

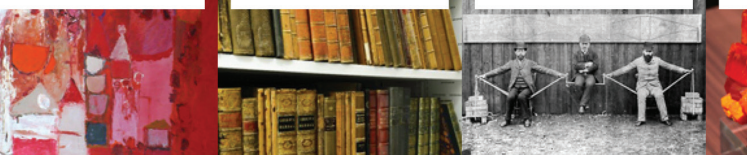
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MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

LATEST EXHIBITIONS



Look ahead to 2014/15

The coming year will be an exciting one for Library and University Collections. Many of our programmes will continue, and our exhibition schedule is already planned, including "Out of the Blue" – a celebration of the colour blue highlighting a mixture of interesting and thought provoking items from our collections. We will continue to provide access to a growing number of online collections through our showcase website [collections.ed.ac.uk](http://collections.ed.ac.uk)

We will also be undertaking some major projects, including the procurement and implementation of a new Library Management IT System. This will enable us to further enhance the student experience of Library course collections, utilising new approaches in how we provide access to e-resources. Such projects will enable us to review and streamline many of our internal processes, continually improving the library services that we offer.

Building work will begin on St Cecilia's Hall early in the new year, embarking on a £6.5 million refit and renovation to create a world-class museum to house and display our important collection of historical musical instruments.

These are only a few of the highlights that we look forward to delivering over the coming, very exciting, year as we continue to provide high quality collections, and deliver excellent services and first-rate engagement.

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Statistics

In comparison to 2012/13

1 \ Footfall – 2,891,718



Up  
8.5%

2 \ Opening hours



Up  
10%

3 \ e-Journals usage



Up  
22%

4 \ e-Books usage



Up  
67%

5 \ e-Reserve scanned readings



Up  
16%

6 \ Teaching and support hours



Up  
240%

7 \ Visits to collections displays



Up  
84%

8 \ Consultations in CRC



Up  
12%

9 \ New books



17,294

## High Quality Collections



- ▶ University's rare and unique collections now discoverable online at **collections.ed.ac.uk**
- ▶ Satisfying over 13,000 Interlibrary loan requests
- ▶ Providing access to over 50,000 e-journals and 365,400 e-books... any time, any place
- ▶ More than 15,600 books acquired in response to user requests
- ▶ Preserving and making accessible UNESCO-awarded HIV/AIDS collections
- ▶ 2,400 new hi-resolution photographs added to **collections.ed.ac.uk**
- ▶ The National Student Society showed 90% of our students felt our physical and online collections met their study needs

## Delivering Excellent Services

- ▶ Acquired more than 700 books and prepared over 5,000 journal articles for submission to REF 2014
- ▶ Helped the University achieve a 64% RCUK Open Access rate with 30,000+ full text items now held in our repositories
- ▶ HLF-funded collaboration with RNIB Scotland to improve access to archives for blind and partially sighted people
- ▶ Library opening hours extended in response to student feedback

## First Rate Engagement



- ▶ **Libraryblogs.is.ed.ac.uk:** sharing our projects, services and collections
- ▶ **@EdUniLibraries:** building relationship networks on social media
- ▶ Engaging with students at Innovative Learning Week: seven events attended by over 100 people
- ▶ 24 interns and 70 volunteers gave us 15,000 extra hours' work on our collections
- ▶ Rashid exhibition showcased the Library's rarest manuscript. Our visitors said:
 

*"Informative and accessible. Thank you for bringing such a treasure to the public"*

*"Extraordinary collection of Islamic history, really enjoyed it"*

## Attracting External Investment



- ▶ £820,000 secured from Heritage Lottery Fund for St Cecilia's Hall redevelopment
- ▶ Five Wellcome Trust funded projects supported
- ▶ Europeana Cloud secured €37,000 in funding from EU programme
- ▶ £33,000 awarded by Jisc for the 'Lessons in Open Access Compliance in Higher Education' project