

# News

March 2010

## Refurbishment update

The end of 2009 was a busy period for us. Not only was it the start of the academic year but the Senate House Library collections and service points were moved to new locations, within Senate House, in order to accommodate 'Phase 3' of the building work.



During 'Phase 3' the collections are located across four separate Libraries within the building - the two main service points being on the 4th floor of the South Block and the 2nd floor of the North Block. [A collections floor plan is available on our website.](#)

Library staff worked hard to ensure that users were inconvenienced as little as possible while the collections were moved. The contractors used night teams thus ensuring the collections were operational as speedily as possible.

The reason for this activity is the continuing refurbishment and re-wiring of Senate House. This essential work has provided an opportunity for the University of London to introduce new technology into the building. The new lighting has made it easier for staff to open and close the Library - especially the 'Stack', the tower part of the building.

The completed South Block provides a first glimpse of how all the Library space and collections will ap-

pear when 'Phase 3' is finished.

The collections space will occupy a more efficient arrangement and users will be assisted at a centralised service point in the impressively refurbished main Circulation Hall on the 4th floor, South Block.

For more information regarding the building work, the collections or any of our services, [please see our website](#) or ask a member of staff.

Our thanks to all our users for your consideration and understanding throughout this final stage of the building's upgrade and refurbishment.



(Please see [page 2](#) for news about *Refocusing the ULRLS*.)

### Study carrels available for rent at Senate House Library from 1st April 2010

University of London faculty and PHD students will be able to rent study carrels in the Senate House Library Goldsmith's and Middlesex South reading rooms for £10.00 per week. Bookings will be accepted from 1st April 2010.

[More information is available here.](#)

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# Refocusing the Library

## Strategy and planning for the Future of the University of London Research Library Services

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 the [University of London Board of Trustees](#) approved a recommendation from the [Collegiate Council](#) that the Library should continue as a collectively owned and shared library resource. This report, known as '[Refocusing the ULRSL](#)' identified a collegial and collaborative approach to the issues of continuing to meet the needs of its users and identified ways of achieving a sustainable financial future.



Based on the report, a new five year Strategic Plan (2009-14) has been agreed by the Library Strategic Planning Board, which is chaired by the Vice Chancellor and is tasked with ensuring the implementation of the report. Over the period the plan broadly aims to rationalize Library space following completion of the current refurbishment of Senate House, establish formal Service Level Agreements with the School of Advanced Study and the Colleges, and develop collaborative collection development opportunities across the federal university, moving towards a greater reliance on e-delivery.

As a starter to the roll out of the programme a project has been initiated, in collaboration with the Institute of Historical Research, to save space and resources by de-duplicating materials held in both Senate House Library and the Library of the Institute. Any de-duplicated sets will be offered to the British Library through the UKRR scheme (United Kingdom Research Reserve) ([www.ukrr.ac.uk](http://www.ukrr.ac.uk)). This scheme provides for organised preservation of little used research journals while allowing university libraries to release space to other uses. It ensures that in each case, and where rarity makes possible, two hard copies are kept available nationally for consultation outside of the British Library.

Future editions of the Newsletter will contain further information and updates, if in the meantime you wish to comment or have any queries please email [ulrslproject@london.ac.uk](mailto:ulrslproject@london.ac.uk)

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# User Services Spotlight

## Wireless Internet now available in the Library

Free WiFi networking is now available for users with their own laptops within Senate House Library, in the Goldsmith's Room on the 4th floor of the South Block. The second area, which will shortly go live, in the 3rd floor of the North Block (Room 336).

Using WiFi should be a simple matter of entering your membership number as the name (this is the number on the front of the card) and your surname in lowercase as the password.

(Detailed instructions for Windows XP users are available. Please ask at the Information desk, 4th floor, Senate House, South Block).



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## Accessibility and reading room



We are able to offer an accessibility reading room as part of our commitment to providing improved facilities to our users.

The reading room is located in the Goldsmiths Room on the 4th floor of the South Block. It can be used for reading text aloud (for partially sighted or blind users with a reading assistant) or for those wishing to use text-to-speech software on their notebooks. The room, which is soundproof, also provides a more private study space.

