

Welcome to all new and returning students!



Our [Getting Started at Queens' Library leaflet](#) provides all the essential information about the Library, but please remember that Library staff are always happy to help with any questions, however small. We look forward to seeing you in the Library soon!

New exhibition in Queens' Old Library

BOOKS AND POWER IN TUDOR CAMBRIDGE The Renaissance Library of Sir Thomas Smith (1513-77)

In addition to being a brilliant Queens' scholar and controversial Tudor statesman, Sir Thomas Smith was an inveterate doodler in the margins of the books that formed his renowned Renaissance library. (You may have seen the large portrait of him in the Old Hall.) This exhibition explores Smith's surprisingly wide interests and features his carefully inscribed portrayals of rulers, towns, adulterous women and other

Faustina Adultera marginalia, to reveal the essential role played by books in politics and governance in Tudor England.



← The notes and icons Smith entered into his books are hugely revealing. This derogatory reference reflects his general view of women whose company is said to have brought him only 'sorrow and anxiety'.



↑ Woodcut portrait of Thomas Smith from Gabriel Harvey, *Smithus; vel Musarum lachrymae* (London, 1578) [G.15.5(1)].

Open as part of the **Cambridge Festival of Ideas 2017:**

1.30-4.30pm on weekdays, 9 Oct—3 Nov (open until 7pm on Thu 2 Nov).

Curator's Talks by library staff take place at 1:30-1:45pm on Wednesdays (Oct 11, 18 & 25, Nov 1)

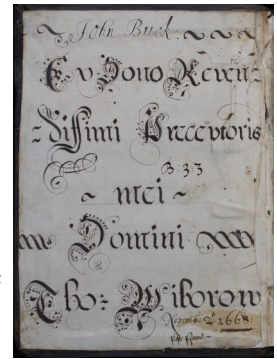
For more information please see queensoldlibrary.org/events.





‘Renaissance Queens’ Old Library project

Assisted by the Heritage Lottery Fund we have catalogued onto [Discover](#) nearly all of the college’s internationally important 16th-century books and all of the 18th-century David Hughes pamphlet collection. With more than eight hundred digital images of unique features from our early books, now browsable via our [project website](#), students and scholars can now properly explore key parts of the library’s unique collection. Since our two-year project



began in May 2016 three hugely successful ‘Renaissance Queens’ exhibitions as well as related events have featured as part of [Open Cambridge](#) and the [Cambridge Festival of Ideas](#). It has been a great pleasure to assist the college’s programme of schools liaison by welcoming groups from thirty state schools. By participating in Old Library [workshops](#) around seven hundred children have enjoyed a rare opportunity to discover the Renaissance through early books and artefacts. If you haven’t already done so why not visit our current exhibition or take a look at the [project website](#)!



Need help with online literature searching and referencing?

A new extended programme of Queens’ Library research skills workshops is now available.

Attend one of these popular workshops to enhance your ability to locate, evaluate, and organise essential information. Areas covered include undergrad online literature searching, advanced literature searching (Google Scholar versus Web of Knowledge/Scopus), Building Bibliographies using Zotero, and the use of social media for research. Please see the [full programme](#).



Queens’ Library survey 2017

Thank you all for filling in our recent survey! Your feedback has identified strengths and weaknesses in our service and has enabled us to make some great changes in the Library over the summer. We have bought hundreds of new books and extra copies for a range of tripos subjects, including HSPS, Law, Education, HPS, Theology, Nat Sci B, Geography and Music. We have also improved our general fiction collection and the [2017 Man Booker Prize shortlist](#) is currently available to borrow. Tissues and pens will now be available around the Library, and we have a new whiteboard in the lobby for you to have your say at any time of day or night.



New Library Rules: Implementation of the University’s new library management system requires us to standardise our rules with those of other Cambridge libraries. From 4 Oct books are renewable **3 times** for a total loan period of **28 days**. Books currently on loan can be requested via iDiscover, and overdue books can be renewed. Regrettably there will be a 5p rise in fines to 25p per day but this will not be implemented until January. If you have any questions please contact us.

