

INSTITUTE OF CLASSICAL STUDIES LIBRARY
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SESSION 2014/2015

Sadly, the beginning of the session was marked by the death, on 21st August 2014, of the former Librarian Ana Healey, who was appointed in 1958 and became Librarian from 1972 to 1989. The present Librarian composed and delivered a tribute at her funeral on 11th September at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Gedney, in Lincolnshire. Ana's contribution to the development of the Library during her years of service had been immense: an obituary by Sue Willetts, Senior Library Assistant, may be seen in the current e-issue of the CUCD Bulletin at: <http://cucd.blogs.sas.ac.uk/files/2015/01/Obituary-Anastasia-Healey.pdf>

Throughout the year, the ongoing negotiations between the University and the two Societies over the future of the Library continued, with all parties engaged in working towards an agreed long-term management structure which would ensure its stability, and facilitate fund-raising. The Societies themselves established HARL (Hellenic and Roman Library) as a company limited by guarantee. Meanwhile the current Memorandum of Understanding was to be rolled on to the end of 2015, pending an agreement to run for 25 years from 1st January 2016.

A number of domestic and accommodation issues, some of which were envisaged in last year's report, pleasingly came to fruition: for example the problem of poor heating in the main reading room was at least partially solved. Chief among the successes, however, was the transfer of a substantial amount of extra mobile shelving from IHR's temporary premises following their move back to refurbished accommodation in the north block of Senate House at the end of August 2014. The installation of these shelves – 270 in all – at the end of the main reading room (Art and Archaeology) entailed a number of changes, including the redistribution of the Library's OPACS, the move of one bank of readers' desks to the near end of the same room, and of another bank to the Computer Room. The extra shelf space proved invaluable, through a number of judicious alterations, in alleviating the pressure on space where it had been particularly tight, in both the Civilisation and Literature reading rooms; and a fortuitous consequence was the re-unification of the whole of Homer in one room, eliminating the previous separation of the Iliad from the Odyssey in two rooms! It also enabled the room in the Library previously occupied by Christian texts to be used as a replacement Workroom for Library staff, who were moved in order to make way for the whole of the ICS to be located on the third floor.

The exodus of IHR was followed by the eventual emergence of UCL as neighbours, with an IT-based "hub" to provide extra working space for their students. This gave rise to the re-programming of the Library's entry and exit gates, so that the entry gate was adapted for sole use by UCL users, and the exit gate was converted to dual purpose entry and exit for ICS / Joint Library users. Initial fears that "traffic jams" of readers might ensue have proved largely unfounded. The desk itself also reverted to shared use, by Library and UCL staff. Hopes for an early reconfiguration of the whole of the third-floor reception area, including the move of the desk to an area nearer the Library's entrance with more natural light, were unfortunately dashed right at the end of the session due to financial constraints; however the project would continue to be driven forward by Estates with a revised business plan. Finally, one unexpected move, required as a result of the University's Beveridge Programme to look into space management throughout the whole of Senate House (and the basement in particular), was that of the Rare Books Room to an alternative location, which happily worked to our advantage, resulting in space both better-appointed and nearer to the Library desk.

Following filming by the company Ideal Insight in January 2015, a Google “virtual” tour of the Library is now available on the front page of the Library’s website (<http://library.icls.sas.ac.uk/>). In the last month of the session (July 2015), the Literature and Archaeology rooms of the Library were adorned by an exhibition of ten paintings by Peter Connolly. These were mounted to accompany Greek and Roman Armour Day, a well-attended event organised by the Societies for 20th July. Visitors were admitted free to view the paintings.

Investigations into a proposed new library management system continued, albeit with a welcome shift of emphasis as a result of a change in the Senate House Library personnel in charge of the project, resulting in better consultation of Institute libraries. Support for the current system Millennium was due to end in July 2016, and appropriate library staff attended a number of presentations given by various suppliers of their respective products. A decision is expected to be made by the end of 2015, with a six-month period of implementation to follow.

The joint project with UCL to digitise a selection of tracts from the tract volumes, funded by the Niarchos Foundation, was duly completed. The images were mounted on SAS space, and the process of linking the images to catalogue records on Millennium was also completed, by Ryan Cooper, the Winnington-Ingram Trainee, which means that they are now more readily accessible. It is hoped that in the forthcoming session it might also be possible to participate in a second phase with UCL and the Niarchos Foundation, in which priority would be given to the digitisation of the Wood Diaries, unique to our Library. This would largely depend on matching funds being found to support another bid to the Foundation, in which the ICS and Societies were willing to make a generous offer of assistance.

Many years ago the Library maintained a card database of UK theses on classical and related topics, by author and subject, based on annual information gleaned for a section of the *Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies*. Although this may still be consulted on the Library’s premises for historical purposes, it is now out-of-date as a source of current information. However, the ICS has revived this on-line with the publication on its website of a database of UK Doctoral Theses at <http://www.icls.sas.ac.uk/students/uk-doctoral-theses>. Searchable by keyword, area of study, department, University or date of commencement or expected completion, it also acts as a permanent record of theses as they are completed.

