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LIBRARY STRATEGY 2017-2026

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Background

'Le projet de la Société Géologique de Londres, la première qui ait été établie sous ce titre, est de travailler à l'acquisition des connaissances propres à établir la théorie de la Terre.'

[The project of the Geological Society of London, the first to have been established under that name, is to work towards acquiring sound knowledge to establish a theory of the Earth].

Extract from 'Mémoire' (1808) by Jacques-Louis, Comte de Bournon, founding member of the Geological Society.

The Museum and Library of the Geological Society were created in 1809, two years after the foundation of the Society, to collect practical knowledge of geological information.

In 1911, as a consequence of the Fellowship's growing interest for printed and up-to-date research, the Museum closed to give more room to what had become the largest collection of geological literature in the world.

With over 300,000 volumes of books and serials and 40,000 maps, the Geological Society Library is still today one of the finest Earth Science libraries in the world. The information needs of the Society's 12,000 Fellows however have changed and so have the library environment and resources. Appendix A summarises Library progress since 2012.

Purpose of the Library

The Geological Society Library is a research library which offers its Fellows the best of both worlds: rich historical and archive collections as well as the most up-to-date information resources in print and electronic formats.

Its primary role is to support Fellows with their continuing professional development, research and practice needs. It also provides services to employees of the Society's Corporate Patrons and, as part of a charitable organisation, has a commitment to public engagement.

Values

A library of hard-to-find and unique material

As the first Geological Society in the world, the Society has acquired over the last 209 years a large number of unique and rare items. The Library is a back-up library for the British Library and a key resource for many UK and overseas libraries.

High customer care standards

The Library provides a first class customised service to its Fellows, Corporate Patrons and visitors and prides itself in having enthusiastic and committed staff with expert knowledge in the subject area and the collections.

Best kept secret in London

The Library offers an exclusive and peaceful environment for research and study in an elegant 18th c. grade II* listed building in W1, Piccadilly.

Strategic objectives

In 2017, Council approved the Geological Society Strategy:

- **A home for geoscience:** We will promote and support the geosciences and act as the scientific and professional home for an engaged, diverse and inclusive geoscience community
- **Serving and supporting geoscientists:** We will provide services and support for our Fellows and other geoscientists throughout their careers
- **Maintaining standards:** We will assure high professional standards in geoscience, for the public benefit
- **Trusted voice:** We will be the trusted voice of the geoscience community
- **Education and outreach:** We will promote geoscience education and share our science widely, to inform public debate and to inspire future geoscientists to address the challenges facing humanity
- **Strengthening our organisation:** We will ensure that the Geological Society remains a sustainable, resilient and thriving organisation over a generational timescale, in order to deliver our strategic aims and objectives

The Library Strategy incorporates the recommendations from the 2010 Library Review and complies with the Geological Society's new strategic objectives.

1. Improving the Library experience

Objective	Action	Date
Use the Library space more effectively	We will review the use, content, layout and signage of Library space to adapt to changing users' needs and expectations.	2018
	We will complete the Library inventory and identify suitable material for off-site storage and disposal to increase the accessibility of the Library's collections and create room for growth.	2017
Improve remote access to Library resources	We will keep up-to-date with the latest technology and empower our users by developing further our online user functionalities and information literacy support and training.	2020
	We will acquire printed and electronic academic resources most appropriate to our users' needs and make sure these are visible and easily accessible.	2017-2026
Develop, maintain and promote the Library's collections	We will participate in union catalogues e.g. COPAC, SUNCAT and WorldCat.	2018
	We will address the cataloguing backlog by carefully evaluating donations and adding to stock items of lasting value.	2017-2026

2. Developing user services

Objective	Action	Date
<p>Enhance user services</p>	<p>We will continue to support and adapt to the information needs of Fellows and Corporate Patrons through free and at-a-cost services such as document delivery, literature searching, Geofacets, books & map prints sales, Library tours and enquiries.</p>	<p>2017-2026</p>
	<p>We will engage further with Corporate Patrons to develop customised products such as expert search and current awareness services and prices.</p>	<p>2017-2026</p>
	<p>We will investigate the delivery of an information skills programme online and/or face-to-face to Fellows, Corporate Patrons and non-members using the latest technology.</p>	<p>2018</p>
	<p>We will carefully select and digitise material from our archive and special collections to widen the range of images and prints available for purchase.</p>	<p>2017-2026</p>
<p>Improve communication and marketing of value-added services</p>	<p>We will continue to use social media, the Society's website, newsletters and Geoscientist to raise awareness and promote Library services and collections.</p>	<p>2017-2026</p>
	<p>We will commission professionally produced literature to market our services to Corporate Patrons and offer Library inductions to their employees.</p>	<p>2018</p>

