**HAVE YOUR SAY BODLEIAN LIBRARIES’ READER SURVEY OPEN UNTIL 17 FEBRUARY 2019**

The Bodleian Libraries is inviting all members of the University to share their feedback about the Libraries by completing a short online Reader Survey. The survey only takes about 10 minutes to complete but it provides vital information that feeds into decision making and helps improve library services.

The survey (open 21 Jan – 18 Feb) is for all readers who have used the online collections and/or any of the physical libraries. In addition to members of the University, feedback is welcome from external researchers who have a Bodleian Libraries card, including alumni and NHS staff.

Readers are asked to share their views on areas such as the provision of information resources, the libraries as a space for study, how staff treat readers, information skills and support, and their overall satisfaction with library support for research, teaching and learning. As a thank you taking part, participants can leave their email to receive one of ten £50 Amazon vouchers (no identifying links between responses and the individual responding will be retained).

The Bodleian is continually seeking feedback from readers, and conducts a readership-wide survey every 3 years. Numerous changes and enhancements have been made to the library service in response to feedback received from the last Reader Survey, which took place in 2016. These range from increasing library opening hours and improving the usability of SOLO to improving the study environment in Reading Rooms and buying more e-books.

For more information about the Survey, visit [www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/our-work/performance/reader-surveys](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/our-work/performance/reader-surveys)

For queries please email: survey@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

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**RADCLIFFE SCIENCE LIBRARY (RSL) DEVELOPMENT**

In late Michaelmas term 2018 plans for a new graduate college were announced. The college will be located as part of the RSL and will focus on science and innovation, drawing together researchers from different disciplines to explore some of the big scientific questions of the 21st century.

The aim is to redevelop the RSL as a flexible space that will incorporate modern library facilities open to all registered Bodleian readers (both Undergrad and Postgrad); college facilities; spaces for public engagement and events; and a collections research and teaching centre, and related storage, in the basement. The principle of re-configurability will be applied throughout the building so that the college, library and museums can make optimal use of the space.

This is a significant project within the University's strategic plan, with its focus on increasing the number of postgraduate students, and it means the redevelopment will most likely be carried out as a single project rather than in phases as there is an ambitious aim for the college to admit its first cohort of students in September 2020.
LIBRARY SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL EDUCATION: OXFORD READING LISTS ONLINE (ORLO)

Exciting progress to help deliver the University’s Digital Education Strategy has been made by the ORLO - Oxford Reading Lists Online - project. Oxford now has an online reading list system in use, integrated with library resource discovery tools and the virtual learning environment, populated with hundreds of reading lists, and supported by a network of trained staff. The project is now focused on user evaluation, process review and service/roll-out roadmaps. Subject to the successful completion of the pilot phase with early adopters drawn from across the academic divisions, the Bodleian Libraries will develop a phased and sustainable plan to consolidate and expand the ORLO service. For more information about ORLO please email orl@it.ox.ac.uk or see the project website: www.digitaleducation.ox.ac.uk/online-reading-lists

NEW SOLO USER INTERFACE

The new user interface on SOLO has been live since 24 April 2018 and, since 24 July 2018, has been the default, primary interface to access SOLO, the Library catalogue. The ‘classic interface’ of SOLO remained live until Christmas vacation 2018 so that improvements could be made; it is now ‘retired’ and the new interface is now standard. From Michaelmas Term 2018 all students received their inductions based on the new SOLO UI. http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk

OXFORD BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE SUPPORT

MedSci libraries have maintained our assistance to the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre by planning and supporting their new publications submission methodology, working closely with their management team. This will help ensure a more accurate and easier to assemble annual publications report to the NIHR. Our team have also worked with the BRC to support the STARBIOS2 project, delivering an Open Access training session for Oxford BRC researchers which was recorded and shared via YouTube for their European collaborators – see: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPLosIV5HkA

NEW LIBRARY WEBPAGES FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES

We’re excited to announce that our updated MSD library webpages are now available at www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/medicine. Following the success of our dedicated pages for NHS staff and whilst work continues to develop a new Bodleian Website we have introduced an updated site to better reflect library services to members of the Medical Sciences Division. The new site includes changes to the navigation and our content, making the pages easier to use and more focussed on the specific needs of our different MSD and other users (for example there is a section specifically aimed at MSD researchers) rather than a site based on our physical libraries. Please contact hcl-enquiries@bodleian.ox.ac.uk with any comments about the new site. www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/medicine

