



Annual Report

2020-21

## Overview:

As the pandemic continued, the story of the academic year 2020-2021 was one of rapid evolution in the Whipple Library, as services were developed and deployed in response to the changing situation. We began the academic year offering bookable study spaces in the library at 50% occupancy, while continuing to offer click and collect, and supporting the University Library's scan and deliver service. With the help of three of the previous cohort of MPhil students, Francis Newman, Xinyi Wen and Amelia Urry, we installed an exhibition, *Three Research Journeys*. This was aimed at helping to guide the new cohort through their research process, especially with Covid restrictions in place. As usual, a virtual exhibition was put on the Library website, to enable all to see, no matter their physical location. We were saddened in November to say goodbye to Dawn, who left for pastures new. Dawn started working in the Department & library back in 2001, clocking up an impressive twenty years of service here, and her experience and expertise will be missed. We wish her well in all her future endeavours.

Through the generosity of the Department, we were able to employ Andrew Lorey as temporary Library Assistant in November and December, allowing us to maintain service levels up until the Christmas vacation, while a recruitment exercise was carried out to find Dawn's successor. While here, Andrew assisted ably with library tasks, and also put together an exhibition, *A Bird's Eye View: Highlights from the History of British Ornithology in the Whipple Collection*, which we installed in Spring 2021. It was with this exhibition that we started to experiment with a different method of presenting our online, virtual exhibitions, in a new, more aesthetically pleasing, and accessible way.

We were very pleased in January to appoint Raphaëlle Goyeau to the post of Library Assistant, taking on Dawn's role on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Raphaëlle joins us from a Library Assistant role in Emmanuel College, and had previously completed a Graduate Traineeship at Trinity. With the reintroduction of restrictions over the Christmas break, the library remained fully staffed, and remote services such as click and collect and scan and deliver continued into Lent Term.

We were able to reopen the library to readers in April, which proved popular in the run into Easter term and the exam period. Shortly after term wrapped up for the summer, we were pleased to host Heather Rowland for two weeks of work experience, during which she put together and installed an exhibition, *Kelvin: More than just a unit of temperature*.

Despite being closed to readers for four months of the year, we recorded a total of 4,767 bookings of our study spaces, which is impressive given that we were only able to operate at 50% capacity. We also fulfilled a total of 530 Click & Collect orders.

## Collections:

Purchasing, cataloguing, and accessioning continued throughout the year, with 258 physical items added to the collections, including 27 into the Store. Around 170 ebooks have also been directly purchased.

### **Items newly added to the Store**

Dingle, Herbert, 1890-1978.	The scientific adventure : essays in the history and philosophy of science /		London :	Pitman	1952.
Micheli, Pier Antonio, 1679-1737, author.	I cinque libri di piante : codice marciano /		Venezia :	Reale Istituto Veneto di Scienze Lettere ed Arti	1940.
Vsesoiuznaia akademiia sel'skokhoziaistvennykh nauk imeni V.I. Lenina, author.	The situation in biological science : verbatim report,		Moscow :	Foreign Languages Publishing House	1949.
Powell, Cecil Frank.	Nuclear physics in photographs : tracks of charged particles in photographic emulsions /		Oxford :	Clarendon Press	1947.
Wiberg, Kenneth B. author.	Computer programming for chemists /		New York :	WA Benjamin Inc	1965.
Girard, Pierre, author.	Contribution à l'histoire de la pharmacie en Savoie /		[Chambéry] :	Imprimeries Réunies de Chambéry	1954.
Virchow, Rudolf, 1821-1902 author.	Briefe an seine Eltern, mit einer Heliogravüre, drei Vollbildern und einem brief in Autographie /	Zweite Auflage (Zweites Tausend).	Leipzig :	Verlag von Wilhelm Engelmann	1907.
Moncrief, John (Apothecary) author.	The poor man's physician : or the receipts; being at choice collection of simple and easy remedies for most distempers, very useful for all persons, especially those of a poorer condition.	The third edition, carefully corrected and amended.	Edinburgh :	Mr Thomas Heriot Bookseller	M. DCC. XXXI. [1731]
Jauffret, L. F. 1770-1840 author. (Louis François),	Les merveilles du corps humain : ou notions familières d'anatomie, a l'usage des		A Paris :	Chez AJ Dugour et Durand Libraires	an VII [1798-1799]

