The catalogue for the Western medieval manuscripts in Special Collections has been enhanced, with images imbedded in the cataloguing records and with better descriptions for navigating and contextualising the items.

This collection contains 270 medieval manuscript books and c. 45 fragments which have been donated to, and purchased by the University in the course of its history. These are all books and fragments written by hand, from the early 11th to the 16th centuries. Many are finely illuminated and decorated. They are written mostly in Latin (280) but also in French (28), Greek (12), English (11), Italian (10), German (8), Scots (7), Dutch (3), Swedish (1) and Slavic language (1, possibly Russian).

Some of the most previous and beautiful books in Scotland are preserved in this collection, such as the small, brightly-coloured copy of the Psalms known as the Celtic Psalter (MS 56), which dates from the early 11th century and is possibly the oldest surviving Scottish book still in Scotland. Click here to see more.

Next work will be on Oriental Manuscripts Collection, mainly in Arabic or Persian.

**EEBO on new platform**

ProQuest’s Early English Books Online database moved from the Chadwyck site to the ProQuest platform on 21 August 2019. The new platform has a clean interface with enhanced search and browse functions. Database entry for EEBO has been updated. The old platform is still available until December 2019.

Both EEBO and Early European Books (EEB) can be searched together as part of Early Modern Books (EMB) which is now also listed in the Database list.

Do you know that EEBO also contains many books in other European languages apart from English (134,417)? They include Latin (9060), French (678), Welsh (205), Ancient Greek (147), Greek (112), Italian (95), Scots (88), German (63), Spanish (32), Hebrew (12), Scottish Gaelic (8), Portuguese (7), Arabic (6), and other Roman languages (795).

**LION on new platform**

Now that Literature Online is available on the ProQuest platform it is no longer available on the legacy platform.

The new ProQuest platform provides an enhanced research experience by allowing users to cross-search LION with other ProQuest journals, newspapers, and relevant content. The main benefits are:

- The ability to cross-search a wealth of relevant ProQuest content
**Services**

**Library Chat**

A new Library service, “Library Chat”, was launched in April 2019 as a pilot project. The service is available for library enquiries during Main Library Helpdesk opening hours on the Library webpage and also on the DiscoverEd search page. When the Helpdesk is closed, our out-of-hours enquiries are handled by librarians in the United States.

**COPAC and SUNCAT replaced by Library Hub Discover**

COPAC and SUNCAT were replaced by Library Hub Discover on 31st July 2019, giving access to details of materials held in many UK national, academic and specialist libraries. The new service offers increased coverage of university libraries along with new features and faster response times. Visit [https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk](https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk)

**Lynda.com becomes LinkedIn Learning by the end of August**

The University’s Lynda.com online learning service will be upgraded to LinkedIn Learning by the end of August.

The improved service will offer a more intuitive interface, more courses in more languages, an improved search facility, recommendations-based learning and the option to link to your LinkedIn professional networking platform profile should you wish to.

To learn more, visit [www.ed.ac.uk/is/linkedinlearning](http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/linkedinlearning)

**EndNote for personal/home devices**

Staff and students can now request Endnote download to install the software on personal/home devices. Please click [here](http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/linkedinlearning) to know how to do this.

**Study Hub – learning resources for taught students**

Study Hub, provided by Institute for Academic Development (IAD), replaces the previous Learn Better, as an online resource centre for developing students’ study skills. Click [here](http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/linkedinlearning) for access. Resources under the following topics may be particularly relevant for LLC students:

- Critical thinking
- Dissertations and research projects
- Literature review
- Academic writing
- Effective studying
- Making notes in class
- Digital skills
- Study skills guides (links to Library resources)
- Presentations and posters

**CRC Reading Room refurbishment**

Reader Services at the Centre for Research Collections has experienced a significant increase in demand since the CRC opening in 2008. This summer the CRC Reading Room is being refurbished to incorporate a new issuing desk and collections holding area, improved accessibility to digital facilities and additional desks. Our readers regularly provide positive feedback about the rooms’ natural daylight and comfortable environment – our priority is to maintain these alongside the improvements.

The service is still running and the reading room has been temporarily relocated to the Research Suite on the other side of the reception area. There is no change to access arrangements.

The service will move back into the refurbished reading room on Friday 13 September. Please note the reading room will close at 12 noon on 13 September and re-open at 10am on Monday 16 September.