3. Preserving, developing and promoting special collections & archives

Objective	Action	Date
<p>Preserve and conserve the Library's special collections and archives</p>	<p>We will seek to improve the environmental conditions in which the Library's rare books, historical maps and archives are kept.</p>	<p>2017-2026</p>
	<p>We will raise awareness amongst staff and Fellows through fundraising campaigns and conservation training and events.</p>	<p>2017-2026</p>
	<p>We will identify material suitable for digitisation and promote these on the Society's website, via social networks and on professionally produced printed literature e.g. bookmarks and postcards.</p>	<p>2017-2026</p>
	<p>We will properly evaluate and insure the Library collection.</p>	<p>2017</p>
	<p>We will provide humidity and temperature-controlled space for its historical books, journals and maps.</p>	<p>2017-2026</p>
	<p>We will develop a preservation/conservation programme, involve NADFAS volunteers and apply for grants and Arts Council designation status to ensure the integrity of our collection for the future.</p>	<p>2017-2026</p>
<p>Enhance and promote the Library's special collections and archives</p>	<p>We will develop the Library's collections by attracting donations and bequests of significant importance to the history of Earth sciences.</p>	<p>2017-2026</p>
	<p>We will create a Plate Tectonics archive (incorporating, with commentaries, the papers of Dan McKenzie and other participants of the drift controversy and birth of plate tectonics) and make it freely available online to all.</p>	<p>2017</p>

4. Engaging with members of the public and external partners

Objective	Action	Date
Engage with a wider audience	We will fulfil our commitment to public engagement through a variety of events and services aimed at members of the public e.g. exhibitions, talks, bookshop, Open House and map & image prints.	2017-2026
Work in partnerships	We will continue working with external partners on specific projects (e.g. Geofacets, GeoRef and library consortia) and maintain our relationships with London library groups, the British Library and our international network of inter-library loan and geosciences libraries.	2017-2026

5. Supporting Library staff's professional development

Objective	Action	Date
Support current awareness and encourage best practice	We will maintain and improve our level of service by investing in staff development and regarding Library staff as our best information resource whilst making sure they have access to the most relevant and up-to-date technology.	2017-2026
Ensure effective succession planning	We will have in place written procedures, support and training to ensure effective knowledge sharing within the Library team.	2017-2026

SWOT analysis

Strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Library collections of international importance• Library staff's expertise and customer care skills consistently valued by Fellows• A currently small but growing collection of e-resources• Prestigious London location• Taking advantage of new technological advances for library services• Effective working partnerships with the British Library, the Natural History Museum, the Royal Geographical Society, the British Geological Survey, Elsevier, American Geosciences Institute and a worldwide network of geosciences libraries.	Weaknesses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finite financial and staff resources• Under-developed/under-promoted remote Library services• Space constraints in Burlington House
Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close working relationship between the Publishing House and the Library• Partnerships with Elsevier (Geofacets) and the Natural History Museum (library consortia)• Potential savings from the development of Open Access publishing• Greater exposure and use from the digitisation of maps and archive material	Threats <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambitious plans need to be supported by adequate financial and IT resources• Increased expectations from Fellows (75% of our Fellowship lives and works outside London)• Increasing costs of journal subscriptions• Deterioration of materials through inadequate storage• Uninsured collection

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY
SUMMARY OF LIBRARY PROGRESS SINCE 2012

In 2010, the Library Review Group was formed to specifically explore the changing needs of the Fellowship, Library space, acquisitions, affordability of the Library and relationships with external partners. It made a number of recommendations and this paper aims to summarise progress made since Neal Marriott became Director of Publishing, Library and Information Services (January 2012-March 2017) and Fabienne Michaud was appointed as the Geological Society's Librarian (October 2012). It is important to note that, with the exception of the Library audit, what follows has been achieved without an increase in headcount.

