

# Jesus College Libraries

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## Meyricke Library

The **Meyricke Library** is the main library for students in Jesus College. It occupies four floors of Staircase 17 in Third Quad, above the bar and beneath student rooms.

There are **three reading rooms**, each with 24-hour access: the Lower Meyricke (opened in 1947), the Periodicals Room, and the Upper Meyricke. Together, these offer desks for up to 95 readers, although the usable capacity is rather less. Finally, there is overflow shelving in the attic of Staircase 14, accessible only by staff. The Periodicals Room is scheduled for refurbishment during the Long Vacation of 2025.

The Meyricke Library holds **33,500 books** in all subjects taught in the College, as well as a Student Support collection, Oxford history, and works by Old Members, arranged in a simple in-house classification. There is self-service borrowing, for the length of a term or a vacation.

## Other collections

The **Celtic Library** is a research-level collection devoted to the Celtic languages, open to Celtic students and academics from any college. It is reached via the Upper Meyricke.

The **Fellows' Library** is a 17th-century room in Staircase 10 which holds the College's 11,500 early printed books. There is an ongoing programme of cataloguing as well as termly open afternoons.

The College's medieval **manuscripts** are deposited in the Weston Library. Twenty manuscripts are so far available on Digital Bodleian and there are active plans to raise funds for further digitisation.

The **John Wellingham Organ Studies Library** is a collection of organ scores and textbooks available to all current organ scholars at Oxford, housed in the Antechapel.

The **Archives** contain the official records of the College and other material relating to its history. The Archivist, Dr Robin Darwall-Smith, reports to the Estates Bursar, but works closely with the College Librarian.

The **study spaces** in the Cheng building are open to all students (some are reserved for graduates) but are not administered by library staff.

## Administration and budget

The College employs three **library staff**: Owen McKnight (College Librarian), Ash Lammers (Graduate Library Trainee), and Sarah Cusk (Rare Books Cataloguer, part-time).

**Library policy** is overseen by the stipendiary Fellow Librarian. Library Group meets once a year and reports to Academic Committee.

The **budget** for 2024–25 is £164,300 across all the college's libraries. Staff expenditure accounts for £90,600; the remaining £73,700 is budgeted for books, journals, and binding. The Bodleian Libraries provide access to electronic journals and e-books for current University members.

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