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Welcome to British Library Newspapers

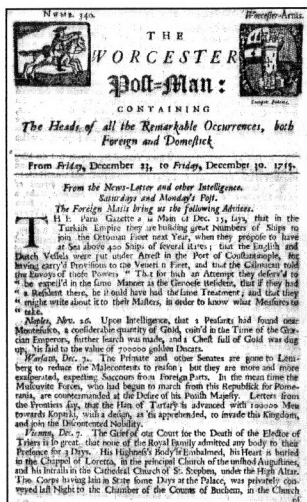
Welcome to British Library Newspapers, the national archive collections in the United Kingdom of British and overseas newspapers.

Our collections, which also include major holdings of popular magazines and periodicals from Britain and Ireland, are made available in hard copy, in microform, and electronic formats in the Newspapers Reading Room in Colindale, North West London.

This leaflet gives general information on our collections and services.



COLLECTIONS



The British Library's newspaper collections are founded on two special collections: the Thomason Tracts, which include about 7,200 Civil War and other 17th century newsbooks and newspapers, presented to the British Museum in 1762; and the Burney Collection, bought by the Museum in 1818, which consists of 700 bound volumes of newspapers dating from 1603 to 1818, collected by the Revd Dr Charles Burney (1757–1817).

The Thomason Tracts collection is housed in the main library at St Pancras and can be consulted in the Rare Books & Music Reading Room. Pre-1801 London titles from the Burney Collection are also held at St Pancras and can be consulted in the Rare

Books & Music Reading Room. All Burney papers issued after 1800, as well as some earlier provincial newspapers, have been integrated with the British Library Newspapers collection at Colindale. Microfilm of most of the pre-1801 Burney papers is available for consultation at both St Pancras and Colindale.

British Library Newspapers collections at Colindale consist of over 693,000 bound volumes and parcels and over 400,000 reels of microfilm, together occupying some 45 kilometres of shelves. Our collection of newspapers from Britain and Ireland are the finest in the world. Holdings of British and Irish regional papers are fairly comprehensive from the 1840s onwards. Since 1869 British and Irish newspapers have been received through legal deposit, which obliges publishers to send one copy of each of their publications to the British Library for inclusion in the national archive. The collections include full sets of the main London edition of all the





national daily and Sunday papers from 1801 to the present day. Most daily and weekly regional and local newspapers from England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland are held, some from the early eighteenth century onwards, with the exception of some free weekly papers and material which was destroyed during the World War II.

Newspapers are acquired selectively from overseas countries all across the world, in western, east European and Slavonic languages, with major historic collections dating back as far as 1631 onwards. These include extensive collections of newspapers from British Commonwealth countries, which were formerly received through colonial copyright deposit, as well as many other nations, notably France, Germany, Russia, and the USA.

A wide range of UK and Irish popular periodicals, predominantly those published weekly and fortnightly, is also held and currently received under legal deposit legislation. These are mainly those at the popular end of the market and cover an enormous range of subjects from fashion, pop music, and cinema, to sports, hobbies and trades.



SERVICES

ADMISSIONS

Admission to the Newspapers Reading Room is by Reader Pass; either a Newspaper Reader Pass or a British Library Reader Pass, as issued by Reader Registration at the British Library, St Pancras.

A Newspaper Reader Pass is available to anybody over the age of 18 who needs to use the Newspaper collections for research purposes.

Special admission arrangements apply to readers under the age of 18. If you are under 18, please contact us before you visit the Library giving details of your age, the subject of your research, and the newspapers or periodicals you wish to consult.

Newspaper Reader Passes are issued to applicants in person in the Newspapers Reading Room.