Year	Progress and achievements*
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematic collection of Library statistics • First programme of exhibitions • Opening of the Burlington House Bookshop • First Collection Development Policy • Receipt of the Dan McKenzie Archive and development of project plan • Off-site storage begins • Creation of the Library Users Group • Reduction of net operating costs • Loan to English Heritage
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the Library newsletter • Beginning of online only journal switch • First Library strategy • Launch of the Picture Library • First programme of public engagement events • First Corporate Affiliate Open Day
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Space Review • First Disaster Management Plan • Launch of the e-book collection • Digitisation of the African map collection • Celebration of the William Smith map bicentenary
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Library audit • Launch of the new Library Management System and OPAC
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the Plate Tectonics Archive Project • Launch of the online archive catalogue • Launch of the print-on-demand Picture Library • Library audit continues • Loan to Milan's museum of culture and the University of Cambridge
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First union catalogue membership • First Loan Management Policy • Loan to the Charles Dickens Museum • Building on the Library audit
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New union catalogue membership (completed) • Loan to the House of European History • Arts Council Designation application (phase 1, completed) • Building on the Library audit • Live chat on the OPAC • Monthly drop-in sessions

* Details of Library progress and achievements are available on pages 9-12

2013 – Progress and achievements

Library statistics

By January 2013, robust usage data gathering mechanisms were in place providing a better picture of the use of the Library's collection and services and enabling the Society to make decisions (e.g. on journal subscriptions) based on factual evidence. For an overview of the data collected each month/year, please see Annex A.

Exhibitions

In February 2013, a display cabinet of museum standard was purchased and installed in the Lower Library to securely exhibit material from our historical collection allowing us to develop an exhibition programme (Annex B) and work in partnership with the Natural History Museum, the Society of Antiquaries and the British Geological Survey.

Bookshop

In April 2013, the Burlington House Bookshop opened in the Library selling the Society's publications as well as material from other organisations such as Wiley, the Geologists' Association and the British Geological Survey generating an average income of £12,000 per year. Books are now also sold by Library staff at London Lectures, key conferences and Library events (~30 events attended since February 2014)

Collection Development Policy

In June 2013, the Collection Development Policy Working Group was formed to provide an agreed framework for the future development of the Library's collection, which now informs decision-making on both acquisition and disposal.

Dan McKenzie Archive

In August 2013, the Geological Society was privileged to receive the archive of Dan McKenzie, which has now been fully catalogued and key material digitised. A Plate Tectonics Archive Working Group was established in March 2014. Detailed plans for 2017 to develop a free online resource telling the story of Dan McKenzie's and his contribution to science, a three-day conference 'Plate tectonics at 50: evolution of the paradigm and its future direction' and an exhibition are now firmly in place and will coincide with the 50th anniversary of McKenzie's publication of his Nature paper: *The North Pacific: An Example of Tectonics on a Sphere*.

Off-site storage

The Society's modern records were collated (and are actively managed to ensure a complete record), catalogued and 60 archive boxes were sent off-site to Deepstore in October 2013. We currently have 330 archive boxes stored with Deepstore and material located off-site now ranges from Committee papers to archive and map material.

Library Users Group

The Library Users Group, which reports to the Publications and Information Committee, was created in October 2013 to support the development of Library and Information Services and public engagement activities, to encourage the conservation and preservation of the archive, map and historical collections.

Operating costs

By the end of 2013, Council agreed the Library had met the three-year net operating cost reduction requirements of £99K for the 2014 budget and that enough had been done to provide a sound financial basis for the future of the Library.

Collection loan

A portrait of Joseph Prestwich went on loan to English Heritage at The Quadriga Gallery, Wellington Arch for the *'Birth of Archaeology and the Battle for the Past; The General, The Scientist & The Banker'* exhibition (6 February to 21 April 2013)

2014 – Progress and achievements

Library newsletter

The first Library newsletter was launched in January 2014 and aims to increase the visibility of the Library's collection and free and at-a-cost services. Emailed every two months to all Fellows and Library users, it has on average a 32% open rate.

E-journals

The move to e-only journals began in early 2014 allowing us to spend less on journals whilst maximising the space previously dedicated to print journal subscriptions. 103 journals are now available online to Fellows including, most recently the popular title, *Tectonics*.

Library strategy

In April 2014, Council approved the Library's 5-year plan which focuses on improving the Library experience; developing user services; preserving, developing and promoting special collections & archives; engaging with members of the public and external partners; supporting Library staff's professional development. The Library strategy was updated in March 2017 to comply with the Society's new ten year strategy.

