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Dear Librarian

Welcome to the September issue of the Lyell Collection News

If you have any questions or feedback, we'd love to hear from you! Similarly, if you have any news for the next issue of this newsletter, [send it to us](#) and we'd be happy to share it.

Best wishes,
Jenny Davey
Geological Society

The Lyell Collection 2016

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The the Journal of the Geological Society recently published its first Review Focus articles [The Fezouata Fossils of Morocco](#) and [The Strawberry Bank Lagerstätte reveals insights into Early Jurassic life](#)

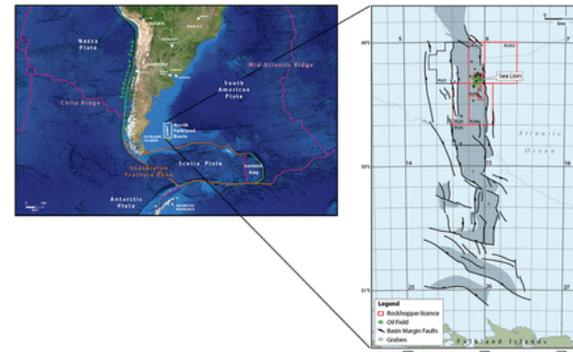


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A Paper published in the Proceedings of the Yorkshire Geological Society journal, on Stegosaurus was a big hit with our Twitter Followers, you can read the paper [here](#)



Eight papers in [Petroleum Geoscience](#) formed a thematic set that describes the recent advances in understanding of the structural development, stratigraphic evolution and sedimentary history of the North Falkland Basin, and the combined impact that they have had on its petroleum geology with a focus on the Sea Lion Field.



Day in the Life of...

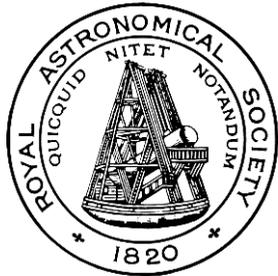
This month we've spoken to Sian Prosser, who has given us the inside scoop on the Royal Astronomical Society in London, UK.

Name: Sian Prosser

Role: Librarian and archivist

Library: Royal Astronomical Society, Burlington House, London, UK

@astro_librarian



The [Royal Astronomical Society Library](#) holds one of the most comprehensive collections of works on astronomy and geophysics, both ancient and modern, as well as a significant archive containing institutional records, and working papers by astronomers like William Herschel. Our users are mainly Fellows of the RAS, external researchers, and visitors from astronomical societies, schools, and college groups.

This morning a Fellow is bringing a group of summer school students to the library to look at textbooks used by students in medieval and early modern universities, such as the 1485 edition of [De sphaera by Johannes de Sacrobosco](#), which was used by the Fellow to demonstrate that astronomy students were taught that the earth was spherical, not flat. One student asks about the presence of holes in one book, and learns that 'bookworm' is not just a figure of speech! Education and outreach are key activities of the RAS, and the Library is seeking to host more such visits in the future.

Once the group has left I have a chance to catch up with my colleague, Beth Gaskell, who works in the Library for one day per week, helping to keep the current journals up to date and carrying out invaluable work to maintain the historical journals collection. The rest of the week I am a 'solo librarian' and carry out a variety of tasks, from shelving to digital scanning. I deal with many enquiries from users all over the world, asking for information about astronomy and geophysics, or

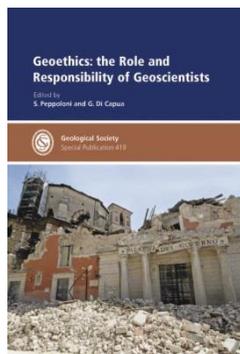
about the history of the Society and its members, which often require some archival research. The library can be a valuable resource for Fellows who are not affiliated to a HE institution.

The library is always acquiring new books in astronomy and geophysics. I'm not doing any cataloguing today, but do need to update the [library website](#) links to the [online catalogue](#), as I've upgraded to an externally hosted version. I also need to spend some time looking after our collection of astronomical instruments, many of which are on loan and require the paperwork to be kept up to date, and others which are in house and need to be cared for properly.

At the moment I'm working with two Fellows to put together a display of major works by Johannes Kepler. They are visiting this afternoon to look at the exhibition space and choose which pages the books will be opened at. This will be the last exhibition of the summer. After that, I'll be putting together a different display every month to correspond with the themes of the [public lectures](#).

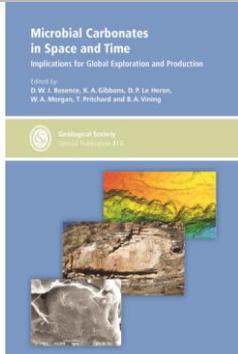
Although I'm a solo librarian most of the week, it's not a solitary job, as I work closely with colleagues in events management, IT, education and outreach. I am also regularly in contact with fellow librarians, not least our neighbours in the Geological Society Library.

New Publications



SP419: Geoethics: the Role and Responsibility of Geoscientists Edited by S. Peppoloni and G. Di Capua

This Special Publication will be an important tool for geoscientists, aimed at increasing the awareness of their societal role and responsibility in conducting education, research and practice activities...[read more](#)



SP418: Microbial Carbonates in Space and Time: Implications for Global Exploration and Production

Edited by D.W.J. Bosence, K.A. Gibbons, D.P. Le Heron, W.A. Morgan, T. Pritchard and B.A. Vining

Microbial carbonates (microbialites) are remarkable sedimentary deposits because they have the longest geological range of any type of biogenic limestones, they form in the greatest range of different sedimentary environments, they oxygenated the Earth's atmosphere, and they produce and store large volumes of hydrocarbons...[read more](#)



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