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Queens' Library termly newsletter

This is the second of our termly newsletters, designed to keep you informed of Cambridge and Queens' library and information news.

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New Books for Queens' Library

We have been working hard in recent months to expand and update our collections (thanks, in part, to generous support from the Queens' alumni Adopt a Book Scheme). In addition to ensuring that Queens' college library holds all books required by 1st and 2nd year undergrads we hope to provide a rounded collection in all tripos subjects that will be of general interest to a wider cross-section of Queens' students and academics. With the assistance of DoS we have recently been adding to and updating our holdings in Linguistics, History, Computer Science, English, Geography. In Natural Sciences and Medicine the latest editions of set texts have been acquired many of which are now available in multiple copies. In due course we will complete a thorough examination of all tripos subjects. In addition to set texts we want to include essential introductory, classic, & new works (in as much as that is possible in the space available—we're looking for ways to increase that, too).

We'd love to receive book suggestions from all Queens' library readers. Please let us know of titles you think will help us to form a coherent and interesting working collection that supports learning at all levels.



Please help us to build our collections by sending relevant book suggestions, using the Library's online **'Suggest a Book Form'**

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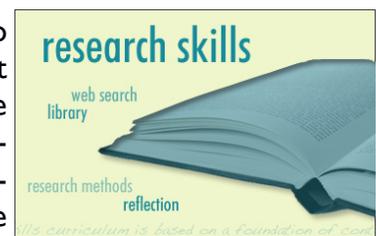
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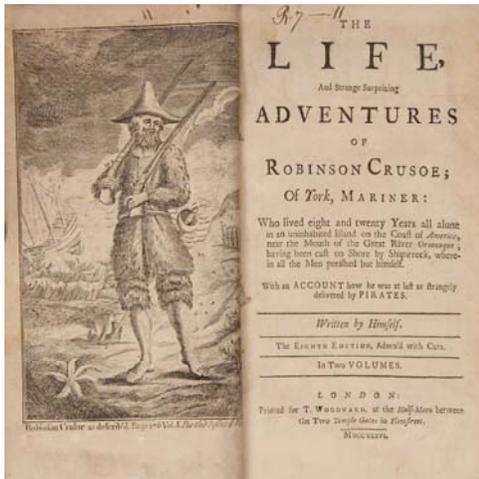
(above) Detail from the Queens' copy of the 'Nuremberg Chronicle' which has recently undergone restoration (see over). This will be on display during the Old Library Open Week (25 Feb - 1 Mar).

Library Research Skills Sessions for Queens' 1st Year Students

Find out how to get the most out of the huge range of information resources available to you as students of Cambridge University (books-ebooks-ejournals, etc.). The session will be repeated every day during the week Feb 4-8 (Mond-Fri) in CC43. Please just turn up. No need to book.



Come to Queens' Old Library Open Week (25-Feb-1 Mar) & see our current exhibition of English 18th-Century Literature



This landmark Defoe novel (above) is just one item from numerous novels, plays, periodicals on display in the Old Library that map out the development of literary culture in 18th-century England.

'Introduction to Queens' Old Library early printed collections and using rare books for re-search': workshop to take place on Friday 8 March, 2.30-3.30.

Would you be interested in knowing more about the 15th-18th century books in Queens' Old Library? If so, regardless of whether your interest is born of general curiosity or study-related, do come along to this workshop, led by David Butterfield and Tim Eggington. It will take place at 2.30-3.30 on Fri 8 March in the Munro Room. Booking details will be available shortly.

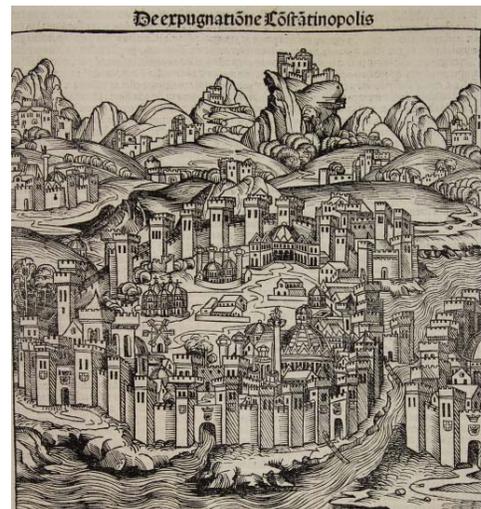
New Security and Catalogue/Circulation System for Queens' College Library

Last year's library survey showed that the main difficulties readers face in using Queens' College Library are caused by its having two catalogues rather than one (Heritage and LibrarySearch), and our increasingly problematic self-issue system (the alarm keeps going off when it shouldn't!). By this September, we hope to have resolved these issues considerably.

We are making extensive preparations now to transfer fully to the University's LibrarySearch/Newton system and discontinue the current Queens' 'Heritage' Catalogue. From September 2013 a search on LibrarySearch/Newton will tell you whether the book you're after is held by Queens' and its current loan status. Most importantly, it will enable you to search the College's collections alongside those of the university as a whole. At the same time we will be installing a new library security system (called 3M) which, we hope, will greatly facilitate the borrowing of books. All you will have to do is place the book near a sensor to deactivate the alarm and issue the book, all in one simple procedure: it'll be much easier and effective- believe me!

Queens' College Library's recently restored & re-bound Nuremburg Chronicle incunable

Read about Queens' College Library's recently restored and re-bound copy of the Nuremburg Chronicle incunable – one of the most important and popular (and biggest) books of the 15th century in the [Queens' College Library Books Blog](#). The Chronicle will be on display during the upcoming Open Week at the Library (25 Feb - 1 Mar).



This illustration of Constantinople is one of 1809 woodcut illustrations in the Nuremburg Chronicle

Some important E-resources recently available @ Cambridge

- Instant anatomy:** Medical resource: Provides links to different parts of the body & other Anatomical Teaching Material.
 - RIPM Online Archive of Music Periodicals,** 'Jstor for music'. Online access to 18th-20th century music periodicals
 - Daily Express** archive 1900 to the present. (See also the University Library's extensive [online newspapers page](#))
 - Jstor Arts & Sciences VIII** Additions in History, English Literature, Education, History of Art, Philosophy, Music, amongst others
 - State Papers Online Part II:** The Tudors 1509-1603 Papers Foreign, Scotland, Borders, Ireland and Registers of the Privy Council
 - National Archives Discover:** Really easy to use new system that allows you to find & access 11 million public UK documents (some of which can be downloaded)
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