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Bodley's Librarian
Forming the entrance – Proposed Perspective View from Broad Street - West
Bodleian: Research

During 2012-13 ...

2.3 million  entries to library spaces
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7.9 million  downloads from e-Journals
1.5 million  book loans
Legacy of the past ...  
... the promise of the future
The Bodleian Libraries of the University of Oxford and the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana (Vatican Library) have joined efforts in a landmark digitization project with the aim of opening up their repositories of ancient texts. Over the course of the next four years, 1.5 million pages from their remarkable collections will be made freely available online to researchers and to the general public.

The initiative has been made possible by a £2 million award from the Polonsky Foundation. Dr Leonard Polonsky, who is committed to democratizing access to information, sees the increase of digital access to these two library collections — among the greatest in the world — as a significant step in sharing intellectual resources on a global scale.

Blog

Newly Digitized Greek Manuscripts
An Oxford doctoral student highlights two new manuscripts digitized by the Bodleian

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Downloads of digitized books
Embracing the diversity/richness or our collections/resources – how do our users find what they need among all the goodies?
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"Unless Europe can be saved...

... civilisation is lost."

"We must come to them... as physicians and surgeons at work to heal this wounded and festering continent, the mother of Christendom." Prof. Gilbert Murray, O.M.

(one of our Hon. Trustees)

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CHAPTER ONE
EARLY INFLUENCES

My earliest memory is of sitting on the back steps of a square little house, Beechurst, in Love Lane, Pontefract. I must have been three years old at the time and I was looking out at a stretch of unkempt grass surrounded by a brick wall which we called a garden. On re-visiting the house many years later I found it was a very modest home, but to me it represented solidity and security. Beyond our wall was a cinder track which separated us from a terraced row of houses occupied mainly by miners from the surrounding pits. I remember them because we used to play with the miners' children, learning some colourful language from them. My mother used to recount how I came in one day from a rough and tumble on the cinder track and, pointing to my elder brother, Jimmie, lisped: "Look at icka Dimmy. Isn't he a mucky little buggar."

At this stage my mother was the dominant influence in my life. She was a William Morris Socialist; equality must be turned
Maintaining the scholarly and cultural record
Help us to describe the Libraries' digitised music collections

The Bodleian Libraries are looking for your help in increasing access to their music collections. Over four thousand digitised scores, mostly piano music from the nineteenth century, many of which have illustrated covers, have now been made available online. By describing these images, you will not only be helping to provide access to this valuable but hitherto 'hidden' collection, you will also be facilitating future research into popular music of the period and the wider social function which it performed during the Victorian age.

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Embracing the crowd
By 1002 Brian had gained the upper hand. He led several campaigns to subdue rival kingdoms, forcing all the important families to submit and surrender hostages. During this period Brian forged a close alliance with the Archbishop of Armagh, and was commemorated at the Synod of Cashel in 1057 for his role in sponsoring the compilation of the Book of Armagh as Emperor of the Irish.
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Engaging with the public
I co-authored a study investigating link rot in legal scholarship and judicial opinions, and was shocked to find that, circa late 2013, nearly three out of four links found within all Harvard Law Review articles were dead. Half of the links in U.S. Supreme Court opinions were dead. Before the Web, the only common link was an analog: an author had to name with great precision a source, and a reader could nearly always take that citation to a library and expect to be able to access the source. Labor intensive, but the barriers to publishing meant that most stuff linked was in books and other systematized formats that libraries were likely to store. Post-Web, much can be published without burdensome intermediaries, but if it vanishes, it vanishes.
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