Anyone who has registered their accessibility needs with us is free to book this room.

A catalogue machine, which incorporates Microsoft's built-in accessibility software is provided. Users can

connect to WiFi to our electronic resources and the Internet.

The accessibility room must be booked in advance. Users should let us know if they are bringing an assistant with them so that we can issue them with an entry pass. If assistants are not already known to us they should bring photo ID and proof of address.

To book this room please telephone 020 7862 8500 or email [shl.userservices@london.ac.uk](mailto:shl.userservices@london.ac.uk).

# User Services Spotlight

## New South Block desks offer optimised reading lights, Network Cable points and power points



In addition to the WiFi ([see page 3](#)) we offer users the choice of connecting their laptops to the Internet using a network cable.

If you prefer this or you are working in an area of the Library without WiFi please ask at the Enquiries Desk (in the South Block's Main Circulation Hall) or the Circulation Desk on the 2nd floor of the North Block). Staff will provide a network cable. You will need your Library card as a deposit.

The new desks in the refurbished South Block have power points for notebooks, built in reading lights and conveniently located network cable ports.

## Use of fire alarms and emergency door release buttons



Please note that fire alarms and emergency door exit releases should **only** be used in the event of a genuine emergency.

In all other situations please leave the Library using one of the designated exits for regular use.

Thank you.

## Returning books and drop box

Users can return books to either side of the Library regardless of which block they originated from. The 24 hour drop box is located on the ground floor of the North Block, Senate House. It is emptied each weekday morning at 9.00am and at 9.30 on Saturdays.



## Theses being returned to the colleges



With the ETHoS Project well underway and providing free digital copies of PHD theses, remaining print versions of theses held by Senate House Library will be returned to the colleges. This process will take place in the coming months. We will provide more information about this in the next issue of the Newsletter.

# User Services Spotlight

## Document Delivery Services at Senate House

Our Document Delivery services allow members and non-members of the Library to purchase copies from our collections without the need to visit the Library in person. These services are available to customers in the UK and overseas.

### We have three different services available

Documents Direct	Copies of copyright single journal articles and book chapters for non-commercial research or private study.
Images direct	Low and high resolution digital copies of out of copyright images.
Facsimile Reprints	Print and digital copies of out of copyright books, journals and other items, in whole or in part.

Simply complete an order form and return it to us.

Once we receive your order we will retrieve the item from storage and send you an order confirmation. You can then pay over the telephone with a credit or debit card, or by sending us a cheque. Once we receive payment, copies can be delivered by post or web download.

For further information and prices, please visit: <http://www.shl.lon.ac.uk/library/servicesandfacilities/DocumentSupplyServices.shtml>

### Reprographic services

As well as our self-service photocopiers, we also have a Counter Reprographics service, which offers the following:

- Black and white and colour photocopying
- High and low resolution scanning
- Digital photography

To place an order, simply complete a Reprographics Order form and hand this in with the item you would like copied to any service point in the Library.

Orders placed by 2pm are usually ready by 5pm the same day, or by 12pm the next working day if placed after 2pm.

For further information and prices, please visit:

<http://www.shl.lon.ac.uk/library/servicesandfacilities/PhotocopyingReprographics.shtml>

# Discover Databases

## Public Information Online

The Senate House Library has a new subscription for the Government Publications Collection. The historical databases of Parliamentary Papers; the [House of Commons Parliamentary Papers, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth century](#) which offer fully searchable full text coverage of those years, is now being complemented by current material in a new database, [Public Information Online](#).

Public Information Online is updated daily with fully searchable PDFs that are available on the day of publication. It includes PDFs for the Twenty first Century of ALL:

- House of Commons Papers
- House of Lords Papers
- Command Papers
- Bills and Bill Amendments
- Explanatory Notes for Bills
- Standing and Public Bill Committees
- Acts and Explanatory Notes
- Daily Hansard.