INTRODUCING THE NEW UK WEB ARCHIVE WEBSITE

Until recently, if you wanted to search the vast UK Legal Deposit Web Archive (containing the whole UK Web space), then you would need to travel to the reading room of a UK Legal Deposit Library to see if what you needed was there. For the first time, the new UK Web Archive website (at www.webarchive.org.uk/) offers:

- The ability to search the Legal Deposit web archive from anywhere.
- The ability to search the Legal Deposit web archive alongside the ‘Open’ UK Web Archive (15,000 or so publicly available websites collected since 2005)
- The opportunity to browse over 100 curated collections on a wide range of topics.

At the time of writing, everything that a human (curators and collaborators) has selected since 2005 is searchable. This constitutes many thousands of websites and millions of individual web pages. The huge yearly Legal Deposit domain crawls will be added over the coming year.

www.webarchive.org.uk

ESTATES

LIBRARY SPACE DEVELOPMENTS

Thanks to a successful bid to the Nuffield Oxford Hospitals Fund, a storeroom at the Girdlestone Memorial Library will be redeveloped into a group study room for students and other library users at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre.

At the Cairns Library a dual screen trial is underway on Bodleian Reader PCs; there has been very positive feedback from MSD and other users. A pilot of large monitors and keyboards/mice with docking stations for readers’ laptops will be started later this term. The team are also working with colleagues across the OUH to develop “stress busting” space, book collections, and other facilities in support of OUH staff and medical student well-being.

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

BODLEIAN LIBRARIES HILARY TERM 2018 NEWSLETTER
ACCESSIBILITY IN THE BODLEIAN LIBRARIES

In November the Bodleian Libraries welcomed the Oxford Students’ Disabilities Community (OSDC) report on Library Accessibility which summaries the state of accessibility across Oxford’s libraries and makes several key recommendations www.oxfordsu.org/asset/.../OSDC-Library-Accessibility-Recommendations.pdf.

The OSDC report showcases the importance of recent investment made by the Bodleian Libraries. The Bodleian Libraries have undertaken a significant set of measures to help ensure disabled readers are not disadvantaged in their access to the library service including:

- New height-adjustable desks and ergonomic chairs (standard BS EN527-1:2011) have been installed in all Bodleian Libraries with wheelchair access;
- The former exhibitions room of the Bodleian Library has been refurbished, with power-assisted doors, and provides an acoustic pod for study and discussion;
- The budget of our ARACU unit (Accessible Resources Acquisition and Creation Unit) has been increased to mitigate the impact of the government’s Disabled Students’ Allowance reforms which place an increased financial burden on Universities. ARACU is the alternative formats centre for the university that sources and produces materials for print-impaired students. The service is provided free of charge to the end user and is funded by the Bodleian Libraries;
- Investment has been made in miscellaneous equipment such as braille embosser, CCTV video magnifiers and book rests.

Ongoing disability support is managed by the Bodleian Disability Librarian in partnership with the University’s Disability Advisory Service and we are fully committed to the Common Framework Statement for supporting students with disabilities www.admin.ox.ac.uk/aad/swss/disability/commonframework

Accessibility support across Oxford’s many and varied buildings is a challenging and constant process and we are delighted that the authors of the OSDC report will join our termly Disability Subcommittee to discuss their recommendations. We look forward to identifying further areas to improve services and spaces to help ensure that all disabled students can experience library provision that meets their needs.

www.admin.ox.ac.uk/aad/swss/disability

NOTABLE NEW E-RESOURCES

Databases

Acland’s Video Atlas of Human Anatomy
3 dimensional online version of Robert Acland’s eminent atlas showing anatomy from fresh human specimens and real body movement. The online version comprises 5 volumes: volume 1 the upper extremity, volume 2 the lower extremity, volume 3 the trunk, volume 4 the head and neck, volume 5 the internal organs. Each volume contains a series of step-by-step video tutorials. The atlas includes a glossary, an A to Z index, and a test yourself exam preparation.

altisches biographisches Archiv (WBIS)
(Baltic Biographical Archive) An additional module to the World Biographical Information System Online

Ethnic American Newspapers from the Balch Collection, 1799-1971
Access to over 130 digitised newspapers published by and for ethnic groups in the United States, particularly those of Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Jewish, Lithuanian, Polish, Slovak and Welsh descent.

