

## **Collections and Academic Liaison (CAL) – Michaelmas 2017 update**

Welcome to our first termly newsletter! The idea of the newsletter is to look specifically at CAL's collecting activities throughout each term. Below you will find:

- an introduction to the team for anyone unfamiliar with our activities
- overview of expenditure so far in 2017/18
- closer examination of reader recommendations
- some sample titles purchased this term

### **The department**

The main UL's Collections and Academic Liaison department is responsible for the selection and acquisition of physical books and ebooks in English and in European languages, from across the world. We also deal with donations coming into the UL, we do a large amount of cataloguing, and we promote the collections for which we are responsible through reader inductions and various media – here are links, for example, to the ebooks@cambridge blog and the European Languages across Borders one: <https://ebookscambridge.wordpress.com/> and <https://europeancollections.wordpress.com/>. CAL comprises several teams.

- English collection development
  - o Rebecca Gower, assisted by Amber Rockwell
- ebooks@cambridge
  - o Jayne Kelly, assisted by Lindsay Jones
- German, Dutch, Scandinavian
  - o Christian Staufenbiel, assisted by Katharine Dicks (also our Senior Library Assistant) and Anne Lacour
- Italian (plus French cataloguing)
  - o Bettina Rex, assisted by Manuel del Campo for French
- Spanish, Portuguese, Catalan
  - o Sonia Morcillo (now on maternity leave), assisted by Clara Panozzo and Chris Greenberg (now sharing Sonia's maternity cover)
- Slavonic, Modern Greek
  - o Mel Bach (also Head of Department), assisted by Ula Dench
- French acquisitions are currently being covered by staff members across CAL

### **Expenditure so far**

The CAL budget was tightened at the beginning of the academic year. We have maintained the level of the UL's contribution to the ebooks@cambridge budget, but are being more careful than ever in our selection and purchase. The most important focus of our acquisitions work remains requests made by readers and librarians.

At the point of Voyager going down a couple of weeks ago, Rebecca and the language specialists had spent 40% of their allocated budget for the year, with a further 12% of the budget committed to orders. It is hard to talk in much detail about subject expenditure because ebooks bought against these budgets are given the umbrella "general" subject code, with "general" accounting for just over half of the total spent so far. Of the physical book budget spent, the largest subjects at this point have been philology, history, fine arts (including art history and architecture), religion, philosophy, and political sciences.

On Jayne's side, the ebooks@cambridge budget stands at the halfway point. Expenditure has been greatest on medical books, with other notable areas of spending so far being law, material for POLIS, archaeology and anthropology, and economics.

### **Recommendations for purchase**

The following section of the newsletter provides some sample purchases made over the course of the autumn, but I'll first make a few broad observations about recommendation-based purchases in that period. The figures below relate to reader-requested purchases made over the course of September, October, and November.

- 45% of expenditure was based on requests made by academics, 37% by students (almost wholly graduate students), 12% by librarians, and 6% by others.
  - o these proportions changed hugely each month – academic requests peaked in September (66% of request-based expenditure that month), student requests in October (51%), and librarian requests in September (16%)
- The five subject areas that saw the greatest expenditure were: history, philology, religion, social sciences, and philosophy.
- Our records unsurprisingly bear out the fact that the work of academics and students is rarely confined to a single discipline. Books related to politics, for example, have been requested by researchers at MML, History, Archaeology, Engineering, and English, as well as POLIS.

We have arrangements in place across CAL to allow us to continue ordering (and then making available on arrival) reader recommendations during downtime.

### **Sample Michaelmas purchases in our largest languages**

#### English (ebooks@cambridge)

- The three most expensive single titles requested and purchased have been: *Encyclopedia of geoarchaeology* (Archaeology), *Berne & Levy physiology* (7th ed.) (Medicine), and *Crisis without end? : the unravelling of western prosperity* (POLIS)
  - o The first title was purchased jointly by the ebooks@cambridge team and the CAL English collection development team.
- Larger package purchases have included the renewal of access to: *Oxford Textbook of Medicine*, *Elsevier medical etextbooks*, *Instant Anatomy*, *Chicago Manual of Style Online*, *Elsevier Handbooks in Economics* (paid for by the Marshall Library), *McGraw-Hill Harrison's Online* (a medical title), *Archaeopress Archaeology*, and two *Oxford Legal Research Library* packages (paid for by the Squire)