There are also the publications of the Scottish Parliament and Northern Ireland Assembly. As with the other Government Publications Databases, remote access is available.

# Discover Databases

## Historic Newspaper Resources Online

Two new databases have been added to the Senate House Library's collection of online Newspaper Resources. These are:

- [17th-18th Century Burney Collection Newspapers](#)
- [19th Century British Library Newspapers](#)

They accompany historic newspaper collections such as the [Times Digital Archive](#) and the [Nineteenth-Century Serials Edition](#) (NCSE).

The Burney Collection of newspapers and news pamphlets forms the largest single collection of 17th and 18th century English news media, and the 19th Century British Library Newspapers collection contains full runs of 48 influential 19th century national and regional newspapers representing different political and cultural segments of the 19th century British society.

These two new resources may be searched separately or together as [Gale Cengage's British Newspapers 1600-1900](#). New conservation and imaging techniques and a new cross-searchable platform adopted by the British Library offers unparalleled access and discoverability to this valuable historical and cultural archive. In addition there are specially commissioned essays and contextual materials written by expert scholars intended to help non-specialist users with perspective and analysis.

# Special Collections focus

## The Goldsmiths' - Kress Library of Economic Literature online through the Library catalogue

The [Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature](#) is a major collection of over 70,000 texts published between 1450 and the early 20<sup>th</sup> century covering economics, politics and social conditions. It is of particular value for economic and social history, notably economic thought, financial and monetary policy, early English and French socialism, slavery, railway history and temperance. Combined with a parallel collection, [the Kress Library of Business and Economics at Harvard University](#), the full text of pre-1850 printed material in the collection and, a selection of 466 pre-1906 serials, has been digitised to form the basis of the database the Making of the Modern World. Catalogue records for all of the documents in the Making of the Modern World database are in the Senate House Library catalogue, and now Library Members can click on the link on each record to transfer directly to the digital copy on the database, giving access to the full text facsimiles of over 61,000 documents.

The nucleus of the [Goldsmiths' Library of Economic](#)

[Literature](#), the largest named special collection in Senate House Library, was formed by Herbert Somerton Foxwell (1849-1936). Foxwell collected throughout his lifetime, his first major collection became the Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature, after he sold in 1901 to the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths. The Company subsequently presented the Collection in 1903 to the University of London. Substantial additions of printed and manuscript material have subsequently been made to the Goldsmiths' Library. Foxwell's two subsequent collections were ultimately combined to form the nucleus of the Kress Library of Business and Economics.

There are a few exceptions for which the link only goes to the database rather than the document itself. Once in the database you can search for the title concerned to locate the digital copy:

The database is also available remotely to all full members of the Senate House Library.

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## New subject guides to archives in Senate House Library

The ULRLS archival and manuscript database (<http://archives.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/>) holds catalogue records for archival and manuscript collections held in ULRLS libraries. To complement this, we have recently added a series of archives subject guides to the Senate House Library website (<http://www.shl.lon.ac.uk/specialcollections/archives/archivessubjectguides.shtml>). These guides introduce and highlight some outstanding themes, from literary papers and the history of the book, to friendly societies and temperance. Each subject guide links

to printed book collections, both historic and modern, which may also be of interest.

So, if you are studying Trotskyism, the subject guide at <http://www.shl.lon.ac.uk/specialcollections/archives/archivestrotskyistsources.shtml> will direct you to a number of papers including the Ron Heisler Collection (<http://www.shl.lon.ac.uk/specialcollections/ronheisler.shtml>). A subject search on our catalogue for books and the ULRLS Archival and Manuscript Database will also help you to uncover more resources.

# Special Collections Focus

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**ULRLS** Catalogue ▶ Senate House Library  
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Record: *PayView*

**Title** Reasons why the canal for the inland navigation, from the Shannon to Dublin, should be cut thro' the bog of Allen : rather than any other part of the kingdom.