Full information about opening hours and any service disruption can be found on our webpages [www.ed.ac.uk/is/crc](http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/crc)

New College Library to be closed for renovations

New College Library will be closed for essential renovations from late December 2019 until June 2021. The General Collection will be transferred to the new temporary library on the ground floor of David Hume Tower. Some of the Special Collection items will be available from the CRC in the Main Library. However, the bulk of the Special Collection will be stored off campus and will not be accessible while the library is closed. Follow the update here.

Library Annexe renamed University Collections Facility (UCF)

Library Annexe has been renamed University Collections Facility (UCF). The name change reflects the increasing range of Library and Museum collections housed at the site. The method of requesting material from UCF remains the same as with the previous Library Annexe. For article scanning, click on "University Collections Facility Scan Request" in the "Links" section near the bottom of the DiscoverEd search result item display page. To request a book or a whole issue of a journal, use the REQUEST OPTIONS function under the “Find it in Library” section.

New Acquisitions

Important new acquisitions for or relevant to LLC in 2018/19

Databases

- Archives of Sexuality & Gender: LGBTQ History and Culture since 1940 (including: The Private Case of the British Library)
- Bloomsbury Screen Studies
- Bertolt Brechts Werke
- Chinese Periodicals Full-text Database (1911-1949), Series 8 (given access to the whole database)
- Church Missionary Society Periodicals Module 2: Medical Journals, Asian Missions and the Historical Record
- Daily Mail Historical Archive (1896-2004)
- Deutsche Literatur des 18. Jahrhunderts / 18th Century German Literature Online (600 authors, 2,700 works, 4.500 volumes)
- Foreign Office Files for China (Part 1 & 2. Now we have the complete set of 6 parts)
- Illustrated London News (full run from 1842-2003)
- Informit Literature & Culture Collection (Australian literature)
- JSTOR new thematic collection – Lives of Literature (a collection of 33 academic journals devoted to the deep study of writers and texts associate with core literary movements. When complete, Lives of Literature will include ca. 120 journals that are all new to JSTOR. View the title list here and user guide here)
- The Listener Historical Archive 1929-1991

- Literary Print Culture
- Literature Online new contents – apart from the Core Collection, we also have access to African Writers Series (separate entry in Database list), Black Writing Collection and World Literature Collection (integrated in LION)
- Oxford Bibliographies new contents -- Literary and Critical Theory, African American Studies, African Studies
- Picture Post Historical Archive 1938-1957
- Service Newspapers of World War Two
- Shakespeare’s Globe Archive
- Textual History of the Bible Archive
- Women’s Magazine Archive I and II

E-book collections

- Bloomsbury 2019 e-book collections for: Middle Eastern Studies (46 titles), Film & Media Studies (59 titles), and Literary Studies (88 titles)
- History of Persian Literature series (standing order)

Journal subscriptions

- Archäologische Mitteilungen aus Iran
- European Journal of Korean Studies
- The Medieval Globe
- North American Journal of Celtic Studies
- Paideia (classical literature)
- Postmedieval: a journal of medieval cultural studies

Printed Items

- Bon Dainagon Ekotoba 伴大納言絵詞, or The Tale of Great Minister Ban (in CRC), a reproduction of the 12th century handscroll painting. See LLC Librarian blog for details.
E-resources trials relevant to LLC

- China Data Insights
  For access and description, go to E-Resources Trials webpage.

Useful websites

- Google Dataset Search (Beta)
- MLA International Bibliography tutorial videos
- MLA Style Center
- Referencing tutorial
  Potential recommendation for your students. An interactive resource to help learn how to reference correctly and avoid plagiarism. The tutorial is made up of 11 short, self-contained topics, including:
  - What is referencing and why it matters
  - What sources are appropriate to reference
  - How to avoid plagiarism
  - How to insert citations into your text
  - Incorporating the work of others into your writing
  - Documenting the full reference details

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For LLC related resource enquiries or requests; to arrange library induction sessions for your student; other types of professional advice on Library issues

Library Academic Support team
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Alternative to contacting your Academic Support Librarian. A colleague in the team can reply even if your LLC Academic Support Librarian is away.

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Web self-service portal (preferred):
http://ed.unidesk.ac.uk/tas/public
Email: IS.Helpline@ed.ac.uk
Phone: 0131 6515151
Hours of operation:
Monday-Thursday 9.00am-8.00am next day
Friday – Sunday 24 hours

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IS Helpdesk
Ground Floor, Main Library, George Square
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Email: same as Helpline

Help about using the Main Library; help with finding books; EASE and Library accounts; visit in person