Picture Library

In May 2014, the Picture Library was launched using the Flickr platform making around 750 of images from the rare book, archive and map collection (including the newly rediscovered William Smith map) available online to members of the public increasing our visibility and our income through document delivery and permissions.

Public engagement events

Our first public engagement event took place in July 2014 with 'Geology at the Western front' and welcomed Fellows, Friends of the Society and members of the public. All our events are developed around an item or a group of items in our collection and have sold out within days. The Library has organised so far ten public engagement events (see Annex C) and has a leading role each year during Open House when the Society opens its doors to the public (1312 visitors in 2016) in partnership with other Courtyard societies.

Corporate Affiliates

In October 2014, the Library organised its first Corporate Affiliate Open Day (now running yearly) for employees of Corporate Affiliates providing a range of activities to familiarise them with the Library's staff, services and resources. A pilot information literacy workshop for employees of one Corporate Affiliate was organised in the same year and was also very well received.

2015 – Progress and achievements

Library space

A Library Space Review Working Group was set up in January 2015 at Council's request to use the Library space more effectively and improve signage throughout the building. Recommendations from the Working Group and a focus group of young Fellows led to the improvement of the Fellows' Room's layout, the purchase of journal racks for the Main Library, the development of the Lower Library into a more welcoming and engaging space and the systematic inventory of the Library collection. Further work on this area is ongoing.

Disaster Management Plan

The Library's first disaster management plan was developed to provide emergency procedures and guidance to Library and Society staff in order to minimise damage, in the event of a disaster such as flooding, a fire or an electrical failure, to the collections and building.

E-books

In March 2015, the Library's first e-book collection was launched. 45+ titles are now available remotely to Fellows.

African maps

In June 2015, 3,372 maps from our map collection, covering 44 countries, were digitised in partnership with Elsevier. Discussions regarding the launch of an African map module within the map searching database Geofacets and financial model are in progress.

William Smith

In March 2014, as part of a systematic inventory of the archive collection, a pristine and early copy of William Smith's 1815 map of England and Wales, which we had thought lost or stolen, was rediscovered. Thanks to the support and generosity of four of our Fellows, the map was conserved and digitised in time for the William Smith bicentenary events held throughout 2015 and generated a lot media attention, most notably from the BBC.

2016 – Progress and achievements

Library audit

From October 2015-February 2016, two temporary Library Assistants audited the Lower Library, the Lyell Room, the Basement Journal Store and the Work Room to give Library staff a better understanding of material held in Burlington House and inform their decision-making. As a result 43 linear metres of shelving was freed up, 1,000 journals issues were preserved, a small income from the duplicate and out of scope material sale was generated and the appearance of our shelves, particularly in the Lower Library, was improved.

Online Library catalogue

In January 2016, the new online Library catalogue was launched replacing an out of date and no longer supported system improving the findability of our titles and consequently usage. In addition, Fellows and Corporate Affiliate companies can now renew and reserve items online, save their searches and create bibliographies. Plans to join union catalogues and increase further the visibility of our holdings are underway.

2017 – Progress and achievements

Plate Tectonics Archive project

The plate tectonics archive project with its three components, a new standalone website, a 3-day conference and an exhibition, has successfully been completed and attracted significant media attention. The William Smith meeting: Plate Tectonics at 50 (3-5 October) was attended by over 200 people in Burlington House and watched online by 612 individuals/organisations from 36 different countries around the globe. The new Plate Tectonics: the Dan McKenzie archive website was launched on the first day of the conference and has received over 37,000 hits (16/02/18). A Burlington House exhibition which included audio extracts from Dan McKenzie's interview focused on Dan McKenzie's early work in plate tectonics and was available to Fellows and visitors from October-December.

Online archive catalogue

The Archive catalogue was launched in October as part of the Plate Tectonics Archive project and, like the Library catalogue, is hosted remotely. The Archive collections, which cover the history of the Society and its Fellows from our foundation in 1807 through to the present day, can now be searched by Fellows and non-Fellows on and off-site for the first time.

Picture Library

The Library has worked with Max Communications to develop a new Picture Library using WordPress, which includes a print-on-demand service.

Library audit

Two Library Assistants were appointed for a year to complete the Library audit and collect further data to help withdrawals, preservation & stock moves and inform the Burlington House Space Review. Between October 2015 and January 2018, the Work Room, Lower Library, Lower Library Gallery, Basement Journal Store, Lyell Room, 1st Gallery, 2nd Gallery, Periodical stacks and Basement Book Store were inventoried. During this time; ~8,144 items were preserved; 14 broken shelves were repaired on the first Gallery; ~120 linear meters have been made available overall; material equivalent to ~104 standard archive boxes was withdrawn.