You will be required to show two forms of identification, as proof of your identity and address. We cannot issue a Reader Pass without both forms of identification – no exceptions can be made. Forms of identification are as listed opposite:

You will be required to show two forms of identification, one from each column.

| Proof of your home address. You will need to show one of the following which must bear your name and address | Proof of your identity (including signature). You will need to show one of the following, which must bear your signature: |
|--|---|
| Utility Bill (Gas, Electricity, Telephone, Water) Bank/Building Society Statement Credit Card Statement Council Tax Bill/Council Rent Book HM Revenue and Customs Statement State Pension Book Benefit/Family Credit Book Passports (where the address has been officially entered by the issuing authority) National Identity Card with address* Driving License with address* Home Office permit to stay document University Certificate for Hall of Residence (stamped and signed by institution) TV License Firearms License Home Insurance Policy Pay Slips (where employer's and employee's addresses are stated) | Passport Driving License* Bank Card Credit Card National ID Card* Police/Customs Card Home Office/Warrant Card Forces ID card Sea/Air Masters License |

*These documents can only be used as either proof of address **or** proof of identity. They cannot be used for both.

- Some national identity cards and driving licenses do not show the holder's address.
- We cannot accept these documents if they do not show your address.
- Please note that **original documents** are required; we cannot accept copies or faxes.
- Please note that the following documents **must not be older than three months**: utility bill, bank/building society statement, credit card statement, HM revenue and customs statement, state pension book, benefit/family credit book, pay slip.

READING ROOM REQUIREMENTS



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Yes
Pencils



Yes
Clean dry



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No
Coats, bags
and umbrellas



No
Pens or
highlighters



No
Sharp
implements



No
Food, drink,
bottled water,
sweets or gum

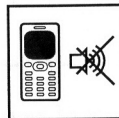


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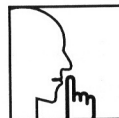
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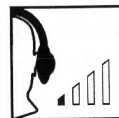
You can use laptops but please turn the sound off.



Please ensure your mobile phone is turned off or on silent mode. Do not make or receive calls on your mobile phone. We also request that you do not text inside the Reading Rooms.



If you have to talk, please do so quietly. Please be aware that groups coming in together can disturb others and be sensitive to this.



If you need to use headphones to listen to anything, please keep the sound levels down to ensure that other Readers are not disturbed.

USING THE READING ROOM

The Newspapers Reading Room has 152 places, including 54 for users of newspapers on microfilm, two microfiche readers, eight microfilm reader-printers, and 14 computer workstations with networked access to e-newspapers, other online resources, and the Internet. The Reading Room is open to readers from 10.00 to 17.00 Monday to Saturday, except for English public holidays. Readers are advised to arrive as early as possible, and no later than 16.00. Applications for material must be submitted before 16.15.

Most items in our collection are kept in store and readers need to identify what they want to see by consulting the Newspapers subset of the British Library's Integrated Catalogue and then completing paper application slips. This means that you must ask for specific newspapers and periodicals of specific dates, which are then fetched for you by staff. The Newspapers Catalogue subset of the British Library Integrated Catalogue lists the newspaper titles in our collection but does not provide access to the content of newspaper articles.

Readers should be aware that the vast majority of newspapers have no subject index and there are relatively few historic UK newspapers currently available online, so it can be very difficult to study a large subject or a general theme through newspapers alone if you do not have a good idea of when and where the articles you want were published. In this case, you may use your time more effectively by consulting books, subject bibliographies and other materials on your subject before you consider coming to the Newspapers Reading Room. The Newspapers Reading Room does have a good selection of the few newspaper indexes that have been published and listings are available in the Reading Room. There may also be electronic resources available which will help you to access articles on your subject. Please see the section on Electronic Resources below for further information.

Many newspapers in our collection are available on microfilm only. Where we hold both a microfilm copy and a hard copy, it is our policy always to deliver the microfilm copy in order to preserve the fragile original newspapers in our care.

Delivery times vary between under thirty minutes and 90 minutes according to levels of demand and availability of staff. We aim under our Code of Service to readers to deliver 90% of items stored onsite within 60 minutes. If you do not receive your items within one hour of placing your order, please check progress with staff at the Newspaper Supply Desk.

