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Kind regards,
The Geological Society Publishing House

Read and Publish Agreement with Jisc for UK HE member institutions

We have negotiated a Read and Publish' agreement, for 2021 with Jisc for its HE members to opt in to. This agreement is an important route to ensuring UK HE authors funded by [Plan S](#) signatories are able to publish in GSL's portfolio.

The agreement is a "Read & Publish" transitional agreement for the Geological Society's Lyell Collection providing read access to 14 journal and book sites, including all current and archived journals plus key book series and historic collections. The agreement also covers unlimited [Open Access](#) (OA) publishing of all article types in 6 hybrid journals and 3 hybrid book series. In practice, this means that in 2021 any corresponding author in an opted-in institution will be able to publish on an OA basis in any of GSL's hybrid journals and books for no extra cost. Find out more [here](#).

Update on the Lyell Collection content for institutions

In response to the economic impact of Covid-19 on its 2020 institutional subscribers, The Geological Society of London is offering institutions the option to renew [Lyell Collection](#) at 2020 rates. To make sure your institution continues to provide access to Lyell Content please forward this information to your librarian

Resources for institutions, corporations and libraries

If you're looking for more information about the Lyell Collection and the journals and book series contained within, or tools to help you promote it to your students head to the [Lyell Collection Library access page](#) for helpful downloads and marketing resources.

Off-site access to subscribed to Lyell content through CASA extended to end of September

In response to many universities and institutions enforcing a policy encouraging students and staff to work remotely, HighWire, working with Google Scholar, has made an extension to the time-to-live for CASA (Campus Activated Subscriber Access) tokens.

Users who had off-campus access in March will retain that off-campus subscription access through to the end of September. Previously the expiration date was the end of July.

This allows authorized staff and students to access their subscribed Journals and Books until the end of September.

[HighWire's CASA FAQ](#)

The Geological Society Library during the COVID-19 pandemic

On Tuesday 17 March 2020, the Geological Society's main office in Burlington House and Publishing House in Bath closed and staff began working from home. Although around 50% of our services are delivered remotely, the Library team is very much a customer-facing one and had to adjust quickly to new ways of working.

This was the first time in the history of the Geological Society (which began in 1807) the Library had to close to staff and users. We had even remained open during the Second World War and the Blitz and were the only geological resource for government departments and the military available in London (the British Geological Survey collections were evacuated to Wales at the end of 1941).

By mid-April, the Library was operating with reduced staffing and our focus shifted to supporting users remotely and promoting, on social media, in Geological Society newsletters and [Geoscientist Magazine](#), services and resources available to Fellows and other users such as our enquiry, document supply, interlibrary loan and literature search services as well as our collection of 118 e-journals, 65 e-books, [Picture Library](#) and [online exhibitions](#).

We also curated a list of relevant online resources made available by publishers during the COVID-19 situation on our website and posted on Twitter subject specific resources available online to Fellows.

In June, we started visiting the Geological Society Library once a week to satisfy postal loan and document delivery requests and offer a click and collect service. Like many libraries around the world, we found that our users needed access to material only available to them in hard copy.

During this period, we worked closely with our neighbours in the Burlington House Courtyard: the Linnean Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, the Society of Antiquaries, the Royal Academy of Arts and the Royal Society of Chemistry. Since June, we have taken part in [#CollectionsUnited](#), a national initiative on Twitter

which aims to connect different library and museum collections in the United Kingdom. We highlighted links between our historical and archive collections with a range of images: [meteorites](#), [Stonehenge](#), [colour](#), [James Sowerby](#), [Charles Darwin's study at Down House](#) where he worked through his theory of evolution. For the first time since we started opening our doors to members of the public for the Open House London Festival 10 years ago, we will be showing off our Burlington House Apartments and beautiful Library on the 19th and 20th of September virtually only via Twitter and #CollectionsUnited in collaboration with our Burlington House neighbours.

On Thursday 10 September, the Library reopened to Fellows, employees of Corporate Patrons and Friends of the Geological Society, with [adjusted procedures](#) to keep staff and Library users safe, one day a week, from 11am-3pm, by appointment only. We are hoping to be able to extend our opening hours in the coming weeks but we remain open to all possibilities.

Geological Society of America (GSA Connects 2020) 25-28 October - virtual conference

GSA 2020 Connects conference is offering us a virtual presence and members of the Geoscience Information Group are welcome at our virtual booth. We are sorry not to be able to meet in person but will be offering you a presentation with the latest offers and information about our Archives and recent Lyell Collection content. Please spend a few moments reviewing the video and [contact us](#) with any questions.

Charleston Conference 2-5 November - virtual presentations

We are sorry not to be attending the Charleston conference this year in person but we are working with our representatives in North America, PCG, to present a short video at the Vendor Information Session with the latest offers for our Archives and recent Lyell Collection content.

We hope you will be able to spend a few moments reviewing the video and contact us with any questions.

The Open Access Collection

Papers published Open Access are included in this collection and are free to download. All of these papers were originally published in the Lyell Collection Complete.

Please [click here](#) to explore the Open Access Collection.

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