Challenges for Great Libraries in the Age of the Digital Native

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Conceived in Liberty

I always feel a bit sorry for Edward Everett, the 19th-century American professor, politician, governor and diplomat. He gave the oration at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery in November 1863, speaking for two hours (the text of the speech is here). Everett was famous for his erudition and his power as a speaker, but after he finished his great speech, the President stood up and added a few words. The three minutes that followed became perhaps the most famous speech ever given: Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. In contrast Everett’s effort is almost completely forgotten.

I mention this for a couple of reasons. Today is the 200th anniversary of Lincoln’s birth in a one-room log cabin in Kentucky. His legacy is perhaps the greatest of all the US presidents. For example, one of the treasures of the American Collections at the British Library is a rare printing of the Emancipation Proclamation, signed by Lincoln and his two secretaries of state, recording the intention to free the enslaved population. He is also of course, remembered for his death in front of the play Our American Cousin in 1865.

I also like the idea that history is full of a jumble of events, some remembered, others declining into obscurity, like poor Everett’s text. We have been able to put some of these on display in the exhibition. Including...
TAKING LIBERTIES

This interactive explores some of the most current and contentious issues relating to freedoms, rights and responsibilities in the UK today.

It will take you through a series of scenarios, at the end of which you will be faced with questions to discover where you stand on the issue. At any point you can compare your answers to those of other users.

If you have visited the exhibition or have used this interactive before, type your 'Citizen Number' below and click 'Enter', otherwise choose one of the tabs above to begin.
LIBERTY AND THE LAW

Every society must find a balance between liberty and security. Two of Britain’s most important legal documents, Magna Carta of 1215 and the Habeas Corpus Act of 1679, helped ensure that our personal liberty is protected.

However, sometimes dangers perceived by the state can lead to laws that restrict the basic freedoms of those they are trying to protect. With the recent proposal to extend to 42 days the period for which terrorism suspects can be held without trial and the ability of police to ‘stop and search’ whoever they wish, this debate is as essential now as it has ever been.
This map shows the 78 sacred texts in the British Library's Online Gallery. Most of them (72) were prepared for the Library's summer 2007 exhibition Sacred. The exhibition dealt with the common ground of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and so the texts cover those three faiths. Over time we will gradually expand our Online Gallery with more items from other major world faiths.

You can view items by faith or date of origin. Use the text links in the panel to the left of the map to filter the selection of items shown. Click any marker on the map to display information about it and find out more. Navigate around, and zoom in.
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The databases selected for searching offer a combined 10,081,845 documents and were last updated as recently as December 10, 2007
The International Dunhuang Project: The Silk Road Online

IDP is a ground-breaking international collaboration to make information and images of all manuscripts, paintings, textiles and artefacts from Dunhuang and archaeological sites of the Eastern Silk Road freely available on the Internet and to encourage their use through educational and research programmes.

Tens of thousands of images along with catalogues, translations, historical photographs, archaeological site plans and much more are already freely available to all on the IDP DATABASE (add your search term in the box to the left or go to Advanced Search). This multilingual website and database is hosted by IDP's members in Britain, China, Russia, Japan and Germany.

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What's New
Codex Sinaiticus

Codex Sinaiticus is one of the most important books in the world. Handwritten well over 1600 years ago, the manuscript contains the Christian Bible in Greek, including the oldest complete copy of the New Testament. Its heavily corrected text is of outstanding importance for the history of the Bible and the manuscript – the oldest substantial book to survive Antiquity – is of supreme importance for the history of the book. [Find out more about Codex Sinaiticus.]

The Codex Sinaiticus Project

The Codex Sinaiticus Project is an international collaboration to reunite the entire manuscript in digital form and make it accessible to a global audience for the first time. Drawing on the expertise of leading scholars, conservators and curators, the Project gives everyone the opportunity to connect directly with this famous manuscript. [Find out more about the Codex Sinaiticus Project.]

Partner institutions

- The British Library
- National Library of Russia
- St. Catherines Monastery
- Leipzig University Library
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Information literacy for the 21st century
Issue 5

Digital preservation and long-term access
This competition has now ended. Thanks for taking part!

We'll let you know if your submissions got through!!! Good luck!

Throughout May 2007, Windows Live Hotmail is creating the first ever national archive of emails in conjunction with the British Library. The Email Britain book, recording a snapshot of British life by email, will be permanently archived for generations to come.

No public record of email has ever been compiled so to celebrate the launch of the new Windows Live Hotmail, Email Britain is going to put the record straight!

Thanks for your entries
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inspiring spaces
Conclusions

• We are moving into a complex, more visual richer environment

• Research libraries have choices to make

• The decisions taken now will critically shape the role of library and information services for the future

• Opportunities exist for real and vocal leadership

• The information profession should participate in defining the future of knowledge creation, knowledge ordering and dissemination, and knowledge interaction