COLLECTION AVAILABILITY

All British and Irish material is either bound, boxed or microfilmed before it is made available to readers, so most titles are not available completely up to date. For UK national newspapers, there is usually a three to six month delay in availability. The delay may be considerably longer for UK and Irish regional and local papers.

Most foreign newspapers are purchased on microfilm and there can be considerable delays between the date of publication and their availability at the Newspapers Reading Room.

Some items are stored off site and need to be ordered 48 hours in advance of a visit to the Library. This includes items with shelfmarks beginning **F.misc** and any items in the **F.2000** range of shelfmarks.

Please be aware that some items cannot be delivered to our Reading Room because they are in a very fragile condition. These items are awaiting conservation treatment or preservation through microfilming.

For the above reasons, readers are strongly advised to telephone or email in advance to check whether the material they wish to consult is accessible.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS

Readers may telephone the Library on +44 (0)20 7412 7353 or email **BookDelivery-Colindale@bl.uk** 48 hours in advance (excluding Sundays) of their visit to the Library, in order to reserve up to four items (four hard copy bound volumes or four microfilm reels) which they wish to consult in the Reading Room. You do not have to wait until you have a Reader Pass to make Advance Reservations.

CATALOGUES

To search for newspapers and periodicals held at Colindale, you must use the NEWSPAPERS SUBSET of the British Library Integrated Catalogue <http://catalogue.bl.uk> To access the NEWSPAPERS SUBSET, click on **'Search the Integrated Catalogue'**, next click on **'Catalogue subset search'** and then click on **'Newspapers'** from the list of subsets available.

The Basic Search screen appears; the banner title changes, confirming the Newspapers catalogue subset. The Newspapers subset includes entries for the vast majority of newspapers and periodicals in the Newspaper Library collections, which amount to over 53,000 titles from all over the world. It can be searched by word from title, newspaper place heading (e.g. city/town or region or country of publication or distribution) or any word in the catalogue record or by shelfmark.

The catalogue terminals are situated in the main Reading Room and the Electronic Resources Reading Room. Guides to using the Newspapers Catalogue subset are provided next to each of the terminals.

An eight-volume printed version of the Newspaper Library catalogue was published in 1975, and is available for consultation in many of the larger public and academic libraries. As the information in this printed catalogue may be out of date, it is always advisable to check the online Newspapers subset of the Integrated Catalogue before visiting the Newspapers Reading Room. For example, a number of high use periodicals and some South Asian newspapers have been moved to St Pancras since the publication of the printed catalogue in 1975.

ORDERING AND RESERVING NEWSPAPERS

Ordering items

Please find an empty seat in the Reading Room. Take a note of its identifying number. You may wish to leave something on the desk, such as a pad of writing paper, to indicate that it is now occupied. Check the Newspapers Catalogue subset to find out if the title and dates you require are held. Once you have identified the title you wish to see, you should complete a paper application slip. You must complete one slip for each separate title you wish to consult.

On the application slip, please enter the following details:

- today's date
- your name
- your Reader number
- your seat number
- the title of newspaper or journal
- the place of publication or distribution of the newspaper or journal (town or city name required only)
- the specific date(s) you require (e.g. day or month and year)
- the shelfmark that matches the date you wish to order.

NB: Where there is both a microfilm shelfmark and a hard copy shelfmark for the same year(s), please always enter the microfilm shelfmark. All microfilm shelfmarks are indicated by '**Microform**' in the catalogue record. Microfilm shelfmark numbers will always have one of the following letter prefixes: **M**; **MA**; **MC**; **MF**; or **SP**. Failure to add the microfilm shelfmark may cause delays in retrieval of your material. Please ask staff at the Enquiry Desk if you have any queries about finding newspaper shelfmarks.

A maximum of four volumes or microfilm reels will be supplied at any one time. If the four items supplied cover only part of the date range requested, please submit a fresh application slip for the remainder (up to a further four items) when you have finished using the first two items in the batch. Take your completed application slip(s) to the Newspaper Supply Desk in the corner of the main Reading Room and place them in the box provided and return to your seat. Orders are accepted each day up until 16.15.

