



Bodleian Libraries
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Trinity Term 2015 update from the Bodleian Libraries

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Dear Colleagues,

This newsletter is an informal bulletin sent out at the end of every term to keep you up to date on news and developments at the Bodleian Libraries. It aims to provide information on topics that I hope will be of interest to you. I welcome feedback and ideas for future issues. If you would like to contact me with suggestions, please email: < Bodleys.Librarian@bodleian.ox.ac.uk >

Introduction

This Update gives me the opportunity to reflect on the past academic year and to look ahead to the next. The past year has seen some major projects come to fruition. After a ten-year process of planning, consultation, funding and overseeing the project itself, the Weston Library was opened at first to scholars (in Michaelmas term) and finally to the public (at the end of Hilary term). The reading rooms and research and teaching facilities have been very busy during these first months of operation, and the collections are now being moved back into the building. With the opening of the Leopold Muller Memorial Library (for Hebrew and Jewish Studies) and the Bodleian KB Chen China Centre Library, it has been a landmark year for the Libraries' physical estate.

Much work has also been going on to improve services to readers, and these include making significant improvements to the digital infrastructure of the Libraries. This work is essential for us to provide key support to the University as it faces major changes to scholarly communications, in compliance with funding policies of HEFCE and the research councils.

As I indicated in my Michaelmas term update, serious pressures remain on the Bodleian's finances, and in order to meet the financial targets set by the University, we must address a budget shortfall of £950k for the coming academic year. We are striving to limit the effect of these reductions on readers, and are able to increase income from commercial activity and other sources. We have an ambitious fundraising target to grow the endowment to support core library activity. Realistically, however, we cannot address all of the budget pressures through additional income. Savings are being made in staff – including losing one of the four Associate Director roles – and other expenditures. We have also been exploring the possibility of integrating some of the site libraries with larger libraries. Following extensive consultation with readers, Faculties, and CLiPs, the Curators of the University Libraries have decided to proceed with the integration of the Taylor Slavonic Annex with the main Taylorian, but not to proceed with the proposed changes to the Oriental Institute Library.

As we work through these financial changes, we will report back through these Updates and other channels on our efforts to raise additional income and to make the savings that are required. The coming year will be especially challenging in terms of our budget, but the staff of the Bodleian Libraries and I will strive to maintain and improve our collections and services and to maintain our place as one of the great research libraries of the world, serving the entire academic community.

1. Library spaces, capital projects and news

Final phase of opening of Weston Library

The Weston Library opened to the public on 21 and 22 March, with over 11,000 visitors enjoying sold-out tours, talks on our collections, conservation showcases, printing press demonstrations and the *Marks of Genius* exhibition. The building is now fully functional with all major building works completed, and a snagging period over the summer is set to complete before the start of Michaelmas term. The Bodleian's dedicated book move team are continuing to gradually move items from the Bodleian Book Storage Facility (BSF) in Swindon and other sites across Oxford into the new Weston stacks. Further information about the Weston library for both readers and visitors can be found online at <www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/weston>

Admissions Office move

The Libraries Admissions office has moved from the Clarendon Building to a permanent, accessible new space on the ground floor of the Weston Library, which can be accessed via the information desk in Blackwell Hall.

Oriental Institute and Taylor-Slavonic consultations

A proposal by the Bodleian Libraries to relocate the Oriental Institute Library to the Sackler Library was formulated in January 2015 as one of a number of responses to the cost savings required in the Bodleian Libraries' 2015/16 budget. Following extensive consultation the Curators of the University Libraries have decided to endorse the recommendation of the Humanities CLiPs and not to proceed with the OIL proposal, but in principle to go ahead with the integration of the Taylor-Slavonic Annexe with the main Taylorian, subject to delivery on various dependencies.

St Cross Building refurbishment

The Bodleian Law Library (BLL) and the English Faculty Library (EFL) are both located in the St Cross Building on the corner of Manor Road. Extensive refurbishment is planned by the English and Law Faculties for the building from August 2015 until late 2016. In preparation for the works, the BLL has moved over 50,000 volumes to the BSF, and will move further collections to a temporary location during the course of the refurbishment. While there will be major disruption during summer 2016, it is intended that the BLL will be able to function during term time, and will continue to provide as normal a service as possible throughout the works.

The EFL's small team has begun work on the collections which will be affected by the consolidation of the library's three stacks into one. In consultation with the English Faculty, some material will be withdrawn to the BSF and the Tolkien and Wilfred Owen collections will move to the Weston Library. It will be necessary for the library to close for the Long Vacation of 2016, but alternative strategies will be put in place to assist readers. A timeline of key events can be seen at:

< www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/english/about/st-cross-building-project >

New Taiwan Resource Centre for Chinese Studies at the Bodleian KB Chen China Centre Library

On 7 April, the new Taiwan Resource Centre for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) was formally opened at the Bodleian KB Chen China Centre Library. The TRCCS is one of several to be established at institutions across the globe as part of a programme initiated by the National Central Library of Taiwan to promote Taiwanese scholarship and improve access to Taiwanese resources.