#### English (English collection development)

- *Liturgical life and Latin learning at Paradies bei Soest, 1300-1425 : inscription and illumination in the choir books of a North German Dominican convent* / Jeffrey F. Hamburger, Eva Schlotheuber, Susan Marti, and Margot E. Fassler. (Münster : Aschendorff Verlag, 2016)
  - o Recommended by an MPhil student at the Music Faculty as the “most current scholarship and methodology surrounding interdisciplinary assessment of liturgy, manuscript studies and medieval music”
  - o Awaiting post-downtime cataloguing.

- *The splendour of power : early medieval kingship and the use of gold and silver in the southern North Sea area (5th to 7th century AD)* / J.A.W. Nicolay. (Eelde : Barkhuis Publishing, 2014)
  - o Recommended by an archaeology academic as essential for undergraduate reading; the title's price meant it came to the UL.
  - o UL classmark: 532:24.b.201.9
- *A companion to Islamic art and architecture* / edited by Finbarr Flood and Gulru Necipoglu. (Hoboken : John Wiley & Sons Inc., 2017)
  - o Requested by an academic working on a Classics/AMES project; already available through NPLD but the recommender was clear that a more accessible copy of this 2-volume set was needed.
  - o UL classmark: 400:6.b.201.25-26

#### German

- *Katalog der Bibliothek Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegels* / herausgegeben von Manuela Köppe (Hamburg : Meiner, 2017)
  - o A two-volume set recommended by a political history PhD student. The title was already on order as part of the wider Hegel *Gesammelte Werke* set.
  - o UL classmark: 184.b.96.93-94
- *Die Zuger Glasmalerei des 16. bis 18. Jahrhunderts* / Uta Bergmann (Bern : Benteli, ©2004)
  - o A volume on stained glass, requested by a History of Art PhD student, and already sought from our suppliers by Christian, the German specialist, to build particularly on related donations from Professor Nigel Morgan.
  - o Arrived as Voyager went down; awaiting cataloguing.

#### French

- *La musique ancienne entre historiens et musiciens* / Xavier Bisaro, Rémy Campos, direction. (Genève : Droz : Haute École de musique de Genève, 2014)
  - o Requested by a PhD student in the Music Faculty.
  - o UL classmark: M516.b.201.7
- *La théorie sociale contemporaine* / sous la direction de Razmig Keucheyan et Gérald Bronner (Paris : Presses universitaires de France, ©2012)
  - o Social theory title requested by an economics specialist in the History Faculty.
  - o UL classmark: C205.d.2666

#### Italian

- *Celeberrimi loci : studi sulle strategie della celebrazione nel mondo romano* / Sandro De Maria. (Bologna : Bononia University Press, [2017])
  - o A book on Roman triumphal arches, requested by a Classics Faculty PhD student. The book had already been selected by Bettina, the Italian Specialist, and was on its way from the supplier.
  - o UL classmark: C202.b.1817

#### Spanish

- *Barris, veïns i democràcia : el moviment ciutadà i la reconstrucció de Barcelona (1968-1986)* / Marc Andreu Acebal (Barcelona : L'Avenç, 2015)
  - o A book on the Catalan independence movement, requested by a recent graduate from the Centre of Latin American Studies. It will add to several 2016-17 titles on the subject selected by our Hispanic Specialists.
  - o On order.

#### Portuguese

- *Africanos livres : a abolição do tráfico de escravos no Brasil* / Beatriz G. Mamigonian (São Paulo : Companhia das Letras, 2017)

- Requested by a world history PhD student working on the legal history of slavery and emancipation in the South Atlantic. The book will join others on the subject already purchased by our Hispanic team.
- On order.

Russian

- *Dukhovnaia kul'tura Kitaia* / glavnyi redaktor M.L. Titarenko (Moskva : Izdatel'skaia firma "Vostochnaia literatura" RAN, 2006-2010)
  - 6-volume set on Chinese civilisation, from philosophy and religion to science and medicine. Requested by the UL's Chinese Specialist as a work which outstrips Anglophone parallels. It joins other significant publications by Russian sinologists.
  - UL classmark: FB.105.100-105