

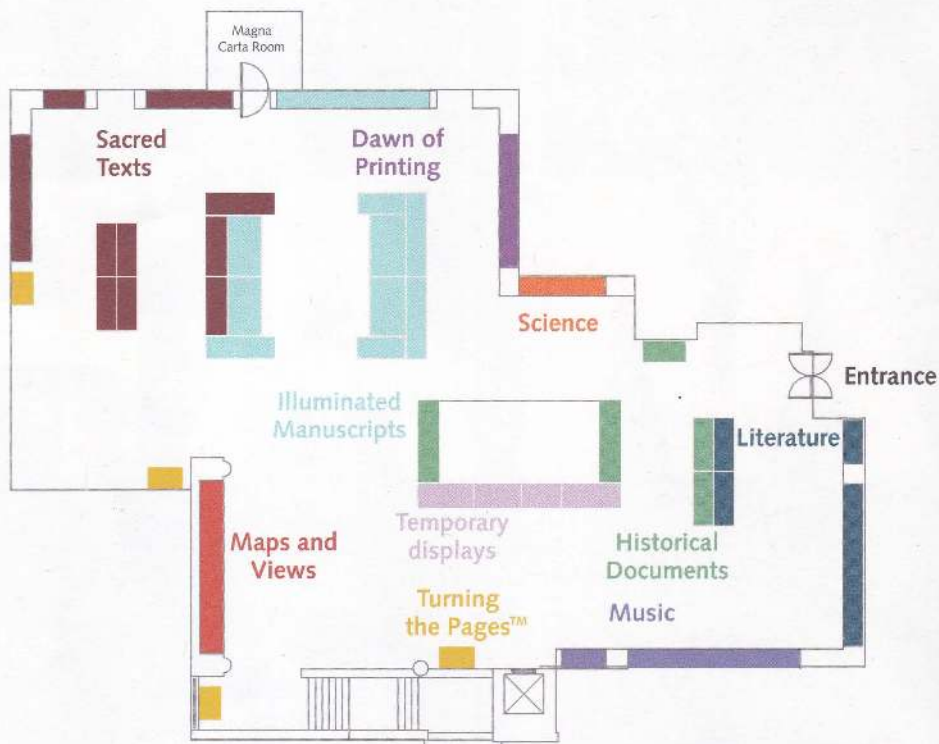
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LIBRARY

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Explore the world's knowledge

Treasures Map

The Sir John Ritblat Gallery: Treasures of the British Library



Welcome to the British Library

The British Library is the national library of the UK and one of the great libraries of the world. If you need to do research in one of our Reading Rooms, please go to the Reader Registration Office on the Upper Ground Floor to obtain a Reader Pass.

To see some of the treasures of our world-class collections visit the Sir John Ritblat Gallery or find out how they are cared for in our Centre for Conservation. We also have temporary exhibitions and a lively events programme running throughout the year. Everybody is welcome to visit our Shop, restaurant and cafés.

To find out more about the Library, join one of our tours – ask at the Information Desk on the Ground Floor for details. Alternatively, feel free to explore the building yourself.

Discover our treasures

The Sir John Ritblat Gallery is home to some of the Library's greatest treasures. We have selected some highlights and hope that you will discover many more during your visit.



Magna Carta

One of the most celebrated documents in English history



Historical Documents

Captain Scott's diary, recording his journey to the South Pole



Illuminated Manuscripts

The *Sherborne Missal* is a vast manuscript weighing over three stone



Literature

Lewis Carroll's original manuscript of *Alice's Adventures Under Ground*



Maps and Views

The Duke's Plan, an early map of New York



Music

Original score of Handel's *Messiah* and hand-written lyrics by The Beatles



Printing

The Gutenberg Bible, one of the first printed books



Sacred Texts

Sultan Baybars' Qur'an, the magnificent seven-volume Islamic manuscript, hand-written in gold



Science

Leonardo da Vinci's Notebook, from one of the greatest thinkers of his age

Turning the Pages

Discover more of our original manuscripts and scrolls by using our award-winning interactives in the gallery. Simply touch the screen and virtually 'turn' the pages of the 15th century *Sherborne Missal*, Leonardo da Vinci's Notebook and many more...