	enfants et des adolescents /				
Hobart, H. M.	A dictionary of electrical engineering /		London,		1910.
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Cooke, M. C. 1825-1914. (Mordecai Cubitt),	Freaks and marvels of plant life; or, Curiosities of vegetation /		London ;, New York :	Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge E & JB Young & Co	[1881]
Marcet, Mrs. 1769-1858. (Jane Haldimand),	Conversations on chemistry : in which the elements of that science are familiarly explained and illustrated by experiments : in two volumes.	The 6th ed., rev., corrected, and enl.	London :	Printed by Strahan and Spottiswoode for Longman Hurst Rees Orme and Brown	1819.
Taylor, Jane, 1783-1824 author.	Memoirs, correspondence, and poetical remains /	A new edition.	[London] :	Holdsworth and Ball	1831.
Proctor, Richard A. 1837-1888. (Richard Anthony),	Light science for leisure hours : A series of familiar essays on scientific subjects, natural phenomena, &c. &c /		London :	Longmans Green and co	1871.
Ripley, Robert L. 1890-1949 author. (Robert LeRoy),	Believe it or not : a modern book of wonders, miracles, freaks, monstrosities and almost-impossibilities, written, illustrated, and proved /		[London] :	C Arthur Pearson LTD by arrangement with the Publishers Stanley Paul & Co LTD	[1934?]
Lewes, George Henry, 1817-1878.	Sea-side studies at Ilfracombe, Tenby, the Scilly Isles, & Jersey /		Edinburgh ; London :	W Blackwood and sons	1858.

Davis, Will S. (Motion picture director)	First book of geology /		London ; Glasgow :	William Collins Sons & Company	1873.
Gregory, J. W. 1864-1932 author. (John Walter),	Geology : with numerous diagrams and illustrations /	Revised edition.	London :	JM Dent & Sons	1926.
Dawson, John William, Sir, 1820-1899 author.	The dawn of life : being the history of the oldest known fossil remains, and their relations to geological time and to the development of the animal kingdom /		London :	Hodder and Stoughton	1875.
Page, David, 1814-1879 author.	Introductory text-book of geology /	Third edition.	Edinburgh and London :	William Blackwood and Sons	1857.
Cruikshank, Robert, 1789-1856 illustrator.	The comic coronal : or, book of merriment; with numerous engravings on wood /		London :	William Kidd	[1830-1831]
Gould, R. T. 1890-1948. (Rupert Thomas),	The case for the sea-serpent /		London :	P Allan	1930.
Taylor, Janet, -1870, author.	The principles of navigation simplified with luni-solar tables and their application in nautical astronomy : which contains an easy and improved method of finding the latitude by meridian and double altitude and elapsed time, the azimuth, amplitude, and true time /	Third edition.	London :	Printed for and sold by G Taylor	1837.

Wenyon, C. M. 1878-1948, author. (Charles Morley),	Human intestinal protozoa in the near east : an inquiry into some problems affecting the spread and incidence of intestinal protozoal infections of British troops and natives in the near east, with special references to the carrier question, diagnosis and treatment of amœbic dysentery, and an account of three new human intestinal protozoa /		London :	John Bale Sons & Danielsson; Published for the Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research	1917.
Butterfield, Herbert, 1900-1979. author.	The origins of modern science, 1300-1800 /		London :	G Bell and Sons Ltd	1949.
Dingle, Herbert, 1890-1978.	The scientific adventure : essays in the history and philosophy of science /		London :	Pitman	1952.

Staffing:

Librarian: Jack Dixon

Library Assistants: Dawn Kingham, James Livesey, Raphaëlle Goyeau.

Departmental Senior Accounts Clerk and Senior Clerical Assistant, Aga Lanucha.

Invigilators: Rhianna Elliot, Sheryl Wombell.

Temporary Library Assistant (Nov/Dec 2020): Andrew Lorey.

Work experience: Heather Rowland.