



Happy New Year and welcome to Issue 19 of the Geological Society Library's bi-monthly newsletter.

In this issue we have news about 13 free e-books, our plans for the 50th Anniversary of plate tectonics and the fascinating history of the Library during World War II.

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

Best wishes,

The Library Team

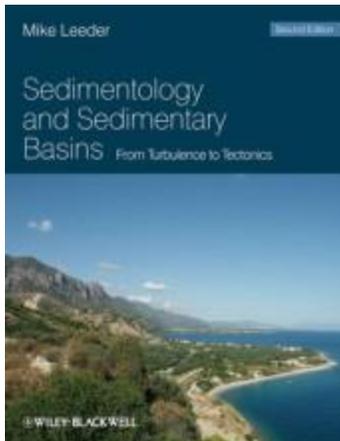
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13 new e-books - free for Fellows

We are delighted to announce that 13 new titles have been added to the Library's e-book collection, exclusively for Fellows of the Society.

Follow the links below to access the e-books using your Athens login. If you've not yet signed-up for an Athens Account please download and send us the [registration form](#).

New e-books:

- [Applied hydrogeology, 4th edition](#)
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- [Geological history of Britain and Ireland](#)
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- [Geology of north Africa](#)
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- [Plate boundaries and natural hazards](#)
- [Sandstone diagenesis: recent and ancient](#)
- [Sedimentology and sedimentary basins: from turbulence to tectonics, 2nd edition](#)
- [Sinkholes and subsidence: karst and cavernous rocks in engineering and construction](#)
- [Soil properties and their correlations, 2nd edition](#)
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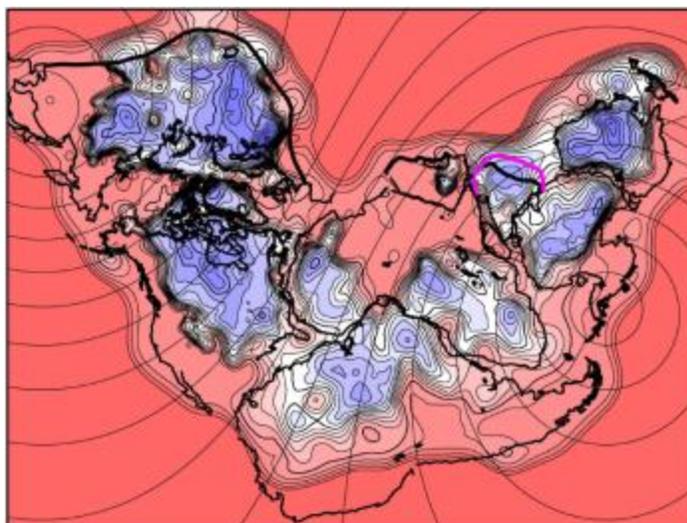


Plate Tectonics at 50

2017 marks 50 years since the geophysicist Dan McKenzie published his seminal paper defining the principles of plate tectonics. The Library is planning a number of activities to celebrate this important anniversary, including a special event, exhibition and the launch of a unique website resource.

We are privileged to have been donated Professor McKenzie's archive of notes, papers, correspondence and photographs relating to his long career, including his early work on plate tectonics and mantle convection. A selection of these documents will be made available to the public via a new website which will launch later in the year.

In October, Dan McKenzie will give the William Smith Lecture as the finale to a three day conference, '[Plate Tectonics at 50](#)', which will examine progress in the field and scope out new directions. Submissions for papers are now being accepted - [find out more](#).

To be kept up-to-date with the Library's activities please [send us an email](#).

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Request a copy

Mineral Fields of Africa - special issue to give away

The Library has a limited number of copies of *The great mineral fields of Africa*, a special issue of *Episodes* journal (June 2016), to give away to Fellows of the Society.

The special issue, produced for the 35th International Geological Congress, contains 16 papers linking mineral fields and individual mineral deposits with the geological and geochronological framework of the continent.

If you would like a mint condition copy please [email the Library](#). Copies can be collected from the Library or posted at standard postage rates.

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**Jane Eastwood,
Librarian, 1939-1946**

The Library during World War II

A new blog post about the how the Library operated during the Second World War can now be read online.

Despite suffering significant bomb damage the Geological Society remained open throughout the war, and the Library and map collections were used by government departments and the military as part of the war effort.

Find out how the Librarian, Jane Eastwood, and clerk, Nancy Morris, kept the organisation running during the war years and ensured that the Society's most important collections were safely evacuated out of London.

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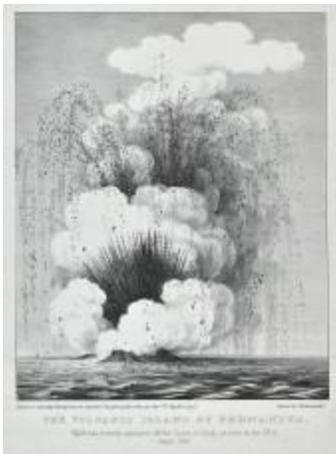
The full content of GeoArabia journal is now freely available to download via the Gulf PetroLink website.

Published between 1996 and 2015, the journal contains hundreds of articles relating to petroleum geosciences in the Middle East. All articles can be downloaded as PDFs and no registration is required.

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The Three-Month Isle - a new exhibition

A new exhibition celebrating a remarkable moment in the history of volcanology - and international diplomacy - can now be viewed in the Lower Library and Lyell Room at Burlington House.

In 1831 a submerged volcanic island appeared in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Sicily. Although visible above the surface for only a few months, during this time it managed to acquire no less than seven different names as well as claims of sovereignty from three different European nations. This display includes a selection of the contemporary accounts reported by naval officers and scientists who descended on the area to witness the lifespan of this short-lived isle.

[Find out more](#)

The exhibition can be viewed from Monday-Friday, 9.30-5.30 at Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1J 0BG until March. Please contact us before making a special journey so we can confirm access to the rooms.

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New Chair for Library Users Group

In February, John Perry will step down as Chair of the [Library Users Group](#) after 4 years. We thank John for

his commitment and service to the Library over this period. Vicky Corcoran, who has served on the Library Users Group for the last year, will replace John in the post - we look forward to working with Vicky in the years to come.

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