The new TRCCS holds an initial donation of over 500 books and DVDs published in Taiwan on a diverse range of subjects. As part of the project the National Central Library will provide Bodleian readers with access to some of its unique databases in Taiwan and Chinese Studies and support the TRCCS with book donations. To encourage the international accessibility of Chinese rare books, the

Bodleian Libraries will provide bibliographical records of its Chinese rare books on the publicly available Union Catalogue of Chinese Rare Books. The Bodleian's collection of Chinese rare books is currently being catalogued and partially digitized as part of the ongoing SERICA project (< serica.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/home >). Further information on the centre is available at: < www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ccl/collections/taiwan-resource-centre-for-chinese-studies >

Bodleian Health Care Libraries extend partnership with the Oxford University Hospital Trust

As part of the new service level agreement between the Bodleian Libraries and the Oxford University Hospital (OUH) Trust, the Bodleian Health Care Libraries (BHCL) are taking over direct management of the Horton Hospital and Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre (NOC) libraries. As part of this restructuring, the BHCL are taking on two new members of staff: Sally Ryan, Outreach Librarian at the NOC and the Horton Hospital, and Bridget Lucas, Library Assistant at the Horton Hospital. The new agreement will enhance services for the Medical Sciences Division and OUH Trust based at all four Trust sites. We will be starting work on improving services, facilities and resources over the summer. For more information please visit: < www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/hcl >

2. Research and learning support

Oxford Research Archive for Data launched

The Libraries recently launched a new University-wide service, the Oxford Research Archive for Data (ORA-Data). ORA-Data is one of a suite of support services designed to help researchers at the University access, create, archive, share and cite research data. It holds catalogue records of archived research data deposited at specialist archives as well as research data deposits of its own. The Oxford Research Archive (< ora.ox.ac.uk >) already acts as a searchable repository of theses and publications, so ORA-Data extends this capability.

ORA-Data sits within the original ORA for publications, so that data can be linked easily to – and browsed alongside – related publications. Data and records will be discoverable through Google and other search engines, maximizing the visibility and impact of the research. Researchers can also choose to set an embargo period for their files. The UK Research Councils view publicly funded research data as a public good, produced in the public interest, and require such data to be made openly available at the close of projects. We're pleased to announce that depositing in ORA-Data will allow researchers and the University to comply with these expectations.

Until July 2015, ORA-Data is running as a free pilot and we're very keen for researchers to try it out. Please send any feedback to: < ora@bodleian.ox.ac.uk >. There are plans for it to become a chargeable service in the future (with researchers being able to cost archiving in ORA-Data into funding bids via X5 – see < www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/x5 >). ORA-Data can be accessed via the main ORA website at: < ora.ox.ac.uk >. A full LibGuide for ORA-Data, with help and guidance on how to deposit, is also available at: < ox.libguides.com/oradata >.

Digital Bodleian

Trinity term has seen the final developments made to Digital.Bodleian, a new website consolidating all of the Bodleian's digitized items into one, easy to navigate platform. At its launch there will be over 105,000 images (4,398 works) included in the new collection software. This includes most of the Oxford Digital Library content as well as the collections from Luna and image.ox.ac.uk, covering a huge range of subjects and rare items from across the Libraries' collections. The site will be officially launched on 8 July. Please send any feedback on the site to: digitalsupport@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

Bodleian Data Library

Services to support researchers and students who need to make secondary use of statistics and data are now provided by the Bodleian Data Library. Initially centred on the social sciences, the Bodleian Data Library provides support for finding, accessing and using social science statistics and data;

manages the access and curation of restricted and sensitive datasets which may not be networked; offers a new data brokering and clearing house service for the acquisition of datasets by research centres in the Social Sciences Division; provides consultancy services and training; and alerts researchers to new sources of data. A website < www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/data > and email helpline < data@bodleian.ox.ac.uk > are available.

