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Welcome to Issue 8 of the Geological Society Library's bi-monthly electronic newsletter.

In this issue we have news about our E-Book collection, online access to *Nature Geoscience* and an exciting William Smith discovery in the Society's archive!

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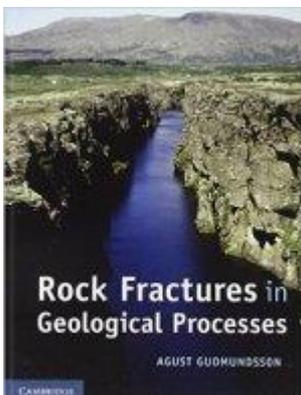
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We hope you find the newsletter informative and useful. Do get in touch and let us know what you think.

Best wishes,

The Library Team

Access our new E-Book collection



We are delighted to announce the launch of our new [E-Book Collection](#).

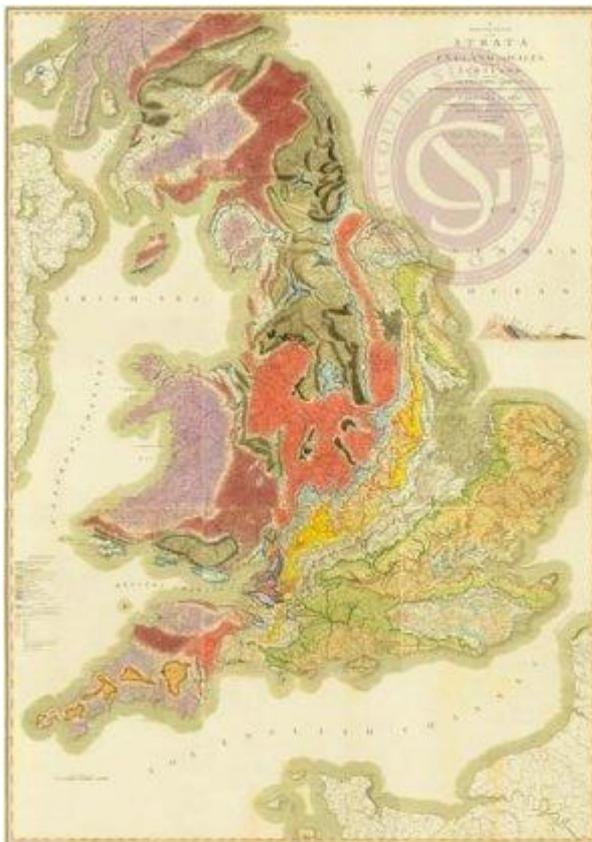
The Library's first **20 e-books** are available via Dawsonera, a platform which includes books from a wide range of publishers, and can be accessed by Fellows using [Athens Log-ins](#) (the same details used to log-in to the Library's electronic journals).

To view the titles available please [visit the Virtual Library](#); you will find a brief synopsis of each book as well as full details of how to access it. The books can be read online or downloaded for a pre-set period, and pages can be printed and saved, subject to the copyright limit.

We have chosen titles from a range of subject areas which we hope will be of value to you and we plan to expand the collection in the future. If you have suggestions for e-books we might purchase, or feedback on the new collection, please [contact us](#).

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First edition William Smith map!



The Geological Society's archivist has uncovered a [rare early copy](#) of William Smith's 1815 Geological Map of England and Wales.

The newly discovered map is thought to have been one of the first ten produced by Smith, and would have been purchased by the Society in 1815. It was discovered during an audit of the Society's archives in 2014.

As this copy has rarely been exposed to light, the colours are incredibly bright and the condition pristine.

To mark the 200th anniversary of its publication, and with [generous sponsorship from some Society Fellows](#), the map has been fully conserved and digitised, and forms part of a [new interactive website](#).

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William Smith exhibitions



As part of the celebrations of the [William Smith map bicentenary](#), the Library has curated two exciting exhibitions of Smith-related material, both in the Library and online.

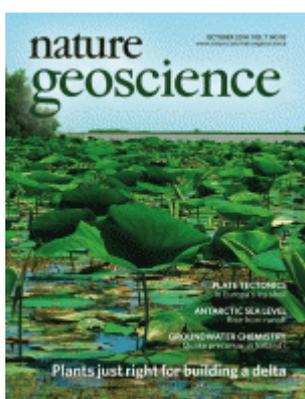
Until 29 May 2015 an exhibit of 26 fossils which belonged to William Smith can be viewed in the Lower Library at Burlington House. These fascinating specimens, on loan from the Natural History Museum, are once more displayed alongside Smith's original descriptions in the stratigraphical order he pioneered.

The [extensive online exhibition](#) tells the story of William Smith's career, theories, revolutionary publications and eventual recognition. Bringing together for the first time over 50 images from the Geological Society's unique and rare Smith collection, this online resource allows researchers to see William Smith's work in its context and understand why it was he is considered the 'Father of English Geology'.

The Library is also taking part in the [William Smith Meeting](#) (23 - 25 April), when we will be displaying a range of Smith's maps and related artefacts.

[View the online exhibition](#)
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Read *Nature Geoscience* online



We are delighted to announce that our popular Athens e-journal service now includes offsite access to [Nature geoscience](#). Fellows can read papers from 2011 onwards.

This monthly multi-disciplinary journal brings together top-quality research across the entire spectrum of the Earth Sciences along with relevant work in related areas. The journal's content reflects all the disciplines within the geosciences, encompassing field work, modelling and theoretical studies.

This is the latest of [100 e-journals freely available](#) to Fellows through our Athens Access service. Please ask the Library for an Athens log-in, if you do not already have one, or download an [Offsite Access application form](#) from our Virtual Library.

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New premium service for Corporate Affiliates



Is your company working on a project and wanting to save time and energy?

As a benefit of Corporate Affiliate membership, organisations can make full use of the Library's expert staff and bibliographic resources through our [Literature Search Service](#), which has a new premium rate that guarantees same day delivery.

This in-depth search service is designed to help you build a bibliography of references tailored to your needs. Through our subscriptions to [GeoRef](#) and [Geofacets](#), as well as a host of other resources, we can provide the most up-to-date and relevant search results available, delivered in focused lists of references direct to your inbox.

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Enhanced Geofacets available in the Library



The Library's version of [Geofacets](#), an innovative map-based research tool designed for geoscientists, has been expanded to include publications from the [Geological Society of America](#), the [Society for Sedimentary Geology](#) (SEPM) and the [Society of Economic Geologists](#), alongside Geological Society and Elsevier publications.

Geofacets provides hundreds of thousands of scientific maps extracted from peer-reviewed publications and offers unique location-based, keyword and advanced search utilities.

This enhanced version can be accessed in the [Library at Burlington House](#), where staff are available to provide inductions and advice.

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