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Discover Cambridge's unique Renaissance past in Queens' Old Library during Queens' Arts Festival week (February 10-14)



Pen illustration of Henry VIII by Sir Thomas Smith in margin of one of his books

We will be displaying books bequeathed to the College in the 16th century by the brilliant Humanist & Queens' Fellow, Sir Thomas Smith. His eventful career in the government of two Tudor monarchs 'crashed in ruins', as did ill-founded projects to produce copper from base metals, & to colonise Ireland. Yet, the diversity of his interests as reflected in his books, many of which he annotated/doodled on (see left), reflects fascinatingly on the times. Now considered one of the finest extant renaissance book collections to have been amassed by one person, we hope you will be able to pay a visit. Please come between 12.30 and 4.00 any day that week (Feb 10-14) except Thursday when we close late @ 7.00pm.

Queens' Library 4 -Minute Survey

*Do you enjoy using Queens' library? Are there ways in which our services can be improved? We'd very much like to know your views. We are conducting a subject-specific survey of all of our undergraduates, as well as a more general survey of postgrads who use the library. **In the coming week all Queens' students will receive an email with a link to the questionnaire.***

Improving the Queens' Collection

We want to improve/expand the Queens' collection in an informed way that responds to student requirements. Your comments will help us immeasurably in achieving that aim. So, please let us know what you think by filling in the survey when it comes to you. Remember, it only takes 4 minutes! (please also remember that you can always make book suggestions by contacting us and using our [online book order form](#)). The survey closes 10 February.



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Introduction to Queens' Old Library and its early printed books: workshop to take place on Monday 10 March at 3.00-4.00

We will be looking at Queens' Old Library, its history, & a range of books dating from the 15th-18th centuries. As well as providing a great excuse to handle and look at some fabulous old books, we will consider their significance as a reflection of contemporary intellectual, religious & political developments. Regardless of whether your interest is born of general curiosity or study-related, do come along to this workshop, to be led by College Librarian, Dr Tim Eggington. To book a place please email librarian@cam.ac.uk (places limited to 7)



These hand-painted decorations and images are from a beautiful Queens' Old Library Book of Hours (Queens' MS 50) that dates from 1453 (around two years before the Gutenberg Bible was printed). To see further images and find out more take a look at Lindsey Askin's recent [Queens Book Blog post](#)

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