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UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

WHAT’S ON

JANUARY – MARCH 2019

BABEL: ADVENTURES IN TRANSLATION
SAPPHO TO SUFFRAGE
THINKING 3D: FROM LEONARDO TO PRESENT
Sappho to Suffrage
Women who dared

To mark the centenary of women’s suffrage in 2018, Women in the Humanities have created a modern suffrage wall. Find out more about these inspirational women who come from a variety of occupations along with historic treasures from the Bodleian Libraries’ collections in this special exhibition celebrating the achievements of women who dared to do the unexpected.

Suitable for all ages. No booking required.

THE TREASURY, WESTON LIBRARY
ADMISSION FREE
treasures.bodleian.ox.ac.uk

Thinking 3D
From Leonardo to present

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.

OPEN UNTIL 24 FEBRUARY 2019

OPEN 21 MARCH 2019

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Babel
Adventures in translation

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. Through a stunning selection of objects ranging from a 2nd century papyrus book and illuminated manuscripts to animal stories, religious books and a bilingual road sign, Babel explodes the notion that translation is merely about word-for-word rendering into another language. Treasures from the Bodleian Libraries’ collections – both ancient and modern – illustrate how stories have travelled across time, territory, language and medium.

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ST LEE GALLERY, WESTON LIBRARY

LIBRARY LATES: BABEL
Friday 8 March | 7 – 9.30pm
Join us for an interactive celebration of languages and cultures at the Weston Library.
BLACKWELL HALL, WESTON LIBRARY
For more info please see the Events page

FROM BODLEIAN PUBLISHING
Babel: Adventures in Translation
Dennis Duncan, Stephen Harrison, Katrin Kohl and Matthew Reynolds
9781851245093
HB £20
TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Free talks and events on subjects relating to the Bodleian Libraries collections
UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED ALL TALKS AND EVENTS ARE IN THE LECTURE THEATRE, WESTON LIBRARY

**Lunchtime lectures**
Two series of lunchtime lectures will run relating to the exhibitions *Babel: adventures in translation* and *Thinking 3D: from Leonardo to present*. Explore the lectures planned online at [www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson)

**Sheldon Tapestry Map talks**
*Daily 11.30am – 12 noon*
Every day a member of the Bodleian’s Map Room team talks about the background of the Sheldon Tapestry Map of Worcestershire, which is displayed in Blackwell Hall in the Weston Library.

**Rivers and ice: Early Modern maps of the far North**
*Thursday 24 January | 4.30 – 6pm*
Charlotta Forss, Bodleian Libraries and Stockholms Universitet
The 26th annual series of the Oxford Seminars in Cartography will take place in the Lecture Theatre of the Weston Library. Join us for refreshments in the Bodleian Café from 3.45pm.

**Manuscripts from German-speaking lands**
*Tuesday 19 March | 2 – 5pm*
followed by a drinks reception
This symposium marks the launch of a digital collaboration between the Bodleian Libraries and the Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany.

**Six-week linocut workshop**
*Starts Wednesday 16 January | 5.30 – 8pm*
Robin Wilson, Rosie Fairfax-Cholmeley
Linocut printmaking workshop using the hand-operated presses in the Old Bodleian Library.
**PRINTING WORKSHOP, SCHOLA MUSICA, OLD BODLIEAN LIBRARY**
BOOKING REQUIRED £150 OVER 18s ONLY

**Love and the soul workshop**
*Saturday 9 February | 11am – 1pm*
Regine May, Michael Daniell
Hand print a Valentine card for your own Cupid or Psyche, and learn about the ancient Roman story that inspired artists from the Renaissance to William Morris.
**PRINTING WORKSHOP, SCHOLA MUSICA, OLD BODLIEAN LIBRARY**
BOOKING REQUIRED £6
Art in the Library
The open book
Saturday 26 January | 11am – 4pm
With a focus on Tania Kovats’ The Space of Reading, this interactive day of drop-in workshops and demonstrations celebrates the contemporary and historical role of art within the Bodleian Libraries' collection.
BLACKWELL HALL, WESTON LIBRARY

Thinking inside the box
Saturday 2 February | 11am – 4pm
Precious books need protection, particularly in transit, so intricate – or robustly practical – boxes were created to carry books across cultures. Meet expert curators and find out more about some of the unusual boxes, satchels and wrappings that cocoon the Bodleian’s books. Explore the cutting-edge technology behind creating modern boxes for library and museum objects, watch an artist demonstrate the technique of traditional wood engraving or make your own matchbox book.
BLACKWELL HALL, WESTON LIBRARY

Library Lates: Babel
Friday 8 March | 7 – 9.30pm
As Brexit leads some to fear isolationism, join us for an interactive celebration of languages and cultures at the Weston Library. This Library Late event is a chance to immerse yourself in a multicultural experience with music, dancing and fun language activities that showcase linguistic and cultural diversity in the UK and beyond.
BLACKWELL HALL, WESTON LIBRARY

Connect with comics
Saturday 30 March | 11am – 4pm
Join us on a journey that charts the evolution of the British comic, from the innocent humour of childhood classics to the subversive wit of Watchmen and V for Vendetta. Mini talks by curators and contributions from current comic book artists will explore how British-based writers and illustrators have changed the way we see the once humble comic book.
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For more information and to book tickets please go to www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson

FT WEEKEND OXFORD LITERARY FESTIVAL  Saturday 30 March – Sunday 7 April 2019
This annual event is held at the Bodleian Libraries and, as cultural partner to the Festival, many talks take place in Bodleian sites: the Lecture Theatre in the Weston Library and in the beautiful Divinity School.

