



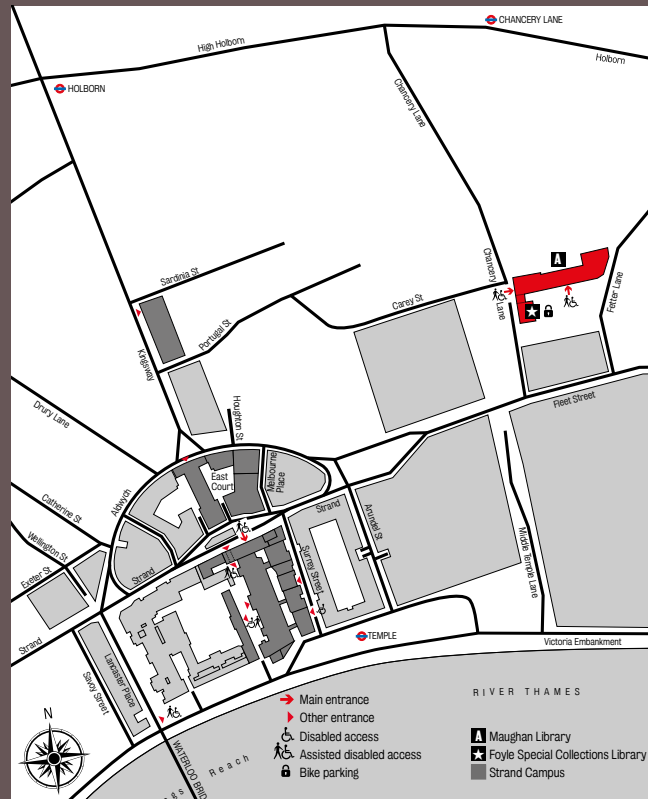
Front cover: Nyasaland and the Shire Highlands Railway. JD Rees. London, [1908]

This page (clockwise from top right): The first book of Moses called Genesis. Translated by John Eliot. Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1655

Hortus sanitatis. Mainz, 1491

Illustrations of the botany and other branches of the natural history of the Himalayan Mountains. John Forbes Royle. London, 1839

Manchester Evening Chronicle household medical adviser. H Muller. Manchester, [1900?]



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HOW TO GET HERE

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THE FOYLE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARY at King's College London holds over 180,000 items – printed books, pamphlets and periodicals, as well as maps, slides, manuscripts, typescripts and photographs – ranging in date from the 15th century to the present day. Many items are extremely rare; some are unique. All offer a wealth of opportunities for teaching and research, and together they form part of our local, national and international documentary heritage.

Special Collections items require special treatment to help ensure their preservation for future generations. In the Foyle Special Collections Library they are housed in secure storage areas and are consulted in a designated reading room, under the supervision of Special Collections staff. The Foyle Special Collections Library forms part of the historic Maughan Library building in Chancery Lane, originally constructed between 1851 and 1896 as the nation's Public Record Office.

The Special Collections are broad in subject scope, spanning the humanities, sciences and social sciences, but areas of particular strength include:

- Theology: Biblical texts, Christian doctrinal theology, history of Christianity, Judaism
- Languages and literatures: philology and lexicography, German literature, English and American literature, Modern Greek literature
- History: travel and voyages of exploration and discovery, military history and strategy, British and European diplomatic history, international relations, the history of the British Empire and Commonwealth, the Atlantic slave trade and its abolition, Ottoman studies, Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American studies, 20th century Germany
- Music: 18th century music, choral music
- Medicine: anatomy, surgery, public health, military and naval

medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology, dentistry, neurology, psychiatry, popular medicine

- Botany
- Nineteenth-century scientific and technical developments: telegraphy, acoustics, photography.

Among the collections to be found in the Foyle Special Collections Library are:

- The historical library collection of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), which was transferred to King's in 2007. Comprising over 80,000 items, this magnificent collection spans 500 years of world history
- The former library of William Marsden (1754-1836), a linguistic scholar and collector who worked for the East India Company in Sumatra before joining the staff of the Admiralty. He built up an important collection of books on travel and languages, which also contains a number of extremely rare Bibles
- The former working library of HG Adler (1910-88), poet, novelist and survivor and historian of the Holocaust, which contains much rare material on the fate of the Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe
- Significant historical medical collections, including those of the medical schools of St Thomas's, Guy's and King's College Hospitals, the library of the Guy's Hospital Physical Society (active 1771-1852) and the historical collection of the Institute of Psychiatry
- The former library of Sir Charles Wheatstone (1802-75), scientific polymath, co-inventor of the electric telegraph and professor of experimental philosophy at King's.