African American Newspapers series I (1827-1998)
Chronicling a century and a half of the African American experience, African American Newspapers, Series 1, features 280 newspapers from 35 states, including many rare and historically significant 19th-century titles.

Ebook Collections

Brepols Medieval Collection 2018 extending our existing access to include the 2018 collection

Education Around the World Series from Bloomsbury

OUP/University Press Collections – a number of new modules have been added in 2019 including Oxford Scholarly Editions Online - Greek Comedy and Oxford Public International Law - Oxford International Organisations

eJournals

Two new Nature Titles - Nature Reviews Chemistry and Nature Sustainability

Other e-recourse acquisitions (donor funded)

The American Revolution from a British Perspective, 1763-1783
A collection of pamphlets published in Britain between 1763 and 1783 relating to American affairs and the American Revolution.

Congressional Hearings, 1824-1979
– Electing the President

Proceedings of the Democratic National Conventions, 1832-1988

Proceedings of the Republican National Conventions, 1856-1988

The War of 1812: Diplomacy on the High Seas
This collection contains records and papers from the US National Archives and US State Department relating to naval aspects of the War of 1812.

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NEW PUBLICATION ON MESOAMERICAN CODICES

*Mesoamerican Codices: New Scientific Approaches and Interpretations*, a publication co-edited by Virginia Llado-Buisan, Head of Conservation and Collections Care, with Professor Maarten Jansen (Professor Emeritus of Mesoamerican Archeology and History, Leiden University) and Dr. Ludo Snijders (Guest Staff Member, Leiden University), has now been published by Brill (https://brill.com/view/title/36446). The book is the result of several years of research on the Bodleian codices (https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/mesoamerican-manuscripts) and other important pre-colonial and early colonial Mesoamerican manuscripts: through the application of non-invasive spectroscopy and imaging techniques, we have understood better the meaning of these manuscripts and related visual art, stemming from a post-colonial indigenous perspective. The book includes a chapter on the virtual reconstruction of Codex Selden (or Codex Añute) by Dr. Ludo Snijders and David Howell, Head of Heritage Science (Bodleian).

www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/bodley/news/2016/aug-18

EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

**BABEL: ADVENTURES IN TRANSLATION**
15 Feb – 2 June 2019

This exhibition goes beyond the ancient myth of the Tower of Babel to explore the power of translation in the movement of ideas, stories and cultural practices around the world. Treasures from the Bodleian Libraries’ collections — both ancient and modern — illustrate how stories have travelled across time, territory, language and medium.

ST LEE GALLERY, WESTON LIBRARY

**THINKING 3D: FROM LEONARDO TO THE PRESENT**
opens 21 March 2019

For centuries artists and scientists have wrestled with how to convey three-dimensional objects on the page. Timed to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci, this exhibition shows how Leonardo and his contemporaries made great strides in the realistic depiction of 3D forms. Techniques developed from the Renaissance onwards revolutionized the way that ideas in the fields of anatomy, architecture, astronomy and geometry were relayed and ultimately how we perceive the world today.

THE TREASURY, WESTON LIBRARY

**DISPLAYS**

**Love and the soul**
A romance from the Roman world 5 Jan – 10 March
This display will explore the rich inspiration that the delightful second-century Latin love-story of Cupid and Psyche by Apuleius has provided for book-illuminators since the invention of printing – above all for William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones.

PROSCHOLIUM, OLD LIBRARY

**British comics frame by frame** 23 February – 28 April
Join us to explore the evolution of the British comic, from graphic images of apocalypse in medieval block books to the anarchy of V for Vendetta and the inventiveness of indie comics today.

BLACKWELL HALL, WESTON LIBRARY

**A story in stone and bone** 16 March – 12 May
Brought to life through the writing and drawings of the antiquaries John Aubrey and William Stukeley, the story of Stonehenge continues to unfold today through recent developments in archaeological science.

PROSCHOLIUM, OLD LIBRARY

For more information on events, displays and exhibitions at the Bodleian Libraries visit

www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson

Our next newsletter will be with you in early Trinity Term 2019. In the meantime, you can 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 don’t hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or comments on our services.

Best wishes,

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Bodley’s Librarian