Collecting ordered items

Bound volumes of original newspapers and journals will be delivered to the seat number given on your request slip. Some volumes and unbound papers have to be read at the Security Tables adjacent to the Newspaper Supply Desk. In this case, you will be assigned a Security Table seat by staff. Please move to a Security table seat if you are asked to do so by staff and follow any special handling instructions which may apply.

If the title you request is on microfilm, you will be told by Collection Delivery staff when it is ready for collection from the Newspaper Supply Desk. Our staff will leave a slip of paper informing you that your microfilm is available for collection.

Take the slip to the Newspaper Supply Desk to collect your microfilm and move to an empty seat in one of the three microfilm reading areas available. All microfilm readers have instructions on how to use them. If you need assistance, please ask at the Enquiries & Admissions desk in the main Reading Room.

All UK national newspapers are generally supplied on microfilm. All UK and Irish local and regional papers published after 1986 and the vast majority of our foreign newspapers are also supplied on microfilm. UK and Irish local and regional newspapers published before 1986 are a mix of microfilm and hardcopy. Most magazines and periodicals are hard copy. However, a number of high use periodical titles have also been microfilmed.

To obtain newspapers or journals for which you have placed advance requests by email, post, telephone or in person, please complete an 'Application for Reserved Material' slip, obtainable from the Enquiries Desk and hand the completed slip to the Newspaper Supply Desk.

Returning items

When you have finished with a bound volume, place it on one of the return trolleys available in the Reading Room. If there is no space left on the trolleys, please place the volume carefully against the wall nearest your seat, and it will be collected by staff. Please ensure that you do not place volumes against radiators. Volumes should never be left lying flat on the floor. Please ask staff at the Newspaper Supply Desk if you need help to place heavy volumes on the return trolleys.

Please return microfilm reels to the Newspaper Supply Desk.

Items have to be returned at 16.45.

Keeping newspapers on reserve

Space permitting, we will keep up to four items which have already been fetched for you on reserve for re-use for two full working days. To reserve items that you have been using, please write your name and today's date on a blue reservation slip, obtainable from the Enquiries & Admission Desk or the Newspaper Supply Desk, and place a completed slip in each item.

REFERENCE COLLECTION

The open-access reference collection in the Newspapers Reading Room supports the study of the history and development of the British and overseas newspaper and magazine press. The reference collection includes newspaper bibliographies, press directories, newspaper indexes and a developing collection of monographs on newspaper history and the newspaper industry including biographies of many prominent individuals connected with the newspaper press. The reference shelves also contain the complete published indexes to *The Times*, *The New York Times*, and to a range of other newspapers. Historical reference works, including almanacs, year books, chronologies, news digests, encyclopedias and dictionaries are also available.

You will also find *The Times* on microfilm from 1875 onwards on the open access shelves in the Electronic Resources Reading Room.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES IN THE READING ROOM

The British Library subscribes to a number of newspaper electronic resources. These include both UK and some international newspapers available on CD-ROM or online format. Key electronic resources available include *The Times Digital Archive 1785–1985*, *The Scotsman Digital Archive 1817–1950*, *Early American Newspapers Series 1 (1690–1876)* and *NewsBank Newspapers – UK, Ireland and USA*. A full listing of the titles available can be found on the Library's website

www.bl.uk/eresources/newspapers/colindale2.html

These resources are only available within the Library's Reading Rooms – access from outside the Library is not available for licensing reasons. There are network printers in the Reading Room for you to print information from the electronic resources and from the Internet.

Our ambition is to digitise the best of our historical collection and make it more widely accessible. We are currently in progress with a project to create digital facsimiles of British newspapers from the period 1600–1900. Please see our website for further details of our digitisation projects
www.bl.uk/britishnewspapers.

COPY SERVICES

Copy services are available to provide photocopies of pages from any items in the collections, subject to preservation checks and the usual copyright restrictions. Orders may be placed in the Reading Room or by email **newspaper@bl.uk** or post if full publication details can be provided.