Collection loan

Athanasii Kircheri e Soc. Jesu Mundus subterraneus, in XII libros digestus, an advert for the exhibition of a 'Human Fossil', 'Human fossil' or 'ante-diluvian child', 'Awful changes', 'Jura formation', the book of the great sea-dragons by Hawkins, a watercolour painting of Plesiosaurus macrocephalus from Lyme Regis, 'Duria Antiquior' and an engraving of 'Proteo-saurus' went on loan to MUDEC, Milan's museum of culture, for the 'Rex and the City' exhibition (22 March-9 July 2017).

Packe's map of Kent went on loan to Cambridge University Library for the 'Landscapes below: mapping and the new science of geology' exhibition (24 November- 29 March 2018).

2018 – Progress and achievements

Union catalogue

In March, the Library joined SUNCAT, its first union catalogue containing the journal holdings of over 100 UK libraries.

Loan management policy

The Library's first loan management policy was developed to formalise procedures for national and international loan requests.

Collection loan

'Duria antiquior', 'Awful changes', Murchison's 'Silurian Hammer' and 'Treatise VI, Geology and mineralogy considered with reference to natural theology' by William Buckland went on loan to the Charles Dickens Museum for the 'Dickens: Man of Science' exhibition (24 May-11 November 2018)

Library audit

1,500 items withdrawn during the Library audit were sold via our online duplicate book sale, to an antique book dealer or disposed of this year, generating an income of ~£4,000.

2019 – Projects and achievements

Union catalogue

In May, the Geological Society Library joined the Jisc Library Hub Discover, its second union catalogue (containing the library records of 137 institutions in the UK and Ireland).

Collection loan

In March, the Library received a request from the House of European History (European Parliament) in Brussels to loan the 'Discussion on the Piltdown skull' painting from May 2020-June 2021 for the 'Fake. An honest history of forgery and falsification' exhibition.

Arts Council designation scheme

In order to raise the profile of the Library's collection, secure its integrity and improve the Society's prospects of attracting the financial support of corporate sponsors and private trusts, the Library has applied for the Arts Council England designation status in July.

Library audit

In August, ~2,000 duplicate journals withdrawn and sent for recycling/disposal or set aside for our November duplicate book sale.

Live chat

In order to improve our support to remote users, 'Ask a Librarian', a live chat function, was launched in September via the online Library catalogue.

Drop-in sessions

The Library introduced monthly lunchtime drop-in sessions in November for Fellows unfamiliar with the Library, its collections and services.

Fabienne Michaud
23 January 2020

Annex A – Library statistics 2012-December 2019

Year	Library visitors	Book, journal & map loans	Enquiries	Document delivery & retrievals	Literature searching	Tours
2019	3,010	2,812	7,463	4,349	4	66
2018	2,955	3,334	7,434	4,370	9	35
2017	3,216	3,865	7,393	4,355	7	45
2016	2,856	3,452	7707	3683	9	41
2015	3,206	2,099	8028	3518	13	21
2014	3,310	2,539	9384	4257	11	48
2013	2,851	2,237	8885	2797	19	34
2012	2,410	2,509	8536	Not available* *	17	Not available***