**Imprint** Dublin : Printed by W. Sleater, 1756.

**Descript.** 12 p : 19 cm.

Connect to web resource  
Connect online to the Making of the Modern World (The Goldsmiths'-Kress Library of Economic Literature):

LOCATION	CLASSMARK	STATUS
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS Ground Floor Small Hall	GL Kress Microfilm	REFERENCE ONLY

**Note** Master microform held by: ResP.  
References: Higgs, H. *BdI. of economics* : t323.  
Goldsmiths'-Kress library of economic literature, no. 9175.4.

**Subject** Canals -- Ireland.  
Inland navigation -- Ireland.

Record: *PayView*

Click on the link to get through to the document on the Making of the Modern World

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**The MAKING of the MODERN WORLD**  
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# Special Collections Focus

## Caring for the collections: a conservation case study

An important feature of work in Special Collections is to ensure that rare and fragile items are preserved for future generations of researchers. At any one time, there are printed books, archival documents and manuscripts undergoing treatment.

We are keen to support the work of new entrants to the conservation profession. As part of her MA project, a conservation student from Camberwell College of Arts conserved a copy of *A New Hieroglyphical Bible: for the amusement of children* (London, 1794). This book had been sewn over-cast with a piece of cloth across the spine as a repair and barely opened. The student disassembled it, tested the paper and repair materials, and, after consultation with Angela Craft, Senior Conservator, decided it did not warrant chemical treatment. However, extensive repairs were required on the leaves and these were done with Japanese papers. The repair cloth was found to be 19th century. It is likely that the original sewing was recessed,



which involved cutting into the text-block. Once the sections were repaired, making new cuts in the sewing was considered intrusive. It was initially proposed to re-sew the book by moulding the paper repairs around the sewing supports to give the affect of a recessed sewing without having to make cuts in the text block. However, having proceeded with the sewing, the volume now opens well. Careful examination of the binding and research by the student revealed the first binding had a paper spine and once the boards were re-attached the spine was covered up with Western paper in keeping with the original.

# Recent Acquisitions



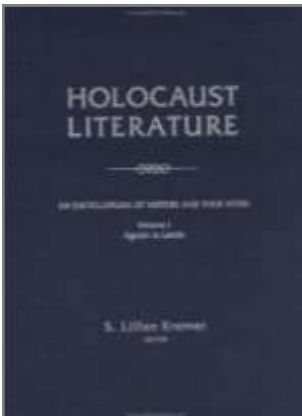
## [The novels of Daniel Defoe, edited by W R Owens and P N Furbank. Volumes 6- 10 \(SHL has Volumes 1-5\)](#)

Daniel Defoe is known as the father of the English novel. Virginia Woolf described *Moll Flanders* and *Roxana* as ‘among the few novels ... one can call indisputably great’. *Robinson Crusoe* is one of the most enduring characters in English literature. Daniel Defoe wrote ten novels including two lesser known sequels to *Robinson Crusoe*. This is the first authoritative scholarly edition of all his novels. Carefully selected copy texts are supported by extensive new editorial material explaining the novels’ publishing history.



## [The works of Charlotte Smith, Volumes 11-14 \(SHL has Volumes 1-10\)](#)

In recent years the central position held by Charlotte Turner Smith during the formative years of the British Romantic period has become increasingly clear. Less attention has been paid to Smith's eleven novels and two fictional adaptations from the French because few of these have been reprinted until recently, and the majority have never been reprinted at all. This edition, however, will reveal the extent to which Smith's work in this form constitutes as significant an achievement as her poetry.



## [Holocaust Literature: An Encyclopaedia of Writers and Their Work, edited by S L Kremer](#)

“Featuring 300 alphabetically organized bio-critical essays on writers of memoirs, novels, poetry, short stories, and drama, ranging in length from 1,500 to 7,000 words, this comprehensive scholarly work presents a broad spectrum of voices remembering, interpreting, and reinterpreting one of the twentieth century's most politically and emotionally charged events. Including writers whose works first appeared in Czech, Dutch, English, French, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Yiddish, this reference provides wide international coverage, though its focus will be on writers whose work is available in English. It will prove a valuable resource to students, scholars, general readers, or to anyone interested in world history.”