Microfilm reader/printers are available in the Reading Room for self-service use by readers. There is no self-service copying facility for readers using hard copy newspapers or periodicals. All copying from hard copy items must be carried out by Library staff. There is no same day service for photocopies from hard copy items. Copies will be posted to you or can be collected at a later date. There are instructions to help you to complete the 'Application for Photocopies' form in the desk mats at each hard copy desk in the Reading Room.

All photocopies produced by British Library Newspapers are of complete pages only and are produced on the closest modern standard paper size to the original (e.g. usually A3 for tabloid and A2 for broadsheet).

We are unable to produce copies to the exact size of original newspapers where the originals were not produced in modern standard paper sizes.

For preservation reasons, some fragile items cannot be photocopied or photographed.

All Copy Orders must be placed at the Enquiries Desk by 16.30.

Registered users of the British Library Document Supply Centre may obtain photocopies of specific articles using the standard request form. You must be able to supply the full publication details of the articles you require (e.g. newspaper/journal title, date of issue, title/headline of article and page number).

Digital prints, digital images on CD-ROM and 35mm positive microfilm copies can also be provided. Full details of our Copy Services can be found on our website

www.bl.uk/reshelp/atyourdesk/newscopy/newscopy.html

WHERE TO GET HELP IN THE READING ROOM

Staff at the Enquiries & Admissions Desk will be pleased to provide general help and guidance on using the Newspapers Reading Room and deal with any queries you have concerning copying.

An Information Specialist is generally available, to provide advice on the use of the collections and to assist with reference enquiries, during our normal opening hours of Monday to Friday and on most Saturdays.

In-depth research cannot be undertaken for readers by British Library Newspapers staff. A list of freelance research workers can be provided upon request.

Staff at the Newspaper Supply Desk will answer questions about the delivery of newspapers, and will deal with any problems that may arise with regard to your requests.

The main noticeboard is situated immediately outside the Reading Room Entrance on the first floor. We encourage everyone to check this noticeboard regularly as it is the best way to keep up to date with Library information and any service changes.

GROUP VISITS, TOURS AND OPEN DAYS

The Newspapers Reading Room has limited facilities and is not suitable for impromptu group visits. If you wish to organise a group visit to the Library, please contact us well in advance to discuss arrangements. We are always willing to consider arranging group visits for family history societies, research students, media personnel, or other interested parties. We regret that we are unable to accept bookings for tours or group visits on Saturdays.

We hold Open Days, which include a behind the scenes tour of the various Newspaper Library departments and an opportunity to meet staff. Individuals whether they are readers, potential readers, librarians or researchers are welcome to book a place on the Open Day tours. Further details of the Open Days can be found on our website <http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/bldept/news/opendaysnews/index.html>

OTHER FACILITIES

Using your laptop

You may bring your own laptop into the Reading Room and connect to the power supply. There are electrical power points provided at most desks in the Reading Room.

WiFi internet access

Free WiFi internet access is available in the Newspapers Reading Room and Readers' Lounge area.

British Library SoundServer

The British Library's SoundServer, the Sound Archive's digitised sound service, is available from a terminal in the Electronic Resources area of the Newspapers Reading Room.

Refreshment Area

There is a refreshment area on the Ground Floor with vending machines for hot and cold drinks, and snacks, a chilled water dispenser, and a seating area for 25.

Public Telephone

A pay phone is available immediately outside the Reading Room entrance on the First Floor.

Parking

There is a small car park in front of the building. If the car park is full, there is a pay and display car park in the grounds of the former Colindale Hospital almost opposite the Library building.

Information for readers with disabilities

To let us know about your disability needs please phone us on +44 (0)20 7412 7353 or email newspaper@bl.uk

The Newspapers Reading Room is situated on the first floor of the building. Readers with mobility impairments are escorted in a lift to the Reading Room by our Security Reception staff.

Readers with disabilities may reserve parking spaces in advance of their visit.