Additional activities take place in Blackwell Hall such as the Bodleian’s historic printing presses at work. Printing workshops take place in the printing room off the Old School Quad, tours to Duke Humfrey’s Library run throughout the week, and the Bodleian’s cafe and shops, selling beautiful books and gifts, will also be open.

Events on 30 & 31 March include “Connect with Comics” on Sat 30 March (see above for details), a children’s Roald Dahl event and talks aimed at children by Gill Lewis, James Watson, and Geraldine McCaughrean.

For full information and to book tickets please go to http://oxfordliteraryfestival.org
Story of Phi
Restricted books
Until 13 January
In the Victorian age the Bodleian created a restricted category for obscene books, known as φ (phi). This display, showcasing many items never previously exhibited, explores changing ideas about censorship and sexuality.
BLACKWELL HALL, WESTON LIBRARY

Love and the soul
A romance from the Roman world
5 January – 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-illustrators since the invention of printing – above all for William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones.
PROSCHOLIUM, OLD LIBRARY

Thinking inside the box
19 January – 17 February
A display of boxes, bags, and satchels used for carrying books at different times and places – inspired by the Bodleian’s recent acquisition of a book-coffer from 15th-century medieval Paris.
BLACKWELL HALL, WESTON 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

NEW FROM BODLEIAN PUBLISHING

Lost Maps of the Caliphs: Drawing the World in Eleventh-Century Cairo
Yossef Rapoport and Emille Savage-Smith
9781851244911 | HB £37.50

London Map Journal
9781851245222 | HB £9.99

Tolkien Smaug Journal
9781851245277 | HB £9.99

Tolkien Raft-elves Journal
9781851245215 | HB £9.99

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The conservation of Japanese collections at Bodleian Libraries
15 January | 1 – 1.45pm
Virginia M. Llado-Buisan,
Head of Conservation and Collection Care
Learn about the conservation of unique Japanese items such as Nara ehon, a Japanese genre of lavishly-illustrated literature from the 15–18th centuries. This lecture includes a small display of Japanese conservation and artists’ materials.

Spoils of the secularization:
Monastic music sources in the Bodleian Library
14 February | 1.30 – 2.15pm
Dr Barbara Eichner,
Oxford Brookes University
Learn about monastic music-making in an era of political change and religious upheaval. This talk will explore a selection of chant books, musical fragments and polyphonic choir books produced or commissioned by monasteries in Southern Germany during the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Era, focussing in particular on the aftermath of the Reformation and the era of Catholic Reform until the outbreak of the Thirty-Years War.

In Pursuit of a Prince:
Archival research into the life of Albert
25 March | 1 – 1.45pm
Andrew N Wilson
Distinguished historian, critic and commentator Andrew N Wilson has drawn upon manuscripts, rare books and archives for many of his biographies. In this talk he discusses how archives and documents provide an invaluable insight into the life and times of his subjects, particularly Prince Albert, the husband and consort of Queen Victoria, and the subject of Wilson’s next book.

Please check timings online at www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson

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**BODELEIAN TOURS**

A trip to Oxford is incomplete without a visit to the world famous Bodleian Libraries. Guided tours to see inside its ancient rooms run daily.

The magnificent gothic Divinity School, the University’s earliest teaching room which was designed to inspire, is also available to visit, or take an audio tour around the historic exterior quadrangles.

The Weston Library on Broad Street is the home of the Bodleian’s special collections, some of which can be seen in the exhibition galleries. Don’t forget to also visit our fantastic café and shops.

To find out more, visit [www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson/visit](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson/visit)
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Take a treasure home. Visit the Zvi Meitar Bodleian Libraries Shop in the Weston Library or the Libraries Shop set in the tranquil, historic Old Schools Quadrangle, offering gifts inspired by the Libraries’ collections. Opening hours are Mon to Fri 10am–5.30pm; Sat 10am–5pm; Sun 11am–5pm.

Also available for purchase online at [www.bodleianshop.co.uk](http://www.bodleianshop.co.uk)

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Mon to Fri: 9am–5pm
Sat: 9am–5pm
Sun: 11am–5pm

**Weston Library**
Mon to Fri: 8.30am–5pm
Sat: 9am–5pm
Sun: 11am–5pm

Exhibition galleries are open
Mon to Sat: 10am–5pm
Sun: 11am–5pm

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