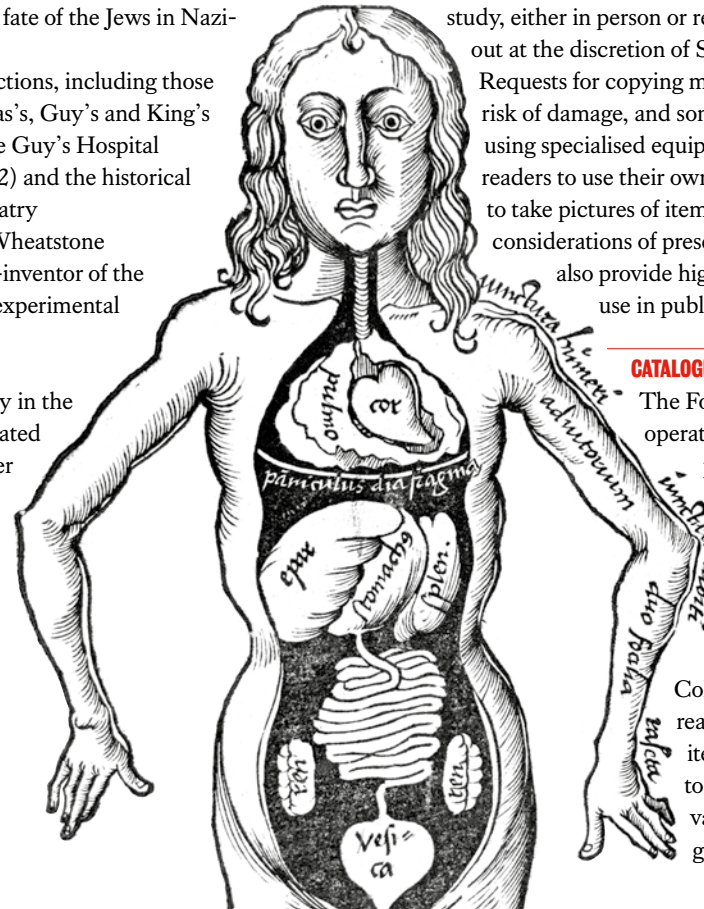
Archive collections are held separately in the King's College London Archives, located at the nearby Strand Building. Further details are available on the Archives web pages at kcl.ac.uk/archives

Top left: *Travels into Chile, over the Andes, in the years 1820 and 1821.* Peter Schmidtmeier. London, 1824

Right: *Margarita philosophica.* Gregor Reisch. Freiburg, 1503

Far right (top): *La Geographia.* Ptolemy. Venice, 1548

Far right (bottom): *Medicinal plants.* Robert Bentley and Henry Trimen. London, 1880



ADMISSION

The Foyle Special Collections Library is open to staff and students of King's College London and to any member of the public wishing to consult our collections. All readers are asked to provide a valid photographic form of identification upon arrival.

REQUESTING AND USING MATERIAL

Readers are asked to complete a request slip for each item that they wish to see. Items can usually be fetched from the storage areas within 15 minutes of request. Readers are asked to take great care in handling Special Collections material, which may be in a fragile condition. The use of pens is not permitted in the Reading Room; pencils are available and laptop computers may also be used. Instructions in the handling of Special Collections material are displayed on each table and readers are asked to study these carefully. The use of hand-held scanners is not permitted.

OBTAINING COPIES

Readers are welcome to order copies of material for private study, either in person or remotely. All copying is carried out at the discretion of Special Collections staff.

Requests for copying may be refused where there is a risk of damage, and some items may have to be copied using specialised equipment. It is usually possible for readers to use their own digital camera or mobile phone to take pictures of items in our collections, subject to considerations of preservation and copyright. We can also provide high-resolution digital images for use in publications.

CATALOGUES AND GUIDES TO THE COLLECTIONS

The Foyle Special Collections Library operates an active cataloguing programme, and the majority of Special Collections items are recorded on the Library catalogue at library.kcl.ac.uk. At present, however, not all Special Collections items can be found there, and Special Collections staff are happy to assist readers in identifying uncatalogued items of potential interest and to advise them on the use of the various manual catalogues and guides available. Readers are also



advised to consult the Special Collections web pages, where they will find a wealth of information about the collections and their contents, as well as online exhibitions, features on items of particular interest and news of events and new acquisitions.

SEMINARS AND EXHIBITIONS

The Foyle Special Collections Library works closely with King's teaching staff to provide seminars on aspects of the Special Collections for undergraduate and postgraduate students. We warmly welcome the opportunity to incorporate the use of Special Collections materials in teaching programmes and are keen to hear from any members of King's or other University of London teaching staff who are interested in discussing potential seminar themes.

We run a programme of free public exhibitions, which explore different aspects of the collections in depth. These exhibitions are held in the Weston Room (the former Rolls Chapel) in the Maughan Library; full details of past, present and future exhibitions can be found on the Special Collections web pages. We also have an extensive and growing website of online exhibitions: kingscollections.org/exhibitions/specialcollections

OPENING TIMES

The Foyle Special Collections Library is open from Monday to Friday throughout the year, from 09.30 to 17.00. It is closed on all public holidays and also on King's closure days during the Christmas and Easter periods.

