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Welcome to Issue 3 of the Geological Society Library's bi-monthly electronic newsletter. In this issue we have news about electronic access to *Nature*, our new Picture Library and the Library's development strategy for the next five years.

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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

Library Strategy - Improving remote services to Fellows



In April 2014, Council approved a five-year Library Strategy which has at its heart the necessity to evolve and adapt to a fast changing library and information environment and the research needs of its users.

With 85% of Geological Society Fellows based in the regions and overseas, one of our key objectives is to deliver better electronic and remote services, whilst simultaneously working to develop, preserve and promote the collections and improve their content findability online.

The Library Strategy provides the basis upon which this will be achieved within the next five years.

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Online access to *Nature*



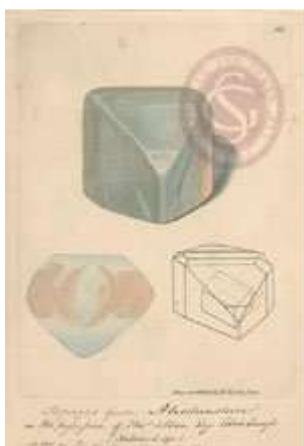
We are pleased to announce that we have arranged offsite access to *Nature* for Fellows of the Society. *Nature* is the leading weekly international journal of science and the world's most highly cited interdisciplinary science journal.

All papers from 2010 onwards are available to view, download and read using 'Athens authentication'. If you have not already signed up for an Athens log-in please download an [Offsite Access Application form](#) from our Virtual Library and we will send you details.

Athens authentication can also be used to access more than 90 other journals from leading publishers. Visit the [Virtual Library](#) for more information.

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Our new Picture Library



The Library has launched its own Picture Library in order to showcase the Geological Society's rich collection of drawings, prints, maps and book illustrations.

Whether it is Mount Vesuvius erupting in 1794, the fossil discoveries of Mary Anning or even the world's largest pearl, the Library's unrivalled collections cover all aspects of Earth sciences. More images will be added on a regular basis, so keep checking back to see what's new.

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Searching for references? We can help

Working on a project? Want to save time?

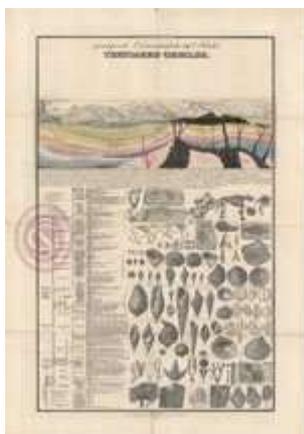


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Online exhibition - Elementary geology in the 1830s



The latest product to be added to the Library's popular map sale is a series of three illustrated plates entitled 'Geologische Elementarkarte' (1838), taken from the Archives. The lithographs of fossils, views and other images collected together on the set of sheets were designed to encompass all that was known of science at the time of publication - essentially a lesson in elementary geology.

This exhibition looks at each sheet in more detail, and explains the stories behind the historical images which may be lost on a modern audience. High quality prints of each of the sheets are also available to purchase.

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Burlington House Bookshop is one year old!



On Presidents' Day this June we celebrate the first birthday of the Geological Society's Burlington House Bookshop. Located in the main Library, the bookshop sells a large selection of Society publications as well as titles by selected other publishers, such as the Geologists' Association, Wiley-Blackwell and the Rite in the Rain notebook series.

The popularity of the bookshop has allowed our stock to expand over the year to include popular science titles as well as posters of the famous William Smith map.

The Burlington House Bookshop is open 9.30-5.30 Monday - Friday at the Geological Society, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0BG (see [directions](#)). If you are unable to visit the bookshop at Burlington House you can browse our full range of publications on our [online bookshop](#).

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