Please note: items on display may be changed at intervals for research or preservation reasons. Information correct at time of printing.

What can you do here?

The British Library is spread over six levels. Please use the index below and floorplans in this map to find where you need to go and what level it is on.

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- 3** Maps
- 2** Manuscripts
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- 2,3** Science
- 1** Social Sciences

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- 1** Centre for Conservation
- 1** Conservation Display

G Conference Centre

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- UG** Philatelic Collections
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- G** Bicycle Rack 
- UG,G** Café 
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- LG** Cloakroom 
- 3** Readers' Lounge 
- LG** The Harry M Weinrebe Learning Centre 
- 1** Foyle Centre for Learning 
- 3** Friends Room 
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- ALL** Toilets   

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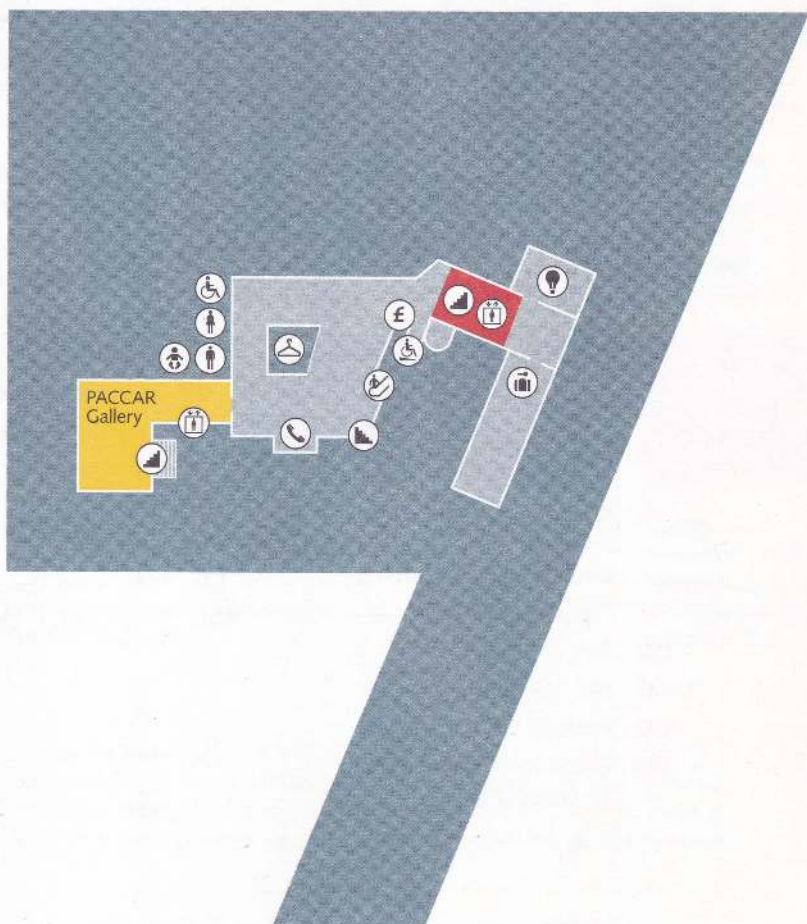
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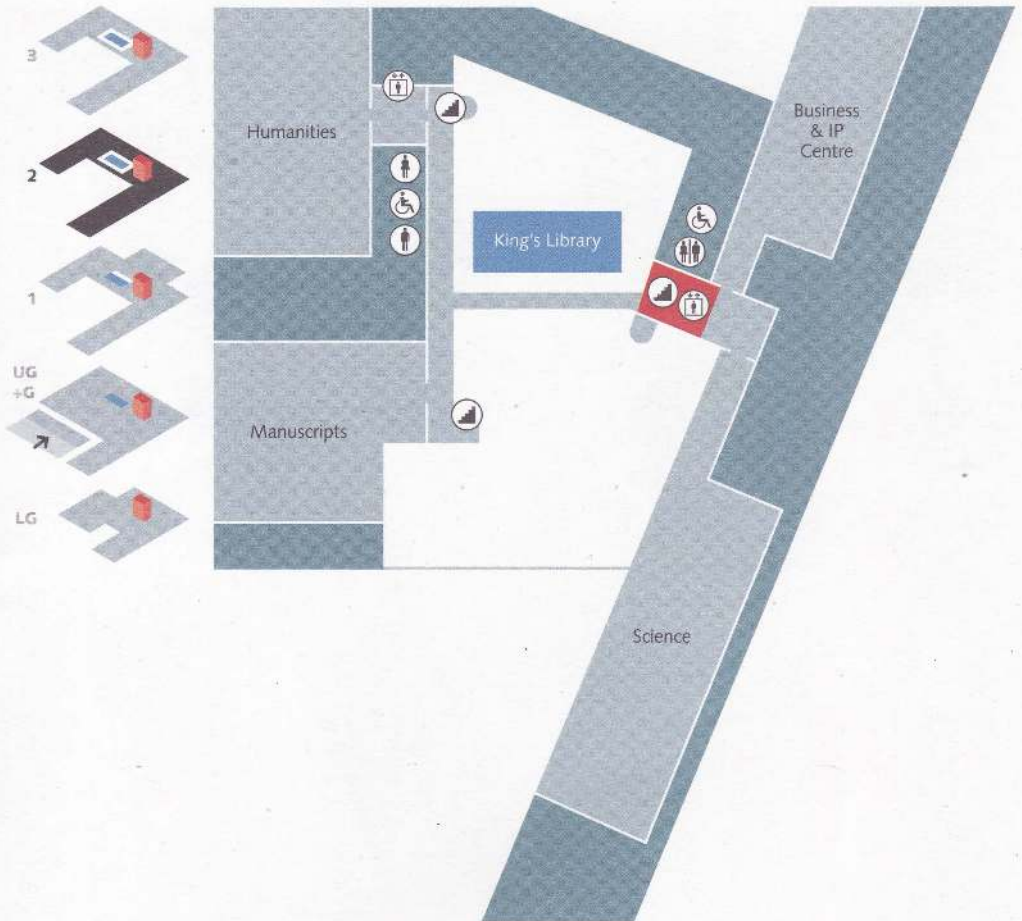
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Exhibitions

