place as one of the great research libraries of the world.

Centre for Digital Scholarship

The Centre for Digital Scholarship in the Weston Library continues to host a series of talks, workshops and surgeries this term. The Centre, which is funded by the John Fell Fund, the Oxford e-Research Centre, and the Bodleian Libraries, aims to engage and inspire people from all disciplines at the University in innovative digital technologies and multidisciplinary academic practice. The Centre enhances the Libraries’ support across the University of Oxford, drawing together people, technological expertise, and library collections—special, digitized, and born-digital.

All members of the University are welcome to drop into the Centre every Monday throughout term time to meet colleagues from IT Services’ Research Support Team, the Bodleian Digital Library Systems and Services team and the Centre for Digital Scholarship for bespoke advice on digital projects. These open sessions are available to any member of the University, and there is no need to book in advance.

A series of free public talks are held in the Centre every Tuesday in term time. This term the Centre will host speakers from the University’s Medical Sciences, Mathematical Physical and Life Sciences Division (MPLS), Social Sciences, Humanities, and the University Museums, as well as speakers from London, Illinois and South Africa. Details on all the talks this term are available on the Libraries’ What’s On pages: www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson

The latest news on the Centre can be found on the Bodleian Digital blog: http://blogs.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/digital

PCAS: Printing, Copying & Scanning

This summer the PCAS printers in the Bodleian Libraries’ reading rooms will be upgraded with new, easy to use features. New copying, printing and scanning machines will be installed with a tablet-style interface replacing the existing small touchscreen and proximity “touch” authentication will replace the separate card swipes.

The key change in development is to link our PCAS printing accounts with the same Bodleian login required to access library PCs and wireless networks in the reading rooms. In effect, PCAS will cease to operate with separate accounts and become one of several services fed by the Bodleian login. This will deliver considerable improvements including accounts being automatically setup for readers, accounts being automatically associated with library cards, and email addresses automatically being imported for scan jobs, with an option to include additional addresses as required.

All existing PCAS account holders will be required to switch to using Bodleian login authentication. As PCAS accounts have been separate from University data there is no automated way to transfer existing credit to the new account. The Bodleian Libraries are working with its supplier to create a web portal where readers can supply existing and new account details and credit will be transferred.

The new service is due to go live at the end of August 2016. Posters, notices, and guides will be available in the Bodleian Libraries’ reading rooms and on the web and the PCAS support team will be providing support at: pcas@bodleian.ox.ac.uk.
Open Access: Act on Acceptance gets off to a good start

Since 1 April 2016, the final peer-reviewed version of journal articles and conference papers (with an ISSN) must be deposited in an open access repository within three months of acceptance for publication, in order to be eligible for the next Research Excellence Framework (REF).

Our ‘Act on Acceptance’ service launched in October 2015, to support both the University’s Open Access policy for making research outputs widely available and our ability to optimise our submission to the next REF. It gives researchers a new quick deposit route to ORA, the Oxford University Research Archive (which, as the institution’s repository, provides digital preservation).

A big thank you to all depositors and credit to the ORA team in coping with a tenfold increase in deposits: from October to April an impressive 5,600 deposits of varying publication types have been made, with the deposit rate rising steadily to over 1,000 per month since February.

What happens after deposit? The ORA team process it, checking publisher permissions and embargo periods, creating an ORA record, and sending a confirmation email to the depositor. They will make the full-text available if and when it complies with the publisher policy.

Tip: Researchers can help by posting the correct version (author manuscript, not a publisher pdf). Help and training: Bodleian staff continue to work with Research Services and the OA champions in divisions and departments to support researchers and encourage engagement. Most departments have held a briefing. Subject Librarians provide ongoing help & training locally. Open to all are the email helpline openaccess@bodleian.ox.ac.uk, monthly iSkills sessions and weekly drop-ins.

Details of how to deposit your work and the help and training available are on the Open Access Oxford website: http://openaccess.ox.ac.uk and Twitter @OAOxford.

EUREKA Research repository at the Sainsbury Library

Following some collaborative work with colleagues in the European Business Schools Library Group (EBSLG) network, staff at the Sainsbury Library at the Said Business School have worked with counterparts at ZBW (German National Library of Economics), to successfully have all content from the Sainsbury Library’s EUREKA research repository (http://eureka.sbs.ox.ac.uk) harvested and disseminated through EconBiz (http://www.econbiz.de) and BASE, the Bielefeld University Academic Search Engine (http://www.base-search.net). With the wider dissemination of Oxford Said research output via one of Europe’s most powerful services, and the tracking of its impact through individual paper downloads, the Sainsbury continues in its efforts to support the School’s research agenda by hosting and disseminating its profile globally. EconBiz and BASE will be automatically updated from EUREKA on a weekly basis.

