CILIP Conference 2015

Bringing the information world together

Sponsored by
“a national library… consisting of a comprehensive collection of books, manuscripts, periodicals, films and other recorded matter”

“a national centre for reference, study and bibliographical and other information services”
• 150m+ items in multiple formats

• Annual growth - physical: approx 3 million new items (12 kilometres)

• Annual growth – digital: approx 80 terabytes

• Over 2bn pages of UK web content

• 6.5m audio items

• 60 million patents

• Over 260,000 journal titles
More than 1.6m on site visits per year.

10% increase in the last year (to Dec 2014)

Over 16,000 people use the collections each day (on site and online) and we have on-site space for over 1,200 Readers.

Nearly 400,000 people visit our Reading Rooms p.a.

Economic value of £419m
Enriching Britain: Culture, Creativity and Growth

The 2015 Report by the Warwick Commission on the Future of Cultural Value
The Library’s purposes

**Custodianship**
We build, curate and preserve the UK’s national collection of published, written and digital content

**Research**
We support and stimulate research of all kinds

**Business**
We help businesses to innovate and grow

**Culture**
We engage everyone with memorable cultural experiences

**Learning**
We inspire young people and learners of all ages

**International**
We work with partners around the world to advance knowledge and mutual understanding
Purpose 1: Custodianship

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Priorities:

• Developing Boston Spa as a major national centre for shared services in collection management
• Addressing the preservation crisis for audio collections – ‘Save Our Sounds’
• Driving the success and impact of Non-Print Legal Deposit and web archiving
• Digital collection management
Purpose 2: Research

We support and stimulate research of all kinds

Priorities:

• Evolving our spaces and services to keep pace with changing researcher needs
• Develop our online services to become indispensable for researchers everywhere – ‘British Library On Demand’
• Use the full range of our collections and expertise to drive innovation in data analytics
• Grow our capacity for independent research
Purpose 3: Business

We help businesses to innovate and grow

Priorities:

• Secure funding to grow BIPC network to 20 city libraries across UK
• Develop our St Pancras campus as a hub for innovation and entrepreneurship in the heart of the Knowledge Quarter
• Ensure BL On Demand evolves to meet the changing needs of business users
Purpose 4: Culture

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Priorities:

• Grow the profile, diversity and creative impact of our cultural activities, on-site and online

• Reach new audiences across the UK and beyond with loans, exhibitions and collaborations, with public libraries and others
Purpose 5: Learning

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Priorities:
• Expand our on-site capacity to grow the numbers of school students, young people, families and local communities able to engage with our collections
• Build on success of Discovering Literature to extend our range of primary sources and teaching resources available online
Purpose 6: International

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**Priorities:**

- Increase engagement with parts of world reflected most strongly in our collections e.g. South Asia & Middle East
- Take leadership role in Europe national library network
- Grow our capacity to support other institutions whose collections are endangered or at risk from war or civil emergency
Living Knowledge

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Friday 3 July, 14.45
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