New BSF data initiative helps reader services

The pilot of a new service began in March, enabling the Bodleian Library Reader Services team to check the availability status of items at the BSF in Swindon. The Reader Services team now have direct access to the database that records all of the items stored in the BSF warehouse, their precise location and their availability for ordering by readers. Library staff normally contact the BSF for information on items so providing direct access to the database will make it much easier for Library staff to advise readers on how long it will take for their items to arrive from the BSF and lead to increased efficiency. The pilot scheme has already been expanded to cover the Social Science Library, the Radcliffe Science Library, the Sainsbury Library at the Saïd Business School, and the Philosophy and Theology Library. Valuable feedback from these libraries will inform the wider consideration of making this service available to all Bodleian Libraries staff.

eLegal Deposit update

The 6 April marked two years since the introduction of the Legal Deposit (Non-Print) Regulations 2013, or Electronic Legal Deposit (eLD) at the Bodleian Libraries. In two years publishers have deposited more than 656,000 articles and over 11,500 e-books in the Libraries, giving readers online access to significantly more content on a wide variety of subjects. Another feature of eLD is that all readers and staff using Bodleian Libraries PCs now have access to the UK Legal Deposit Web Archive. The 2014 UK domain crawl for the UK Legal Deposit Web Archive yielded 57 terabytes (TB) of archived websites (in 2013 the figure was 31 TB) and encompasses a wide range of information. The breadth and depth of this archive makes it a valuable resource for those studying any subject. For more details on accessing ELD material, please visit: < www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/finding-resources/legal-deposit >

Bodleian Libraries supporting the University of Oxford's alumni

A new webpage aimed at the University's alumni brings together a range of services and resources for continued lifelong learning: < www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/using/alumni >. Alumni are invited to continue using the reading rooms in Oxford and to attend our exhibitions, lectures, seminars and other events featured throughout the year. It also gives us great pleasure to extend access to a number of online journals and databases for University alumni to access remotely, anywhere and at any time, free of charge. In addition to JSTOR (to which University alumni logged in 11,000 times and accessed over 69,000 articles last year), collaboration with the Saïd Business School now offers alumni access to ABI Inform Global, ABI Inform Trade & Industry, EIU.com, Mergent Online and Vault Career Insider. We plan to extend and develop this service to support the lifelong learning and continued scholarly engagement of our entire University alumni community.

3. Budget and planning

Budget & Funding

Further progress has been made in fundraising terms, with a major bequest to add to the Bodleian's endowment for acquisitions of rare books and manuscripts, and additional gifts of over £1m have been received to complete the fundraising for the Weston Library. The coming year will see a major effort to increase the Bodleian's endowment to support specialist staff posts and acquisitions of collections.

Resource Discovery project

The University is embarking on a major investigative project, sponsored and managed by the Bodleian Libraries, called Resource Discovery, which seeks to address the problem that online access to the University's resources, physical and digital, is fragmented and therefore a block to it achieving what it could in a web age – whether in research, education, recruitment or widening engagement. In the Bodleian alone there are many pages listing different catalogues, finding aids, and access to data of all kinds. There is expertise throughout the University that is not easily accessible to people inside or outside. The University needs to find an intelligent solution or solutions which will do the richness of its intellectual assets justice and bring it to greater prominence online.

Over the coming months, the project team are starting on the first phase of the project and will be working with colleagues across the University to scope the work needed to develop an intelligent search and retrieval tool or tools. The outcome of the project will be to propose a solution or more likely options for a solution, which would form the basis of a programme and a bid to the University's IT Capital Fund. If you have any questions about the project please contact Deputy Librarian Catriona Cannon at: Catriona.Cannon@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

4. Centre for the Study of the Book update

Fellowships Visiting Scholars programme

The new Visiting Scholars' Centre in the Weston Library has been open since autumn 2014, providing valuable space for both Postdoctoral Fellows working on collaborative projects with the Bodleian and Visiting Fellows who have been awarded Bodleian Libraries fellowships. Applications for these open in autumn every year to academics interested in using the Libraries' diverse collections to research a range of topics, supported by a variety of philanthropic and research grant funding sources. Visiting scholar Professor Michael Suarez, University of Virginia, recently delivered the annual Lyell Lectures in the new Lecture Theatre in the Weston Library on the theme of 'The reach of bibliography: looking beyond the letterpress in eighteenth-century texts'. An announcement on the recipients of our 2015 – 16 Fellowships will be made available shortly on the Centre for the Study of the Book website: < www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/csb >

5. Exhibitions and events

The Libraries' new *Marks of Genius* exhibition was opened by special guests David Attenborough and Stephen Hawking in March 2015. Drawing on the Libraries' rich collections ranging from ancient papyrus fragments to 20th century political speeches, the exhibition pays tribute to some of the most remarkable testimonies of genius in human history. The free exhibition is open daily until 20 September 2015 and accompanied by a dedicated website: < genius.bodleian.ox.ac.uk >. A series of free lectures to accompany the exhibition is running until 8 July. A full programme of temporary displays in the Bodleian Proscholium and the Weston Library's Blackwell Hall have provided visitors with an opportunity to see a wide range of rare and special collections from across the Bodleian Libraries and Oxford College collections. Information on all upcoming displays and talks is available at: < www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson >.

Our next newsletter will be with you in late Michaelmas term 2015. 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 directly if you have any other questions or comments on our services.

Kind regards,



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