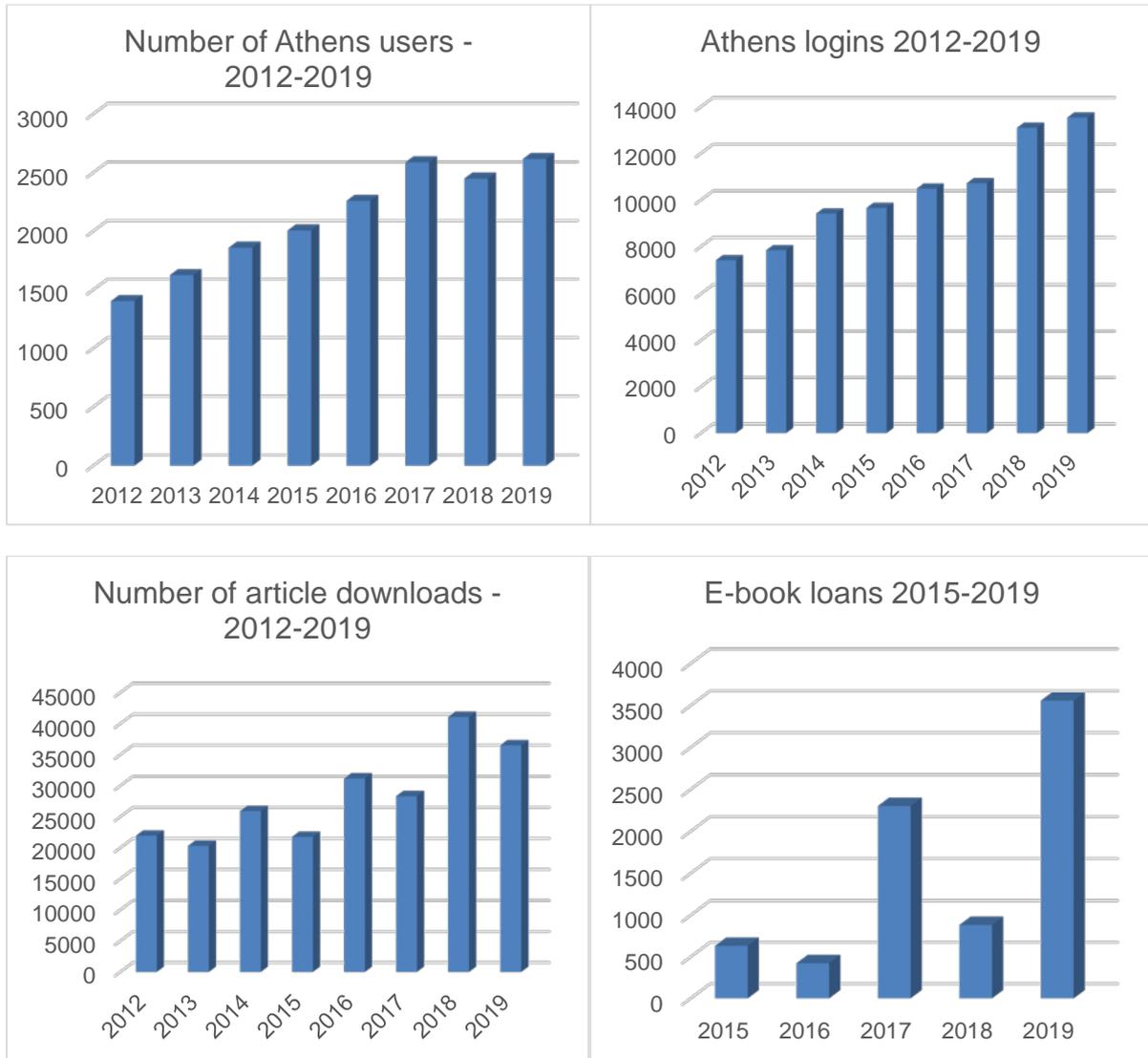
** Data on the number of retrievals started to be collected in 2013. Statistics on document delivery and interlibrary loan requests are recorded since 2013 per article (and no longer per page) and book.

*** Statistics on the number of Library tours were not collected.



Year	Athens users	Fellows using Athens in %	Athens logins	Article downloads	E-book loans
2019	2,615	22	13,532	36,500	3,558
2018	2,448	20	13,092	41,070	883
2017	2,587	22	10,716	28,296	2,302
2016	2,258	19	10,483	31,150	422
2015	2,005	17	9,653	21,745	632
2014	1,858	16	9,415	25,903	Not available**
2013	1,623	15	7,838	20,299	Not available**
2012	1,402	13	7,411	21,936	Not available**

** The Library's e-book collection was launched in March 2015.



Annex B – List of the Library’s public exhibitions

2013

- **William Smith: The pros and cons of publication, a cautionary tale!** (March-April)
- **Geological Society medals** (June)
- **Women and geology in the 19th century** (June-September)
- **Poetry from the Rare Book Collection** (October-December)

2014

- **Poetry from the Rare Book Collection** (January)
- **Java, Indonesia: 19th century exploration and science** (January- March)
- **Notes for young naturalists: Geology for children** (March-May)
- **Tannatt Edgeworth David, Wollaston Medallist 1915** (June-September)
- **Stonehenge: Secrets of the stones** (October-November) – in collaboration with the Society of Antiquaries
- **Ghosts of the Museum** (November-December)

