Imagine2030:
The University of Manchester Library
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Library Reshaping Project
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New teams, structures and job descriptions.

New teams

From September, new teams have had the opportunity to create short presentations about the role of the team, what's new, what's different and current priorities.

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Download new structures

Collection Strategies (PDF)
Curatorial Practices (PDF)
Faculty and Student Partnerships (PDF)
Research and Digital Horizons (PDF)
Directorate of the University Librarian (PDF)

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Our new structure will support the delivery of our Imagine2030 vision, which will engage our many communities of researchers, students, visiting scholars, staff and public visitors.

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Job descriptions

A complete list of job descriptions for the University of Manchester Library.
Job descriptions are grouped by directorate.

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All Staff Meeting presentations

In recent months, new teams have had the opportunity to feature at our Library open meetings and provide short presentations on the role of the team, what's new, what's different and current priorities.

Presentations from the open meetings can be found below. You can also rewatch the original meeting videos on Youtube:

- Video archive

Download presentations

Exhibitions and Public Engagement with Research (EPER)
Presentation from 19 July 2022.
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Imaging Team
Presentation from 19 July 2022.
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Office for Open Research update
Presentation from 19 July 2022.
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British Pop Archive update
Presentation from 7 June 2022.
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Customer Services Team
Presentation from 7 June 2022.
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Digital Services Team
Video from 25 May 2022.
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Strategic vision, alignment and priority setting

Operational planning & priority setting in line with strategy

Advisors to Leadership Team to ensure breadth and depth of knowledge in decision-making

Forum for strategic discussion - LET + (extended?) LLT combined

Specialist groups working under the direction of LMG on issues or projects of library wide operational or strategic significance
Delivering Imagine2030
Structure of delivery phase

- Governance
- Engagement
- Communications

Lead Priority Areas
- Strategic Partnerships
- Enabling Themes

Operational Planning and Service Improvements
Main Library Redefined
Our Students
Manchester Digital Scholarship
John Rylands Next Chapter
The University of Manchester Office for Open Research
Spirit of Manchester
Imagine2030 Engagement
So this is your first All Staff Meeting and apart from the conference this is the first
Towards Imagine2030.

Explore highlights and progress from The University of Manchester Library in our latest Imagine2030 Annual Report.

Annual Report 2021 / 2022
Get Started

Every year, we run our Get Started campaign, which introduces the Library's services to new and returning students. In 2021, our Get Started offer included an on-campus fair, virtual fair, online drop-ins and virtual asynchronous support.

Over the course of three weeks, we saw almost 600 students at the online drop-ins, with 60% being postgraduates.

We also launched a bespoke asynchronous online resource and a dedicated support page and form to simplify and speed up the process of embedding support in the curriculum.

We fulfilled 41 requests to embed materials for Get Started with a 99% positive response from students. Comments from those surveyed included specific references to: the how to videos, My Learning Essentials resources, and hearing other students' experiences.

Exam and Assessment Support

During the exam periods, the Library provided students with additional support for assessment. In 2021, this comprised 20 workshops and drop-ins (including the popular Calm Your Brain session run by the University's Counselling Team), 124 promotional tweets, and a selection of asynchronous online resources embedded in 13 academic spaces.
Manchester Digital Collections

2021/22 marked the shift from the initial funded Research Lifecycle Manchester Digital Collections (MDC) project and into embedding MDC as a service available to researchers and staff across the University.

There have been 14 major content releases on MDC, doubling the number of items with more than 200,000 images now available. One of the major achievements of the year has been the launch of the digital edition of the Mary Hamilton Papers. This multi-year Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) funded project is now coming to its conclusion after significant collaboration between the research team and Library. A significant amount of work has gone into developing high quality viewable transcriptions of the letters that users can interact with to identify editorial features and key historical characters mentioned in the letters. In addition to this, the MDC development team have developed a vastly improved homepage for the edition which allows users to view summaries of each letter and to search and filter the collection by title, author, date and several other key parameters.

Work is continuing to develop our second major digital collection of the Heinrich Simon papers, funded by the Leverhulme Trust as a partnership between the researchers and the Library. Developments this year have included a vastly improved homepage, leading to an increase in website traffic to the new edition.
Take a spin around.
Together22 - Library Annual Conference

Past event: Thursday, 16 June 2022

Conference resources
Presentations, digital content and posters from the event can be accessed by visiting the Figshare repository.

View and download resources →

Programme
Explore the conference programme and read about the various activities that took place on the day.

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The Rylands
The University of Manchester Library Awards, known as 'The Rylands' was presented at the Library's Annual Conference.

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Videos and photos
Videos and photos from Together - The University of Manchester Library Annual Conference 2022.

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Revealing our Doctoral Theses Collection to the World
Conference contribution posted on 2022-07-12 in University of Manchester
Helen Scott

Rare Print Metadata
Conference contribution posted on 2022-08-12 in University of Manchester
Christine Stark

Library Systems integrations: recent changes and future developments
Poster posted on 2022-07-07 in University of Manchester
Amanda Swann
Janette Martin

Special Collections Teaching and Learning
Poster posted on 2022-07-07 in University of Manchester
Janette Martin
Enriqueta and John Rylands
Team of the Year
Breakout sessions
1. Open access in 2023: challenges, contradictions and conflicts
2. Big brother is watching you! The Soviet map of Manchester and an introduction to special collections
3. Library Spaces: (digital) brains and bodies?
4. Digital Library Manchester – do androids dream of electronic resources?
5. Overcoming barriers by creating safe spaces: belonging in Manchester’s Library Student Team

Lightning Talks
1. An introduction to the LGBTQ+ special collections guide
2. Embedding special collections in student assessments
3. This isn’t just metadata, this is Manchester Metadata
5. The future of volunteering in special collections
6. Rylands esoterica; magic, monsters and macabre at John Rylands Research Institute and Library

Lightning Talks
7. Stock on the move - our year in statistics
8. New disaster recovery app

Plenary
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Breakout sessions
1. Improving the discoverability of open access books: metadata challenges and opportunities
2. More than just a number: the changing face of bibliometrics at UML
3. The Rylands125 Mix’n’match Game
4. Manchester Library Digital Scholarship showcase
5. Library Planning App – meeting your business intelligence needs
Together23

The University of Manchester Library Annual Conference

Thursday, 15 June 2023
9 to 5pm
University Place
#UMLTogether23
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