



Annual Report 2022-23

Overview:

2022-23 has been another busy year at the Whipple, but generally, with the pandemic restrictions receding into the rear-view mirror, it has been good to get back to something approaching 'business as usual'. The year, as always, has bought its changes, though.

In September we were sad to say goodbye to both Library Assistants for pastures new. James Livesey left to take up a position as Postgraduate Administrator in the History Faculty. James had been part-time Library Assistant and had been working as Health Medicine and Society Administrator in the Department since 2017, but his association with the Department goes back a lot further – all the way back to him taking IB in 2011. Raphaëlle Goyeau left to become Assistant Librarian at Clare College, a post she holds while also pursuing a PhD in *The Origins and Development of the Cotton Library*. Raphaëlle joined the library team in January 2021. Both James and Raphaëlle regularly went above and beyond in the course of their duties, and made exceptional contributions to the library during their time here. We wish them all the best in their future careers.

As Raphaëlle and James had moved on, the library was in the unenviable position of starting Michaelmas Term without any Library Assistants in post. Fortunately, we were able to recruit Christine Chang via the University's Temporary Employment Service, who, despite no previous library experience, was an astonishingly quick learner. She ensured that reading lists were checked and updated, and new material was catalogued in a speedy manner, so that we were able to offer an effective service throughout the beginning of the academic year.

Since James and Raphaëlle had left at the same time, there was an opportunity to combine their 0.6 and 0.4 FTE roles into a full-time post, and revise the role profile to more accurately reflect the duties and responsibilities of the postholder. Following a successful regrading exercise, the role was advertised as a full time Senior Library Assistant. After recruitment and interviews shortly before Christmas, we welcomed Laura Burgazzi as Senior Library Assistant in January 2023. Laura had previously worked in Special Collections at Kings College London and in Cambridge University Library. Laura has an HPS background, having been supervised by Lauren Kassell during her History MPhil. Laura really hit the ground running in January, and has been a fantastic addition to the team.

Between October and March, Jack completed the University Administrator Development Programme, a useful look at high level decision making and project management within the University.

Throughout Michaelmas term the usual library induction, information literacy, and Research Data Management sessions took place, and *ad hoc* user training on a one-to-one basis was offered as requested throughout the year.

The Science In Print Graduate Seminar series ran in an expanded format this year, running to 6 sessions across Michaelmas and Lent terms. Newly added sessions included a visit to the Needham Research Institute, lead by Mary Brazelton and John Moffett, and a visit to the University Library's Manuscript Reading Room for a session on Middle Eastern Manuscripts lead by Yasmin Faghihi. The series remains popular and inspired some high-quality MPhil essays.

In Easter Term the University Library ran the bi-annual Library Survey, and we were gratified to receive several pieces of positive feedback:

The Whipple library is amazing and [...] goes above and beyond to provide a friendly, welcoming environment and help me with all my research needs. I feel so at home there. The only downside whatsoever is that it can sometimes be hard to find a desk because people from other departments use it too. But I can't really blame them; it's just that great, friendly and helpful.

The Whipple library staff are consistently helpful and approachable. They often go above and beyond to make me feel like study is fun and easier. The books stocked in the library are also excellent for HPS study.

I am very impressed with the quick turnaround times by the library services when I need to access some journal articles which my own student account does not have access to.

Whipple library is just amazing, I have never found such a large collection of under-represented/understudied topics in the philosophy of science.

The Whipple Library and its Staff are wonderful! And huge thanks also to the folks at the CUL who keep everything running, especially the Historical Printing Room.

All in all, a successful and busy year.

Collections:

We have continued to grow the collections in response to research needs, reader requests, and reading list requirements. Altogether this year we added 498 items to the collection, broken down into the following areas:

- Main Library: 348
- Oversized: 22

- Reference: 49
- Reserve: 3
- Periodicals: 64
- Store: 10

The store items, as usual, offer exciting potential for original research, and enhance the collections existing strengths. They are:

Wegener, Hans, author.	Bäume des deutschen Waldes : nach Carl Oelhafens von Schöllnbach berühmter "Abbildung der wilden Bäume, Stauden und Buschgewächse" /	Leipzig :	J J Weber	[1935]	STORE 185:45	
Copp, Johann, 1487-1558, author.	Erklärung unnd gründtliche Underweysung alles nutztes, so in dem edlen Instrument Astrolabium genannt, begriffen.	Augspurg :	Ottmar	MDXXV [1525]	STORE 185:46	
Ewing, Juliana Horatia, 1841-1885, author.	Jackanapes /	London : New York :	Engraved and printed by Edmund Evans Racquet Court Fleet Street EC; E and JB Young and Co; Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge	1884.	STORE 185:42	
Seward, A. C. 1863-1941, author. (Albert Charles),	John Ray : a biographical sketch written for the centenary of the Cambridge Ray Club and read, in part, at the dinner in the Hall of Trinity College on 16 March 1937 /	[Cambridge] :	W Lewis MA at the University Press; Privately Printed	[1937]	STORE REF FILE 21:32	
Stopes, Marie Carmichael, 1880-1958.	Married love : a new contribution to the solution of sex difficulties /	3rd ed.	London :	AC Fifield	1918.	STORE 223:35
Himes, Norman Edwin, 1899-1949, author.	Medical history of contraception /	Baltimore :	The Williams & Wilkins Company	1936.	STORE 184:49	

Leadbette r, Charles, author.	New tables of the motions of the planets, the fixed stars and the first satellite of Jupiter; declinations to every degree and minute of the ecliptic and to six degrees of north and south latitude of right and oblique ascensions, and logistical logarithms.	London :	printed for J Wilcox at Virgil's Head over against the New Church in the Strand	MDCCXLII [1742]	STORE 185:43
Knight, William, author.	Outlines of botany : intended to accompany a series of practical demonstrations in that science given in Marischal College and University /	Aberdeen :	Printed by D Chalmers & Co printers to the University	MDCCCXX VII [1828]	STORE 185:44
Richardso n, Martin, author.	Stopping time : the making of the 'H4' holograms at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, 13th March 2008 /	[Place of publicatio n not identified] :	publisher not identified	[2008]	STORE 185:47
Torlais, Jean, 1897- author.	Un esprit encyclopédique en dehors de "l'Encyclopédie" : Réaumur, d'après des documents inédits.	Paris :	Desclée de Brouwer et Cie; Desclée de Brouwer et cie	[1936]	STORE 184:50

Staffing:

Librarian: Jack Dixon

Senior Library Assistant: Laura Burgazzi

Invigilators: Alex Van Dijk, Amelia Urry, Heather Rowland, Rhianna Elliot, Sheryl Wombell

Temporary Library Assistant: Christine Chang