



CENTRE FOR
REGIONAL & LOCAL
HISTORY

**A User Guide to the Resource
Spaces and Library Collections of
the Centre for Regional and Local
History and the Centre for Urban
History**



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1. Resource Spaces

CRLH and CUH have two resource spaces, the Library and the Regional and Local History Library.

Location

The Library is located in Room 802 in the Attenborough Tower and the Regional and Local History Library is located in Room 101 in the Attenborough Seminar Block.

Access

Access to the resource spaces is by swipe card and is granted to:

- Staff of CRLH and CUH
- PhD History candidates supervised by CRLH and CUH staff
- Masters students supervised by CRLH and CUH staff

Other staff, students and visitors seeking access to the resource spaces may apply to either the Director of the Centre for Regional and Local History or the Director of the Centre for Urban History.

- Dr Angela Muir (Director of the Centre for Regional and Local History): am1074@leicester.ac.uk
- Prof Roey Sweet (Director of the Centre for Urban History): rhs4@leicester.ac.uk

Opening hours

Both resource spaces are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Those with swipe card access will be able to access both resource spaces outside of these hours.

Facilities

Both the Library and the Regional and Local History Library are equipped with study desk space and plug sockets for the use of laptops.

A university PC and AV equipment is provided in the Regional and Local History Library only. There are no PCs in the Library.

Public Seminars

Free public seminars organised by CRLH will be held in the Regional and Local History Library in Room 101. Please consult the News and Events webpage for up-to-date dates and times.

CUH seminars for Spring Term 2023 are being held in Room 111, Attenborough Seminar Block on Fridays at 3pm.

2. Library Collections

All collections are provided on a “Reference Only” basis. Please do not take books or any other materials out of the rooms.

Library (Room 802)

The Library is home to part of the Centre for Regional and Local History library and all of the Centre for Urban History library.

Regional and Local History

The regional and local history library contains the following resources:

- Monographs
 - 01 – Archives, Manuscripts, Catalogues
 - 02 – Palaeography and Seals
 - 03 – Historical Reference
 - 04 – Sources
 - Please note that 04.6 (Indexes) are stored on separate shelves
 - 05 – Bibliography and Book Arts
 - 08 – History. General. (Long Periods)
 - 09 – Social and Economic History
 - 10 – Parliamentary History
 - 11 – Law and Legislation
 - 12 – Religious History
 - 13 – Education
 - Please note that 13.31 and 13.32 are not accessible
 - 14 – Historical Demography
 - Please note that 14.31 and 14.32 are not accessible
 - 15 – Personal Names
 - 16 – Historical Sociology
 - 17 – Occupation and Status
 - 18 – Popular Culture
 - 19 – Language, Dialect and Slang
- Folios (oversized books) – F and FOL
 - Includes oversized books from classes 02, 04, 08, 12 and 19
- Major series including Harleian Society and Index Library (published by the British Record Society) – derived from class 04
- Journals – organised A to Z by title
 - Please note that these are paper copies of journals not readily available online only
- Featured collection: 57.71 Gild and Livery Companies – organised A to Z by gild and includes a general section and a livery companies section

Catalogues and finding aids

- A full library catalogue of CRLH’s books containing over 7,000 entries will be made available later this year for users of the Library and Regional and Local History Library.
 - Downloaded snapshots of the catalogue are available to members of the Friends of the Centre for English Local History on request to the Friends Treasurer (treasurer@englishlocalhistory.org)

Urban History

The urban history library contains the following resources:

- Monographs – organised A to Z by author
- Bibliographies – organised A to Z by author
- Journals – organised A to Z by title
 - Please note that Urban History is out of sequence and on its own shelf
 - Please note that these are paper copies of journals not readily available online
- Folios (oversized books) – organised A to Z by author

Catalogues and finding aids

- An online catalogue is provided on the CUH webpages at <https://www.le.ac.uk/ur/resources/library/libcata.html>
 - Please note that this is not up to date
- A printed catalogue, in a red binder, is provided in Room 802 – this may be a print-out of the list provided on the webpage
 - Please note that this is not up to date
- A catalogue for the private papers of H. J. Dyos is also available on the CUH webpages at <https://www.le.ac.uk/ur/resources/dyos/>

Regional and Local History Library (Room 101)

The Regional and Local History Library is home to CRLH's Topographical Library and Map Room.

- Monographs
 - 00.6 to 00.9 – Topographical Reference
 - Please note that 00.9 is not accessible
 - 50 – Historiography
 - 51 – Methodology, Concepts and Techniques
 - 52 – Cartography
 - 53 – Place Names
 - 54 – History of the Landscape
 - 55 – Rural History
 - 56 – Land Tenure
 - 57 – Urban History
 - Please note that this excludes 57.71 Gild and Livery Companies
 - 58 – Communications
 - 59 – Architecture: History
 - 60 – Architecture: Buildings
 - 61 – Arts: Secular
 - 62 – Arts and Architecture: Historical Interpretations
- Monographs – County and Regions Collections
 - Includes transactions of county historical societies if these are not readily available online
- Domesday county books and atlases, including Phillimore editions
- Maps including major OS series folded maps and Bartholomew folded maps
- Large scale maps – organised by county

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Collections Not Currently Accessible

Some collections are not currently accessible and are being held in storage, while others are undergoing digitisation. Work to make them available is ongoing. Please note that those already available online will remain in storage.

Regional and Local History

- 00.1 to 00.5 – General Reference
- 00.9 – Directories
 - The David Wilson Library (DWL) holds a large collection and many are available in digitised form at Special Collections Online
 - Historical Directories of England & Wales:
<https://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/collection/p16445coll4>
 - Historical Directories of Leicestershire:
<https://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/collection/p15407coll9>
- 06 – Genealogy
- 07 – Heraldry and Chivalry
- 13.31 and 13.32 – Cambridge University: Colleges (A-Z by name of college) and Cambridge Life (e.g. reminiscences)
- 13.41 and 13.42 – Oxford University: Colleges (A-Z by name of college) and Oxford life (e.g. reminiscences)
- Journals and transactions of county historical societies
- Printed Parliamentary Papers
 - Available at <https://parlipapers.proquest.com/parlipapers/search/basic/hcppbasicsearch>
- Public and General Acts
 - Available at www.legislation.gov.uk.
- Specialist dictionaries
 - Many are available online and a good collection is available at the DWL
- Pamphlet collections including the parish collection and Map Room pamphlets
- Folded maps including teaching sets
- Slides collection – undergoing digitisation
- Topographic prints collection
 - Please note that this collection is now held in Special Collections and undergoing digitisation. It will be made available later this year on University of Leicester Special Collections Online
- Photographic prints collection
- Rare Books – a collection of 126 rare books is now held by Special Collections
- European Medieval Settlement Loan Collection
- PhD Theses



- Some are available online at <https://elhleics.omeka.net/>
- All are available at <https://leicester.figshare.com/>
- MPhil and MA dissertations
 - Access is currently restricted. Please contact Dr Angela Muir (am1074@leicester.ac.uk) or Dr Richard Jones (rlcj1@leicester.ac.uk) if you would like to view them

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- Printed Parliamentary Papers
 - Available at <https://parlipapers.proquest.com/parlipapers/search/basic/hcppbasicsearch>
- Public and General Acts
 - Available at www.legislation.gov.uk
- Journals and transactions available online
- Small Towns Survey project data
- PhD Theses
 - All are available at <https://leicester.figshare.com/>
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