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Durham Residential Research Library

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A little about Durham



The Durham Residential Research Library



- Overview of other UK based research library fellowships
- Introduction to the key stakeholders in the partnership and their collections
- Objectives of the RRL
- Reflections on challenges
- Where we are now...

Durham Residential Research Library: Library fellowships in a UK context



- Aberdeen
- British Library
- Cambridge
- Edinburgh
- Glasgow
- Kings College London
- Leeds
- London (Senate House)
- Manchester(JRRL)
- Oxford (Bodleian)
- National Library of Scotland
- UCL
- St Andrews
- Southampton*
- Wellcome Library

* Residential (at Chawton House)

Durham Residential Research Library



- Ushaw College
- Academic case

Durham Residential Research Library: the differences



Three institutions:

- Durham University
- Durham Cathedral
- Ushaw College

Breadth of collections

- archives, manuscripts, rare books, art, artefacts, built heritage

Vision of a residential research community

About the University & the collections



- Pre-history to the present day
- Global in scope
- Four designated collections: Sudan, Cosin's Library, Egypt, China
- More than 33,000 objects
- 70,000 books, 100 medieval manuscripts, 30,000 maps and prints, 100,000 photographs
- 4,500 metres of archives

About the Cathedral & the collections



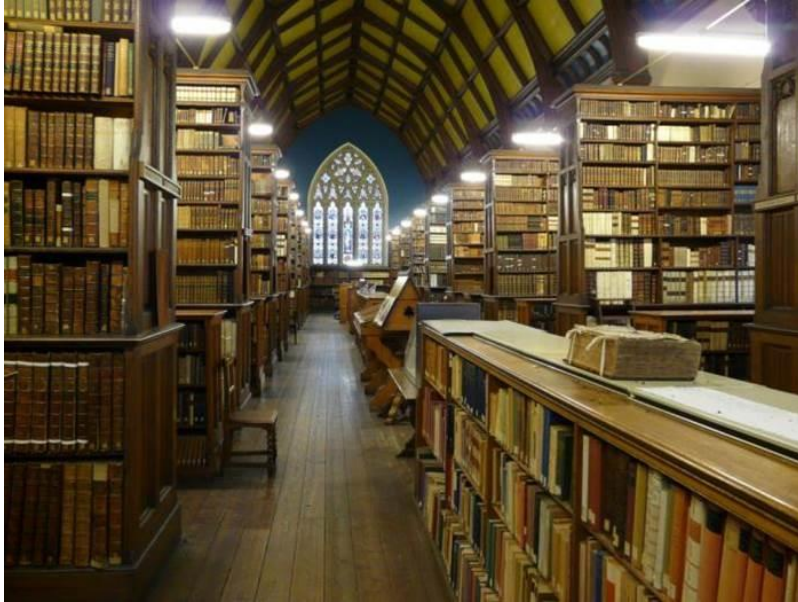
- Treasures of St Cuthbert
- Anglo-Saxon stones
- Embroideries
- Plate
- Medieval manuscripts
- Music
- Archives
- Architecture

About Ushaw & the collections

- Library
- Archives
- Relics
- Textiles
- Architecture -
 - Chapel Augustus Pugin,
 - Refectory E W Pugin



Durham Residential Research Library: Challenges



- Distances
- Building sense of community in residential accommodation
- Different levels of capacity across partners, also different levels of focus on research
- Communication & co-ordination

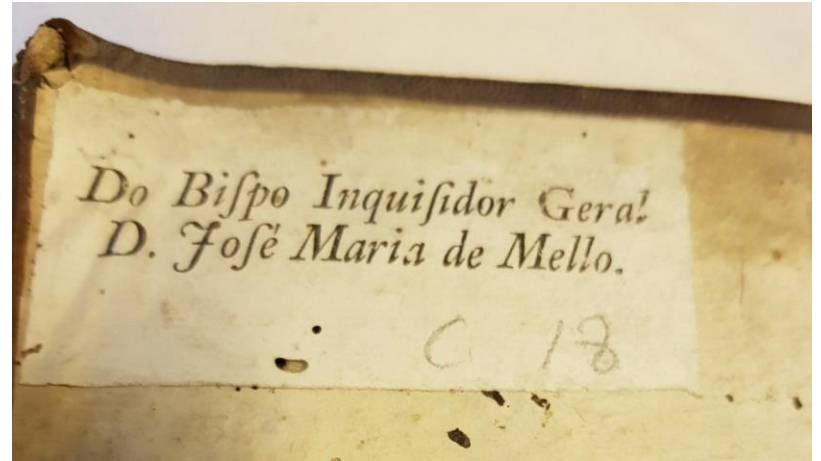
Durham Residential Research Library: Where are we up to....



- Cataloguing
- New finds
- Funding
- Fellows in first cohort (2018/19)
 - 28 fellows, 42 months
 - UK and 8 other countries worldwide

Durham Residential Research Library: Has it been worth it?

- Increased use of collections
- Closer relationships and collaborations with researchers
- Collection knowledge
- Discoveries
 - King John Charter
 - ... watch this space
- Advocacy and recognition



I found the Fellowship hugely enjoyable and intellectually stimulating.....I felt that I was able to access quality research time where I could think creatively and explore Durham's rich and various collections and libraries.

Taking up the Fellowship in Durham has been a most rewarding month for me. I think I was helped with knowing the City and the workings of the University. The concept of being afforded subsidised access to manuscripts and rare texts for post-doctoral researchers is invaluable.

The Fellowship has given me a really precious opportunity to carry out a productive period of study. As I've already said, Libraries at Durham have a wealth of books and manuscripts which suits my research interests. Moreover, all the Libraries are easily accessible and the staff is really welcoming and helpful.

Questions?



Residential Research Library Inaugural Conference: Libraries, Learning and Religious Identities

10th September 2019, 13:00 to 13th September 2019, 14:00, St Chad's College, Durham University and Ushaw College