

WELCOME!

Renae Satterley, Deputy Librarian

Welcome to the latest Middle Temple Library newsletter. Since the last newsletter we have had two changes in staff. In May, Vanessa Hayward, Keeper of the Library, retired after fifteen years as Keeper and in October we welcome our new Training & Development Librarian, Adam Woellhaf. Adam will be joining us from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Megan Dunmall has also joined the Archive as Assistant Archivist.

In September we welcomed a visit from Hilary Mantel, who viewed some of our Tudor-era books. Dame Hilary is currently working on *The Mirror & the Light*, the last book in the Cromwell trilogy. Some of the books that she viewed were Fitzherbert's *Abridgement*, printed by John Rastell and Wynken de Worde in 1516; Jean Fernel's *Cosmotheoria*, printed in Paris in 1528; and Thomas Elyot's *The image of governance*, printed in London in 1540. We also welcomed over 2,400 people to the library during the Open Weekend, and gave out copies of our new Library History guide.

The exhibition from Yale University entitled *250 Years of Blackstone's Commentaries* will be on display in the library until November. Middle Temple Library is the only London location for this exhibition from the Lillian Goldman Law Library (Yale University) and was curated by Mike Widener, Rare Book Librarian at the L.G. Law Library, and Wilfrid Prest, Professor Emeritus of History and Law at the University of Adelaide.

We now have ten e-books loaded onto the iPad, which can be borrowed for a week at a cost of £5.00, or on a daily basis. The tablet also provides access to a selection of EU e-book titles.

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The new term also saw our first CPD session on electronic evidence, presented by Stephen Mason. Stephen also gave a one day training course to students on the same subject which was very well received.

Last but not least, we have now started our very popular library tours. The full schedule is available on the last page of the newsletter. Please do join us on a tour and enter our prize draw for a bottle of champagne or gift certificate.



An illustration of King John, from William Blackstone's Great Charter and Charter of the Forest, 1759

UPDATED SUBJECT HEADINGS

Louise James, Cataloguer

Since joining the library a year ago, I have been working on the library's catalogue to make it tidier and easier to use. Over the last few months I have been working on a project to convert all of the library resources' subject headings to Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). The purpose of this project is to describe resources more accurately so they are easier for library users to find by subject. For example, subjects are now subdivided by country (e.g. Family law – Great Britain; Family law – United States), and all search terms have been standardised so that they remain the same throughout the catalogue. For those LCSH headings which can be ambiguous or too American-centric, we rely on Westlaw Taxonomy terms instead.

The Library of Congress first created their system of subject headings in 1898. The full story is available to read here: <http://www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/9808/lcsh-100.html>.

In addition to this project, I have also been standardising author's names throughout the catalogue, so that all items by the same author can be found quickly and easily. For textbooks, I am in the process of adding contents pages to items in the catalogue; this will produce a larger number of relevant results when conducting a search. Since the project's inception, I have amended over 7,000 entries.

The LCSH project is expected to be completed by the end of 2016. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the project or how LCSH affect the way you search for and locate resources, please ask one of the library staff.

Library of Congress subject headings were first created in 1898 and are updated and approved on a monthly basis



A map of Europe from Theatrum orbis terrarum, Abraham Ortelius, 1603

EU UPDATES

Erin Gow, EU & Government Publications

The EU Databases User Group (EUDUG) members met at Middle Temple in July to learn more about National Implementing Measures, the European Legislation Identifier, and the Practical Law EU database. Paulo Seromenho, a documentalist from the Publications Office of the European Union, presented information about recent and upcoming changes to National Implementing Measures on EUR-Lex and the European Legislation Identifier. Maylis Campbell, an editor from Practical Law EU, provided insight into their database. A summary of the sessions is available online:

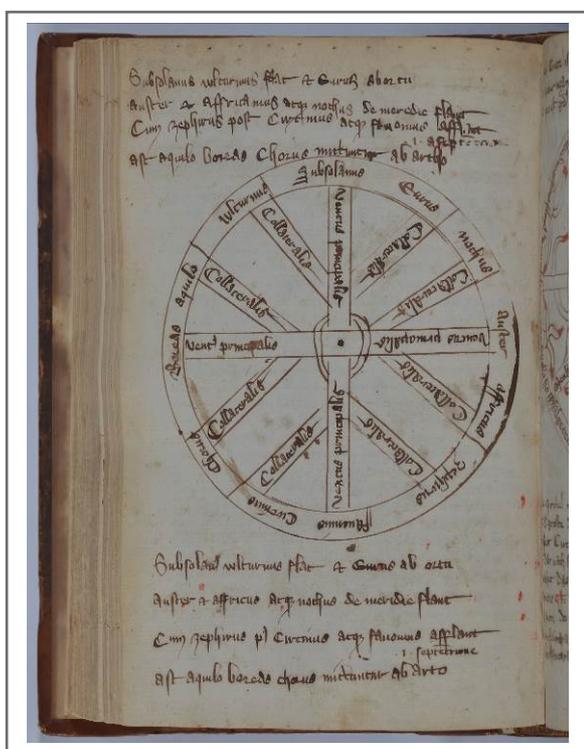
<https://eudatabaseusergroup.wordpress.com/previous-meetings/16-july-2015/>.