2015

- **Ghosts of the Museum** (January-February)
- **William Smith’s fossils** (March-May) – in collaboration with the Natural History Museum
- **Working with clay** (June-July)
- **William Smith and George Bellas Greenough** – Two types of scientist (August-October)
- **Building with clay - Bricks, tiles and pipes** (November-December)

2016

- **Clean water for London: The birth of hydrogeology** (January-March)
- **Ethelred Bennet’s specimens** (March-June) – in collaboration with the British Geological Survey
- **Vladimir Belousov and the 1956 tectonic map of the USSR** (June-November)
- **Three-month Isle – Story of Graham Island** (December 2016-March 2017)

2017

- **Three-month Isle – Story of Graham Island** (December 2016-March 2017)
- **F is for Fake** (March-June 2017)
- **The Colours of Geology** (June-September 2017)
- **Fifty years of Plate Tectonics: The Archive of Dan McKenzie** (September 2017-January 2018)

2018

- **A Stone Most Fit and Proper: Geology of the Houses of Parliament** (January-March)
- **The Life of Charles Moore: geologist and fossil collector (1815-1881)** (April-July)
- **Brixham Cave and the Antiquity of Man** (August-October)
- **Mapping Africa – The Mid-20th Century Rush for Knowledge** (October-December)

2019

- **Mapping Africa – The Mid-20th Century Rush for Knowledge** (January-February)
- **The natural order of the strata – 250 years of William Smith** (March-April)
- **The first Women** (May-December)

Annex C – List of the Library's public engagement events

2014

- **Restaging Lt Col Tannatt Edgeworth David's 'Geology at the Western Front'** (10 July) - Speaker: Ted Rose
- **Open House** (20 September)
- **Ghosts of the Museum: An Elementary Class on Fossils and how to Draw them** (6 November) - Speaker: Ted Nield

2015

- **The Geologists' House: The remarkable work of William Smith, the 'Father of English Geology'** (9 July) - Speakers: Tom Sharpe, Duncan Hawley, Diana Clements, John Henry and Jill Darrell.
- **Secret Tour of Burlington House** (27-28 August) - In collaboration with the Royal Academy, Linnean Society, Royal Astronomical Society, Society of Antiquaries and Royal Society of Chemistry.
- **Open House** (19 September)
- **First Geologist on the Moon** (23 October) - Speaker: Natasha Stephen. In collaboration with the Royal Astronomical Society.
- **Delineation of the Stratification of Rocks** (3 December) - Speaker Dr Ted Nield

2016

- **International Women's Day 2016: Female Heroes** (8 March) - In collaboration with the Royal Academy, Linnean Society, Royal Astronomical Society, Society of Antiquaries and Royal Society of Chemistry.
- **Siberia ! Geological Adventures in the 19th Century Imperial Russia** (28 April) - Speaker: Nick Fielding
- **Maps, Meteorites, Mary Anning & the Missing Link** (15 July) - Speakers: Paul Henderson, David Bate, John Henry, Duncan Hawley and Tom Sharpe. In collaboration with the Royal Academy, Linnean Society, Royal Astronomical Society, Society of Antiquaries and Royal Society of Chemistry.
- **Open House** (16 September)
- **Cross-Channel invasion !** (29 September) – Speaker: Ted Rose

2017

- **F is for Fake** (6 April) – Speakers: Paul Taylor and David Bates.
- **The Colours of Geology** (11 August) - Speakers: Cally Oldershaw, Dr Allison Ksiazkiewicz and Dr Maria McNamara. In collaboration with the Royal Academy, Linnean Society, Royal Astronomical Society, Society of Antiquaries and Royal Society of Chemistry (Courtyard Lates event)
- **Open House** (23 September)

2018

- **Gold Rush ! A geological time-travelling treasure Hunt** (27 July). In collaboration with the Royal Academy, Linnean Society, Royal Astronomical Society, Society of Antiquaries and Royal Society of Chemistry (Courtyard Lates event)
- **Open House** (22 September)

2019

- **Carbon on carbon – carboniferous drawing class** (3 April) – Speaker: Emma Jude
- **Carbon on carbon – carboniferous drawing class** (9 May) – Speaker: Emma Jude
- **Behind the scenes tours** (19 July). In collaboration with the Royal Academy, Linnean Society, Royal Astronomical Society, Society of Antiquaries and Royal Society of Chemistry (Courtyard Lates event)
- **Open House** (21 September)