ORLiMS: Online Reading List Management Information System

In 2015 the Social Science Library embarked on a project to develop ORLiMS (Online Reading List Management System), which provides real time information on the location and availability of the material students are asked to read by their tutors and lecturers. Every book, journal article and resource on the list is linked to the corresponding entry on SOLO, so users are able to see:

- The number of copies held in individual libraries
- Whether they can be borrowed
- Whether they are currently available
- Full metadata from the original SOLO record
- Whether they can be accessed electronically, with direct links to electronic versions

For course instructors, it provides an easily manageable tool to build reading lists for students on a course, directing them to all the resources they need to read.

Following development work on the tool by the WebLearn Team, library staff have created 46 interactive reading lists, based in WebLearn, for use by undergraduate and postgraduate students in three participating departments in the Social Sciences Division.

The project has helped to advocate the principle of a reading list tool within the University and has raised awareness of the complexities of reading list management in Libraries. In principle, the SSL continues to provide an online version of selected new reading lists received from the departments who took part in the pilot. The service is also being used by staff at the Education Library.
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St Cross building refurbishment

Major building work on the St Cross Building (the home of the Bodleian Law Library and the English Faculty Library) continues to take place through Trinity Term. The extensive refurbishment will improve access and circulation in the building, and add new facilities such as a cafeteria. Initial refurbishment work began in the Long Vacation 2015, and the project will continue through until October 2016.

Bodleian Law Library: As a result of this work here, some law collections are now housed off-site in the Gladstone Link in the Bodleian Library. Other parts of the law collection (50,000 volumes) have been sent to the Bodleian’s Book Storage Facility (BSF). Seating space has become more restricted and in the Long Vacation of 2016 the Main Reading Room will not have any seating capacity. There will be major disruption during summer 2016 with certain areas of the library either not accessible to readers (Level 1 of the BLL) or with restricted access (Levels 2 & 3). The Law Library may need to close over August – information will be provided on the library’s web site. However, it is intended that the Law Library will be able to function during term time, and will continue to provide as normal a service as possible throughout the works.

English Faculty Library: The English Faculty Library continues to consolidate its three stacks into one. Approximately 4,000 volumes have been sent to the BSF and the Tolkien and Wilfred Owen collections will move to the Weston Library. The library will have to close for the Long Vacation of 2016 to accommodate building works, but alternative strategies will be put in place to assist readers; this closure is to allow the relocation of the EFL entrance and the installation of a new issue/enquiry desk.

Regular updates, including timescales and information on the availability of spaces and collections, will be available at:
- Bodleian Law Library’s project page www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/law/about/law-library-refurbishment
- English Faculty Library’s project page www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/english/about/st-cross-building-project
- Law Faculty’s project page: Oxford staff & students access only www.law.ox.ac.uk/stxbuildingproject.php

ROQ: project update

Work continues in planning the ROQ Humanities building. A Project Sponsor Group for the proposed ROQ Humanities building has been established, chaired by the Master of Balliol. There is also a Building Committee with representatives of all Humanities Faculties, the Head of Humanities Division, Divisional Secretary, representatives of Estates Service, and the Head of Humanities Libraries. 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.

Taylorian: Integration of the Taylor-Slavonic Annexe with the Taylorian

Planning proceeds for the relocation of the Taylor Bodleian Slavonic & Modern Greek Library (TABS) to the Taylor Institution Library during the Long Vacation. Services will start being withdrawn from TABS from the week of 27 June with some services available in St Giles’ from 11 July. There will be a three-week closure of the Taylor Institution Library reopening on 12 September. As well as two new reading rooms there will be an additional graduate study room. Further details will be posted on the Library’s website at www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/taylor

Future of the RSL project

A proposal has been put forward to refurbish the Radcliffe Science Library, making a number of alterations and improvements to the space to meet the changing needs of the science divisions, the wider University and community. 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.

There are numerous aims of this refurbishment which include: enhancing resources and providing 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 ISIS, 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.

The project is currently in proposal stage: a Statement of Need Report has been produced and prefeasibility study is planned for Trinity Term 2016.
Our next newsletter will be with you in Michaelmas Term 2016.
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 direct if you have any other questions or comments on our services.

Kind regards,

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