## [Northern Irish literature, by Michael Parker \(two volumes\)](#)

*Northern Irish Literature, 1975-2006* and *Northern Irish Literature 1956-75*, examine the contexts for literary production over the past fifty years, addressing the troubled intersections of literature, history and politics. Chapters focus on a particular period of the 'Troubles', and offer detailed readings of both canonical and lesser-known texts by writers from different traditions and generations. Unlike existing studies which often consider a single author or genre, these volumes explore the diversity that is Northern Irish literature.

# Recent Acquisitions



## [Portmeirion: Images by Leslie Gerry, text by Robin Llywelyn](#)

The book covers buildings designed by Clough Williams-Ellis.

The double-spread images in Portmeirion brilliantly capture its architectural eccentricities in a pageant of colour created by the artist in the form of a series of seven original prints drawn on an electronic tablet, a technique he has exploited that is in many ways the successor to the Jean Berte and pochoir processes in that it achieves its effects by superimposing layers of flat colour on top of one another.

60 special copies contain a set of signed prints of the images, including an additional image, and a poster of one of the images, all in a solander box. Bound by the Fine Book Bindery. The Senate House Library copy is no. 58 of the special copies.



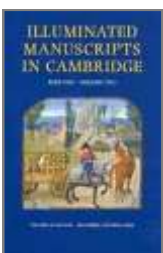
## [Slavery and public history: The tough stuff of American memory, edited by James Oliver Horton and Lois E. Horton](#)

Coming to terms with slavery in twenty-first-century America. "A collection of essays that focus on public history and the difficulty that public historians encounter in dealing with the history of American slavery". Includes bibliographical references and index.



## [Public faces and private identities in seventeenth century Holland: portraiture and the production of community, Ann Jensen Adams](#)

Cultural power of portraits, the market, interpersonal experience and subjectivity. Including: portraits of individuals, physiognomy, demeanour and the representation of character family portraits, the private arena and the social order history portrait, comprehending the self through historical narrative, Guard portraits, personal friendships, the public sphere, the production of identity, transitional objects and potential spaces.



## [Illuminated manuscripts in Cambridge: catalogue of Western book illumination in the Fitzwilliam Museum and the Cambridge Colleges, edited by Nigel Morgan and Stella Panayotova](#)

This book covers: Pt. 1, vol. 1. The Frankish kingdoms, Northern Netherlands, Germany, Bohemia, Hungary, Austria - Pt. 1, vol. 2. The Meuse region, Southern Netherlands. Pt. 2. Italy, Spain, Portugal. Pt. 3. France. Pt. 4. England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales. Pt. 5. Illuminated incunabula.

# Friends events

“Behind the scenes” events are for members of the Friends only; visits are intended primarily for members, although guests may be included if places are available. Please let the Library Office know if you wish to attend (contact details at the end).



## 2010

**24 March 2010** - Talk: Rosemary Ashton and Deborah Colville

*Progressive Bloomsbury: the accumulation of reforming institutions in 19th century Bloomsbury*

**28 April 2010** - Visit: Library of the Goldsmiths' Company

**12 May 2010** - Talk: Frances Boyle (UKRR)

*The UK Research Reserve (UKRR) - securing knowledge for research.*

For the updated programme please see ➔ <http://ies.sas.ac.uk/events/SHeLF/index.htm>.

For further information about any of these events, or to join Senate House Library Friends, please contact in the first instance:

The Library Office, Senate House Library, University of London,  
Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU

Website ➔ [www.shl.lon.ac.uk/friends/friendsevents.shtml](http://www.shl.lon.ac.uk/friends/friendsevents.shtml)

✉ [shl.officeadministrator@london.ac.uk](mailto:shl.officeadministrator@london.ac.uk)

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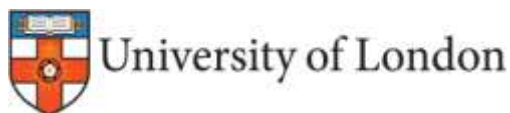
You are welcome to leave comments or post messages, to share with us what you most enjoy about the Library as well as what you would like to see improved.

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