

Bodleian Libraries

Alexander Library of Ornithology temporary move to the Radcliffe Science Library

Frequently asked questions

Why is the Alexander Library of Ornithology moving?

The Tinbergen Building had to close urgently in February 2017. As a result the Alexander Library was forced to vacate the premises and a new temporary location for the Library has been found at the Radcliffe Science Library.

Will I be able to access the collections while the Library is closed?

It may be possible to access requested items from the collections before 22 April. Please [email the Librarian](#) for details. All attempts will be made to access items however please be aware that collections will be in transit so may take some time to fetch.

When will the Alexander Library of Ornithology open at the Radcliffe Science Library?

The Library will be open at the start of Trinity term 2017. The first date in term that the library will be open is Monday 24 April 2017 from 9.30am.

What will the opening hours be?

Open shelf material in the Alexander collection can be viewed during normal [RSL opening hours](#). Consultation of archives and rare book collections can only take place by appointment when the Librarian is present:

Monday-Wednesday: 9.30am-2.10pm during school terms

Monday-Tuesday: 9.30am-5.00pm during school vacations

I would like to use the archive or Rare Books Collection in the Alexander, what should I do?

Alexander Archive and Rare Books material is in secure storage and must be fetched by the librarian. It can only be consulted by appointment when the librarian is present (see information about opening hours). If you wish to use archive or rare book material please [email the Librarian](#) to arrange an appointment.

I have a question about an item in the Alexander collections, who should I contact?

Please direct enquiries about Alexander Library material by [emailing the Librarian](#) at enquiries.rsl@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

I am not a member of Oxford University, can I use the Alexander library?

If you are not a member of Oxford University and wish to use the Alexander Library it is important to contact the librarian prior to any visit to discuss how you can access the collection. You can contact the librarian by emailing enquiries.rsl@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

What will change?

The space will house the same collections, the same resources and will be supported by the same members of staff. The room is larger and there is more desk space available for readers. Open-shelf material in the Alexander Library collection can now be consulted any time that the Radcliffe Science Library is open.

Will other RSL readers be able to have access to the new Alexander Library?

The Alexander Library of Ornithology at the RSL will be open to anyone holding a Bodleian readers card.

What facilities are available at the Radcliffe Science Library?

The Radcliffe Science Library includes a variety of reading areas as well as a refreshment area, photocopying and printing, WiFi and computer access. Many of the University's other scientific literature collections are also housed at the Radcliffe Science Library.

How do I find the new Alexander Library?

The new Alexander Library is located on Level 2 of the Radcliffe Science Library. The area can be accessed from the main part of Level 2 or via the stairs or lift from Level 3. Information on finding the Radcliffe Science Library can be found at www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/science/contact

Is the new Alexander Library accessible to readers with disabilities?

The Radcliffe Science Library is wheelchair accessible and offers facilities such as height adjustable desks, private study carrels, daylight reading lamps and magnifying glasses. There is lift access to the new Alexander Library. Enquiries about disabled access to the building can be made to enquiries.rsl@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

How long will the Alexander Library be located at the Radcliffe Science Library?

This is not yet known. Work is underway to find a permanent location for the Alexander Library.

What will happen to the Tinbergen Building?

For the most recent information on the Tinbergen Building please visit <http://www.ox.ac.uk/staff/tinbergen-building-closure>

Is there a risk of asbestos being moved to the RSL?

It is important to note that all the offices, labs, circulation and communal spaces, such as the Alexander Library, are not contaminated, although localised asbestos debris was identified in some office radiator boxes, which could potentially have been disturbed. Immediate precautions were taken to prevent this. The University Safety Office has been working closely with industry specialists in relation to the Tinbergen Building and there are no concerns about moving journals/collection items to RSL.

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