Three unrelated items on the collection development front are worthy of report. First, after protracted legal negotiations leading to a signed agreement, the Roman Research Trust transferred ownership of the David Smith Mosaic Archive to the ICS, which had previously been held on deposit. The Librarian would continue to curate the Archive as before, giving consideration to the future juxtaposition of the Library’s own collection of books on mosaics with those belonging to the Archive. Secondly, the announcement of bankruptcy by Swets, a major library subscription agent, led the University to set up a contract with LM Information Delivery: however, in view of the ICS / Joint Library’s relatively small portfolio with Swets, it was found to be more advantageous, both managerially and economically, to deal directly with alternative suppliers for the 15 or so titles affected, in some cases managing to convert them to exchanges. Finally, further to the initiative by the Roman Society for the Library’s Adopt a Book scheme, funds raised thereby reached c.£2,000 from the following different donors:-

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As ever, donations and bequests of items for the Library's collection also featured highly during the session. The Classical Association continued to pass on the books not required for review in their journal, *Classical Review*, as well as agreeing that we could raise funds with the sale of duplicates. The major acquisition this year was provided by the unsold lots of the book collection of Professor Brian Shefton (who had died in 2012) remaining from the auction at Bonhams in October 2014. Consisting of c.1500 items, chiefly German reference books on art and archaeology, these produced c.500 highly valued additions to our Library; suitable homes were found for the remainder. Also received, and still awaiting checking, were c.650 books (originally offered to Senate House Library) from the estate of Allan Cook, a postgraduate at Birkbeck in the 1990s, equally split into texts/literature and ancient history (with a little classical archaeology), including c.60 editions of texts dating from 17th and 18th centuries, and one dated 1546. About seventy books were received from the estate of former Librarian Ana Healey, whose passing was recorded at the beginning of this report: the majority of these were antiquarian, and almost all to be kept. About seventy-five books on Minoan / Mycenaean subjects were received from Penny Butler (former student of Dr Olga Krzyszkowska), of which about twenty were retained and the rest sold or offered to other Libraries. Following his major donation in 2010, a further four boxes of books came from Roger Ling, mostly for sale as duplicates. We are also grateful to the following donors of books, pamphlets and periodicals:-

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Staffing / Personnel

As reported last year, Kate Symonds, the outgoing Winnington-Ingram Trainee at the end of the previous (2013/14) session, had had her contract extended for a further year, and we were grateful to her for her two years' service. In her place we welcomed Ryan Cooper, a graduate in Classical Civilisation from Roehampton University, who had also just completed his MA at Birkbeck College.

Following Rosario Rovira Guardiola's resignation from her post as Library Assistant in July, also reported last year, we welcomed her replacement Flor Herrero Valdes, a Classics graduate from the University of Granada (under whose auspices she was also a PhD student): Flor assumed her position at the end of October 2014 and, along with Library desk duties, was helping Christopher with periodicals administration, particularly the binding programme.

We retained the same casual staff to assist with morning shelving, late evening and Saturday opening this year – Gaetano Ardito, Xavier Duffy, Mary Ruskin and Lluís Tembleque Terés. To all four we extend our usual thanks for their invaluable assistance.

Work experience was given to two more pre-university students under Sue Willetts' guidance: in October 2014 to Noah Wescombe, from Tiffin Boys School (Kingston-upon-Thames); and a month later in November 2014 to Jessica Martin, a recent leaver from New Hall School in Chelmsford after A-Levels in Latin and Classical Civilisation.

Statistics (2014/2015) Acquisition and usage figures below. Last year's figures (2013/14) in parentheses.

Expenditure on collection development:

Institute: Books: **£15,848** (£16,341); Periodicals: **£2,944** (£2,108) E-resources: **£7,300** (£5,230).

Joint Library: Books: **£21,940*** (£18,675); Periodicals: **£6,418** (£7,011)

Total estimated value of combined Institute and Joint Library acquisitions (including purchases, review copies, exchanges, gifts and bequests): **£112,502** (£115,877).

*(includes **£1,780** expenditure from the John Spencer Fund of £60,000)

Books and pamphlets added: Institute **364** (344); Joint Library **2,155** (2,242);

Total: **2,519** (2,586); Net gain, allowing for replacements: **2,464** (2,525).

Current periodicals: Institute **160** (167); Joint Library **482** (498); Total: **642** (665), of which **429** (436) were acquired by exchange, and **213** (229) by gift or purchase.

There were **63** (52) Institute and **75** (58) Joint Library exchanges for books and dissertations; and **8** (8) more exchanges were made on behalf of other libraries.

Expenditure on binding (books and periodicals):

Institute: **£8,521** (£8,363); Joint Library: **£9,134** (£8,866).

Books bound or rebound: Institute: **58** (60); Joint Library: **82** (96); Total: **140** (156). Periodicals bound or rebound: Institute: **143** (99); Joint Library: **209** (250); Total: **352** (349).

Usage: Borrowers: **2,171** (2,159); Books borrowed: **11,363** (11,958).

Library swipe-cards issued (current only): Institute: **1,425** (2,013); Societies: **2,317** (2,256).

Turnstile count: **51,920** (47,858) entries; Temporary visitors: **148** (205).

Book parcels sent: to members: **224** (313); to reviewers: **151** (156).

Xerox copies made: **436** (2,762) for **9** (67) members and institutions.

Scans made: **6,977** (3,618) for **133** (71) members and institutions.

(Colin Annis, Librarian, August 2015)