In September I will be attending the International Association of Law Libraries 34th annual conference held in Berlin. The theme for this conference is "Within and in between: German Legal Tradition in Times of Internationalization and Beyond", and should provide a great deal of insight into Germany's legal history and role in the EU, as well as international law and legal information. The British and Irish Association of Law Librarians provided a bursary to assist with the cost of attending this conference.

RARE BOOKS UPDATE

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We have had a couple of researchers interested in one of our more unusual manuscripts lately, MS75 *Astronomiae liber sive calendarium*, which was written circa 1390-1415. This manuscript is written in 'cursiva', by two different scribes, in Strasbourg. It is written in German and Latin. It is presented in an unusual order containing notes on prognostication, astronomy, astrology, chiromancy, etc., with calendars, tables, dials, etc. to find moveable feasts.



MS75 photographed by Chris Christodoulou

The provenance of the manuscript is unknown, but could have belonged to Robert Ashley (1565-1641), the library's founder. His collection of printed books contains many items on astrology, astronomy and chiromancy, including a 1560 copy of Patricio Tricasso's *Enarratio pulcherrima principiorum chyromantiae*. Ashley was interested in a variety of subjects which are now classed as esoterica, but which were considered serious topics for study during his lifetime.

NEW ACQUISITIONS & DONATIONS

Bernadette Keeley, Librarian UK & US Collections

ANDERSON, M - Execution of documents

COCKE, T - The Churchyards handbook

CORNISH, G - Copyright

FROST, M - Testamentary capacity: law, practice and medicine

LANGER, L - Religious offence and human rights

MCKAY, S - Covert policing: law and practice

MASON, S - Electronic disclosure

REISMAN, W - International commercial arbitration

SANDBERG, R - Religion, law and society

SCHERER, M - Arbitrating under the 2014 LCIA Rules

SOYER, B - Ship building, sale and finance

SYMES, M - Immigration appeals handbook

Donations to the library: presented by the author unless otherwise stated

BLACKSTONE'S Criminal Practice 2015 Supplement 3 (donated by Master Eric Stockdale)

BRIDGE, M - Personal property law

BRILLIANT, S - A practical guide to land registration proceedings

BUCK, T - International child law (donated by Alisdair Gillespie)

GILLESPIE, A - Cybercrime

GILLESPIE, A - The English legal system

GRENVILLE-CROSS, I - Sentencing in Hong Kong

MACDONALD, I - Macdonald's immigration law & practice

ORMEROD, D - Smith and Hogan: criminal law

POTTER, H - Law, liberty and the constitution

STOCKDALE, E - Send for Benson! A Life of Sir Christopher Benson

NEW EU ACQUISITIONS

Erin Gow, EU & Government Publications

Macnab, A. - Bellamy & Child: Materials on European Union law of competition 2015

Schauer, M. & Grabenwarter, C. - Introduction to the Law of Austria

Kelleher, D. - Privacy and Data Protection Law in Ireland, 2nd ed.

Lindencrone Petersen, L. & Iversen, B. - Danish Business Law, 6th ed.

Laakso-Tammisto, L. - Finnish Labour Law in 60 Minutes

Lein, E., Fairgrieve, D., Otero Crespo, M. & Smith, V. - Collective Redress in Europe: Why and How?

Arnulf, A. & Chalmers, D. - The Oxford Handbook of EU Law

Foster, N. - Blackstone's EU Treaties & Legislation 2015-2016 and Foster on EU Law, 6th ed.

Busch, D., Ferrarini, G. & Foster, N. - European Banking Union

Craig, P. & de Burca, G. - EU Law: Text, Cases and Materials, 6th ed.

General Report on the Activities of the European Union

“Any worthwhile society requires an efficient and effective legal system. A healthy legal system requires great law libraries. This is particularly true of common law legal systems. It is as true today as it has been in the past. Great law libraries are the treasuries of a legal system. They are the warehouse where we find the law. They are also where we catalogue, index and digest the sources of our and other systems of law.”

Lord Woolf [2004] CLJ 317

TOURS, TRAINING & GUIDES

Erin Gow, EU & Government Publications

If you're new to Middle Temple, or just need a refresher about library services, stop by in September or October for one of our library tours, or book a training session to brush up on legal research skills. For guidance on making the most of our collections, have a look at the library's newly updated guides to European resources and Official publications, or use our quick guide to legislation online to identify which database has the coverage you need. Tours take place at the following times and last about thirty minutes:

Mon 14th Sept	11am, 3pm
Tue 15th Sept	2pm, 4pm
Wed 16th Sept	11am, 3pm
Thu 17th Sept	2pm, 4pm
Fri 18th Sept	11am, 3pm
Mon 21st Sept	4pm, 4:30pm, 5pm
Tue 22nd Sept	3pm
Wed 23rd Sept	11pm, 4pm
Thu 24th Sept	3pm
Fri 25th Sept	11am, 4pm
Mon 28th Sept	2pm, 6pm
Tue 29th Sept	11am, 3pm
Wed 30th Sept	2pm, 6pm
Thu 1st Oct	11am, 3pm
Fri 2nd Oct	2pm, 6pm

