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Welcome to the second issue of the Geological Society Library's bi-monthly electronic newsletter. In this issue we have news about our latest exhibitions, free geological maps and a collaboration with the British Geological Survey. We'd also like your opinion on e-books.

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We hope you find the newsletter informative and useful. Do get in touch and let us know what you think!

Best wishes,

The Library Team

E-Books trial - we'd like your opinion



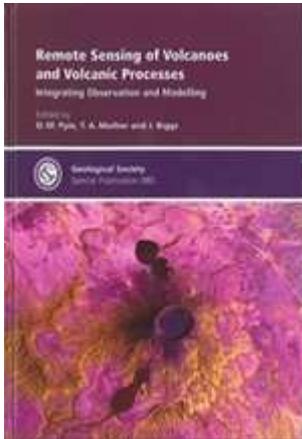
The Library would like to develop an e-books collection to benefit those Fellows who access us remotely - and we'd love to know what you think.

We have arranged a trial with Dawsonera, a platform which includes books from a wide range of publishers. The trial gives Fellows full access to 50 titles on general subjects and 5 minutes / 50 pages preview access to at least 200 titles on geology and related subjects. To sign up for the trial please [email us](#) and we'll send you log-in details.

This is an opportunity to familiarise yourself with the Dawsonera interface, its search functions and usability. We would then appreciate any feedback you'd like to give, as well as which titles or subject areas you'd like to see included in the future e-books collection.

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New additions to the Library



Over 30 new books and journal special issues are added to the Library's collection each month, and we now have a handy month-by-month list of these recent additions. As well as important new publications on subjects such as petroleum and engineering geology, we often receive more hard-to-find titles from around the world which might not reach other UK libraries.

Nearly all books, maps and journals in the Library's 300,000+ collection can be borrowed by Fellows and members of Corporate Affiliate companies. We can post books anywhere in the UK and Ireland, either by First Class post, or Special Delivery if needed urgently.

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Geology for children - a new exhibition

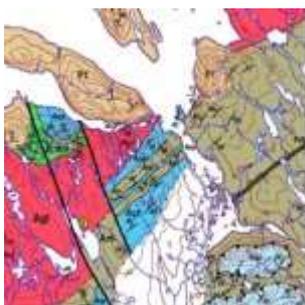


This spring a striking new piece of furniture was delivered to the Library at Burlington House: a custom-made cabinet for Archive and Library exhibitions. The cabinet is designed to museum standards and will allow us to exhibit larger and more valuable items from our collections that you would not normally be able to see.

The current display traces the history of geological children's books from the mid-19th Century to the present day. The exhibition can be viewed in the Lower Library at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0BG.

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Guide to online geological maps



The Geological Society's Map Librarian has compiled a new guide to free online geological mapping. There are lots of good quality maps on the internet, made freely available by geological surveys worldwide, but they can be hard to discover, so resources from different websites have been gathered together in one place to make it easier for you to see what's out there.

The guide will develop into a country-by-country set of web-pages linking to what can be found on the internet as well as in the Society's Map Room collection. From the USA to Australia and from Mexico to Spain, find out about the many maps you can see for free.

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Online exhibition - a geologist in colonial India



The Society's Archives contain material relating to many former Fellows, including Sir Lewis Leigh Fermor, Director of the Geological Survey of India from 1932-1935, after whom the Society's annual Fermor Meeting is named. This exhibition explores one of Fermor's diaries, covering his first two field work seasons in India (1902-1903 and 1903-1904) - a document that gives an intriguing insight into the life of both an early twentieth century geologist, and an English civil servant in British India.

[View the exhibition](#)
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Piltdown man - an interactive resource



The Geological Society's Archivist has collaborated with the British Geological Survey and the Natural History Museum on a new interactive web-based resource about the discovery of 'Piltdown Man'. First discussed at the Geological Society over 100 years ago, the forgery of Piltdown Man is one of the 20th Century's great scientific controversies. The full story is now revealed in a detailed and colourful interactive timeline, which throws light on the individuals who have been accused of complicity or culpability in the affair and includes important images and documents never before seen online.

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