

Special Collections

- The Rare Books Collection comprises over 3,000 volumes, illustrating the development of geology, especially in 19th century Europe. These books are not available for loan.
- The Society's Archive contains material relating to the Society's history and other manuscripts. It includes several significant collections of geologists' papers e.g. the Murchison Bequest.

Current awareness

The Library issues a bi-monthly list of *Recent additions to the Library* – contact the Library to be added to the mailing list.

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Library services – information for Fellows

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Who can use the Library?

- Society Fellows, Candidate Fellows, employees of Corporate Affiliates and members of related societies (see list displayed in the Library and on the website).

Non-Fellows must either be introduced by a Fellow or make an appointment to use the Library (access at the Librarian's discretion). A daily fee is charged and there are some restrictions on services available.

What services are available?

Library Catalogue

- The Library's catalogue is available online.



- Contact the Library if you are unable to find an item in the catalogue. We may be able to purchase it, obtain it from neighbouring libraries or request an inter-library loan.

Loans Service

- Fellows & Candidate Fellows living/working in the UK or Republic of Ireland may borrow from the Library, either when visiting the Library, or by post (charges will be invoiced).
- Fellows may borrow up to 6 books/periodicals and 6 maps.

- Candidate Fellows may borrow up to 3 books/periodicals and 3 maps.
- The loan period is four weeks after which an item may be renewed once if not required by another reader.
- **Library material must NOT be taken abroad.**

Photocopying Service



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- A photocopier is available for use by those visiting the Library.
 - Photocopies can be made to send to Fellows/Candidate Fellows anywhere in the world (charges apply).
 - Photocopying requests for private study/non-commercial research must be submitted on a "Requisition for photocopy" form to comply with copyright regulations.
 - Requests for copies for commercial research can be submitted without a form, but will incur a copyright fee.
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- N.B.** Library staff may not make copies of maps.

Electronic Journals

- The Society's own journals can be accessed online from your own PC and within the Library via the Lyell Collection.
- Current and recent back issues of journals from major publishers (including Elsevier & Springer) are available 'remotely' if you register with the Library.



- A list of e-journals (many being 'open-access') is maintained on the website.

Literature Searches

- The Library subscribes to several databases including GeoRef and Petroleum Abstracts, which can be used when visiting the Library.
- Staff can undertake searches on behalf of Fellows & Corporate Affiliate employees and results e-mailed or posted (charges apply).
- Use of these databases is a cost-effective and time-saving way to discover items which have been published on your chosen topic.