An induction loop is in operation at the entrance lobby to the Library and in the main Reading Room at the Enquiry desks for the benefit of hearing-aid users.

Toilet facilities for readers with disabilities are available on the Ground Floor adjacent to the Refreshment area.

Readers who need help carrying items to and from their desks should inform staff at the Newspaper Supply Desk.

Reader Passes can be issued to a helper or friend who is assisting readers with disabilities to carry out their research. Readers who are working with assistants or who wish to use tape recorders may book our special room in advance of a visit.

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THE London Irish News

A Weekly Newspaper for Irishmen and Irishwomen in Great Britain.
No. 3. Vol. I. SATURDAY, MAY 31st, 1910. Price One Penny.

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And Order a Suit of Irish Tweed.
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NEWSPAPER & BOOK-SELLER
1, St. Loys Road,
High St., Tottenham.**

**E. J. HOLYBEEK,
Newspaper,
21, Colman Street, E.C.**
**CH. LINDEN Irish News
Newspaper & Book-Store,
Primrose Terrace.**

NEWSPAPERS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE BRITISH LIBRARY

Early Newspapers

The Thomason Tracts and the Burney Collection mentioned earlier are held in the main library at St Pancras and can be consulted in the Rare Books & Music Reading Room. They are listed in the British Library's Integrated Catalogue, along with early newspapers acquired in other collections and held at St Pancras. Special printed catalogues relating to the Thomason and Burney collections are held at both St Pancras and at Colindale. For more information on the early newspapers held at St Pancras please see our website

www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/news/earlynews/earlynewspapers.html

Asia, Pacific and Africa Collections

The Asia, Pacific and Africa Collections at St Pancras hold newspapers in Asian and Middle-eastern languages, including those published in the United Kingdom and received via legal deposit. They also have substantial holdings of South Asian newspapers in the English language, which were originally collected by the East India Company and the India Office, which have been transferred in their entirety to microfilm. A handlist of this collection was published in 1994. In 1983, the Newspapers Reading Room ceased to acquire any current South Asian titles and all holdings published after 1972 have been transferred to the Asia, Pacific and Africa Collection and can be consulted in the Asian and African Studies Reading Room at St Pancras.

Document Supply Centre

The Document Supply Centre Reading Room in Boston Spa holds back copies for 18 months of the main broadsheet national and Yorkshire newspapers. The Reports and Microfilm Store at the Document Supply Centre provides a photocopy/microform loan service from a limited range of British and overseas newspapers. For more information on the Boston Spa Reading Room please see our website

www.bl.uk/reshelp/inrooms/bspa/bostonspa.html

ADDRESS, LOCATION AND TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS

British Library Newspapers
130 Colindale Avenue
London
NW9 5HE
United Kingdom

British Library Newspapers is situated almost opposite Colindale Underground Station, which is in Zone 4 on the Edgware branch of the Northern Line.

London Transport Bus routes 204 and 303 have stops nearby to British Library Newspapers.

The nearest rail station is Mill Hill Broadway (Thameslink). Take Bus 303 from outside the station.

The Library is also close to the M1 motorway (use exit 4 from the north) and to the A1.

