



Dear Librarian

Welcome to issue 16 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

Presidents Day 2016

President's Day was held at Burlington House on 8 June, as in previous years recipients who were awarded major medals were invited to give a short talk on their subject by the president, David Manning. The major medals awarded were the Lyell, Muchison, William Smith and Wollaston, the medals are awarded for significant research contributions to science OR contributions to applied and economic geology OR eminent contributions to any branch of geology OR distinction in the practice of geology (criteria depending on Medal). Find out more by visiting our [website](#).



[Read more about the Geological Society awards](#)

Welcome to our new subscribers

We're pleased to welcome our new Lyell Collection subscribers:

- King Abdullah University of Science and Technology
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of East Anglia



A Day in the Life of...

Name: Elaine Charwat

Role: Deputy Librarian

Library: The Linnean Society of London

My first deed of the day is unveiling the display cases and the treasures I rotate on a regular basis to show off the breadth and depth of our collections - which, in turn, reflect the richness of Natural History and the History of Science.

This can include biological specimens like the impressive python skin collected by Alfred Russel Wallace in the Malay Archipelago, artefacts like the vasculum (the botanical collections container) that travelled with Charles Darwin on the Beagle, original artwork like one of the earliest depictions of the Tasmanian tiger by John Lewin, or original manuscripts like Carl Linnaeus's drafts of the system in which he orders and names the whole of nature, including giving us our own scientific Latin name - Homo sapiens.

Lifting the sheets covering the display cases always feels a bit like being part of a "levée" - the ceremonial "getting out of bed" of royalty.

I make sure to check the condition of the items, and start preparing for our readers and sift through the email enquiries. Our collections are of international importance, and for researchers unable to visit the UK we need to offer extra support. I discuss with [..continue reading...](#)

Sci-Hub and Academic Identity Theft

In a [recent *Scholarly Kitchen* post](#), University of Utah Associate Dean for Collections & Scholarly Communication Rick Anderson wrote about the unintended consequences of sharing passwords or falling prey to [phishing schemes](#) to gather university network credentials that enable illegal pirate operators like Sci-Hub to offer illicit access to licensed scholarly publications. [Jack Ochs](#) of the American Chemical Society explains how the ACS has experienced the effect of compromised university network credentials.

[Read the latest *Scholarly Kitchen* article here](#)

Wendy from the GSL Library

GSL librarian Wendy has been out and about visiting the Bermondsey [London, UK] Dive Under site - part of the mega London Bridge rebuilding scheme during [OpenDoors2016](#). The project is a joint Network Rail and Skanska project for [Thameslink](#) - in which many of GSL's fellows and library users are involved.



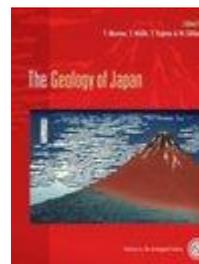
New Books

NEW! The Geology of Japan

Edited by T. Moreno, S.R. Wallis, T. Kojima & W. Gibbons

Published 16 March 2016 | 536 Pages | Available in paperback & hardback

Please note the *Geology of Japan* is not available in the Lyell Collection



It has been 25 years since publication of the most recent English language summary of the geology of Japan. This book offers an up-to-date comprehensive guide for those interested both in the geology of the Japanese islands and geological processes of island arcs in general. It contains contributions from over 70 different eminent researchers in their fields and is divided into 12 main chapters...[read more](#)

NEW! Mesozoic Biotas of Scandinavia and its Arctic Territories

Edited by B.P. Kear, J. Lindgren, J.H. Hurum, J. Milàn and V. Vajda

Published 2 June 2016 | 336 Pages | Hardback



The Mesozoic is arguably the most spectacular interval of biotic evolution. However, global biodiversity from this time frame is incompletely documented. Scandinavia and its Arctic territories represent some of the most enigmatic geographical regions, and yet have yielded globally significant discoveries that offer new insights into Mesozoic ecosystems and environments...[read more](#)

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