You can enjoy our regular programme of major exhibitions, on display in PACCAR Gallery, the Folio Society Gallery and the Digital Space. To find out what is currently on, please pick up an 'Exhibitions and Events' leaflet or see www.bl.uk/whatson/index.html.

Our staff at the Information Desk in the Entrance Hall can also give you the latest information.

Philatelic Exhibition

Discover some of the rarest and most significant stamps in our Philatelic Exhibition.
Free / Upper Ground Floor

Opening Hours

Monday	09.30 – 18.00
Tuesday	09.30 – 20.00
Wednesday	09.30 – 18.00
Thursday	09.30 – 18.00
Friday	09.30 – 18.00
Saturday	09.30 – 17.00
Sunday and Public holidays	11.00 – 17.00

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Saturday	09.30 – 17.00
Sunday and Public holidays	closed

Asian & African Studies, Maps and Manuscripts
Reading Rooms close at 17.00 every day

How to get here

- Underground** ☯ The nearest Underground stations are King's Cross, St Pancras, Euston and Euston Square.
- Train** ⇌ The nearest Rail stations are St Pancras International, King's Cross and Euston.
- Bus** Bus Routes 10, 30, 73, 91, 205, 390 and 476 pass the building.
- Car /
Motorbike /
Bike** The nearest car parks are in Marchmont Street and Judd Street and metered parking is available in Ossulston Street. There is a covered area for bicycles on our Piazza.



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