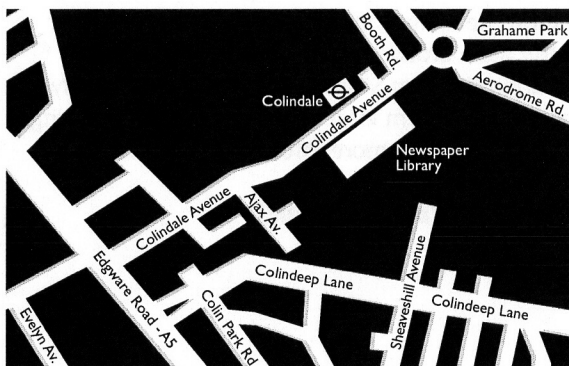
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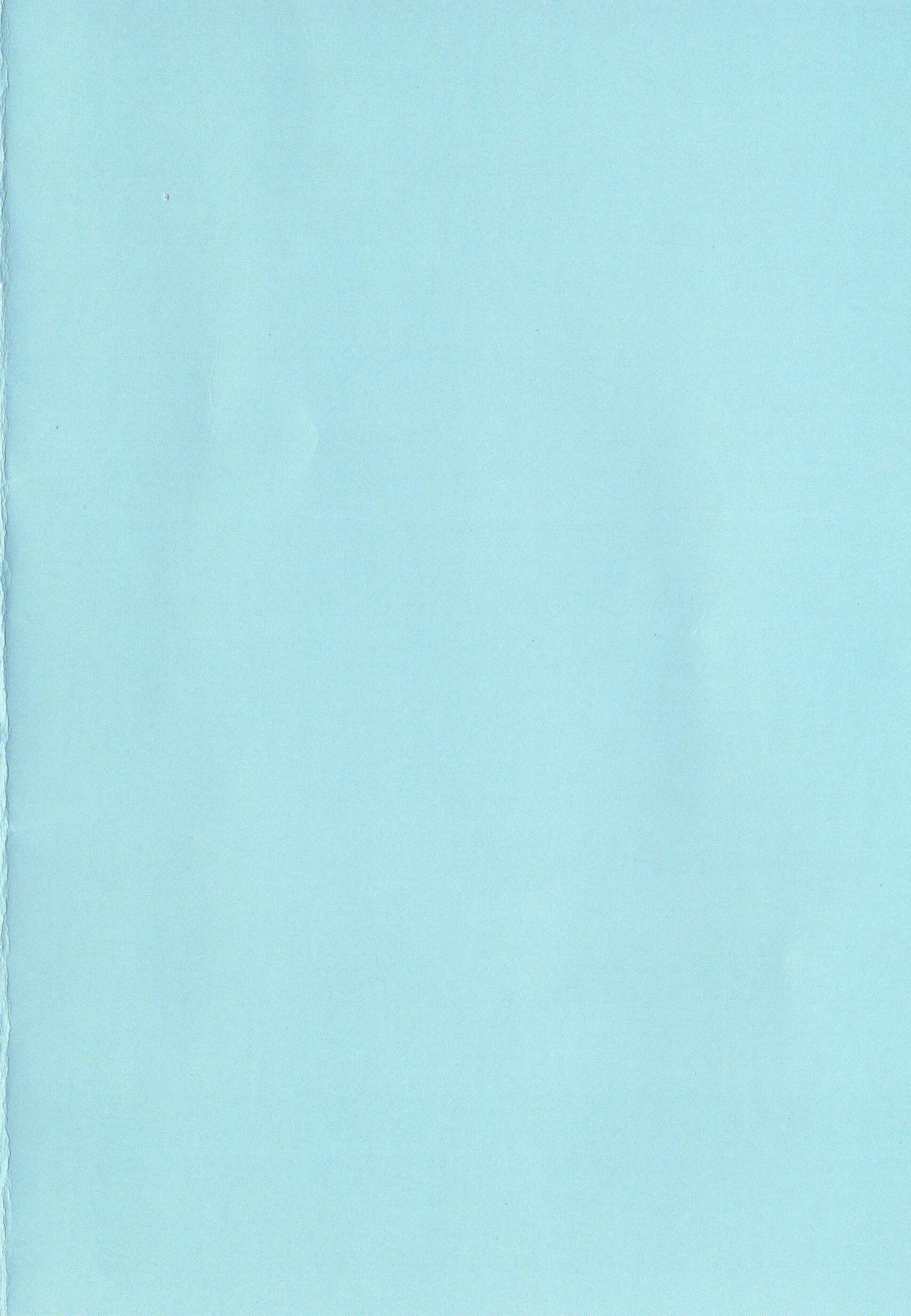
Opening Times

Monday to Saturday:
10.00 to 17.00
Sundays and English
public holidays:
closed

All readers must
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