

# Statistics

## SERVICE IN THE READING ROOMS

### Seats available for users (at 31 March 2005)

	Reader desks	Other provision <sup>1</sup>
Humanities 1 and 2 Reading Rooms	424	90
Rare Books and Music Reading Room	282	87
Maps Reading Room	37	21
Oriental and India Office Reading Room	68	46
Manuscripts Reading Room	72	25
Philatelic Collections	1	1
Science Reading Rooms	123	48
Business and Intellectual Property Centre <sup>2</sup>	41	57
Social Sciences Reading Room	52	24
Newspapers (Colindale)	77	76
Boston Spa Reading Room	76	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>492</b>

### Other Reader services

	2004/05	2003/04
Reader education: training session attendees <sup>3</sup>	728	1,022
Disability Support Officer: number of contacts	480	452

## BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES

### Records in British Library catalogues and databases (at 31 March 2005)

British Library Integrated Catalogue (BLIC) <sup>1,2</sup>	11,199,364
Access to archives <sup>2</sup>	551,062
Asia, Pacific and Africa Collections – Japanese and Chinese	40,735
Allied and Complementary Medicine (AMED)	184,393
British National Bibliography (BNB)	2,336,266
Sound Archive Catalogue	3,035,698
English Short Title Catalogue	468,647
Incunable Short Title Catalogue	29,438
Electronic table of contents <sup>2,3</sup>	25,373,462
International Standard Serial Numbers (ISSN) UK Centre	74,985
Manuscripts <sup>2</sup>	780,134
Newspapers <sup>2,4</sup>	52,725
Register of Preservation Surrogates	203,057
<b>Total<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>44,329,966</b>

<sup>1</sup> This includes seating for typing, the Library's Online Catalogue and other catalogues, microform, Internet and CD-Rom access and study carrels.

<sup>2</sup> Seating is scalable according to demand.

<sup>3</sup> There were fewer training sessions in 2004/05 than previously as there were no sessions in June and the number of sessions in September was halved due to implementation of the new Integrated Catalogue.

<sup>1</sup> The new British Library Integrated Catalogue introduced in 2004 brings together records covering the bulk of the Library's collection and replaces several former departmental catalogues.

<sup>2</sup> Available on the Library's website.

<sup>3</sup> Titles of articles and conference papers made available through the Inside and Zetoc services.

<sup>4</sup> A separate newspaper catalogue is available on the web, but will be fully integrated into BLIC in 2005/06.

<sup>5</sup> The total does not represent the number of unique records. There is significant overlap between some files e.g. BNB and BLIC.

# Statistics

## COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

### Holdings (at 31 March 2005)

Monographs <sup>1</sup>	13,306,208
Serial titles (all) <sup>2</sup>	858,656
Newspaper titles (all) <sup>3</sup>	56,248
Manuscripts (single and volumes) <sup>4</sup>	314,063
India Office records	391,699
Philatelic items	8,251,876
Cartographic items	4,310,946
Music scores	1,591,617
Sound discs <sup>5</sup>	1,326,004
Sound tape items <sup>5</sup>	231,855
Videograms	26,628
Prints and drawings	32,605
Photographs <sup>6</sup>	271,049
Patent specifications	55,832,636
Reports in microform	10,153,000
Theses <sup>7</sup>	155,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,110,490</b>

### Items received on legal deposit<sup>8</sup>

	2004/05	2003/04
Monographs	82,754	102,774
Serial issues	254,688	313,812
Maps and atlases	2,060	2,107
Music scores	982	2,210
Newspaper issues	154,651	150,668
Playscripts	230	330
<b>Total</b>	<b>495,365</b>	<b>571,901</b>
Serial titles received	36,261	41,550
Titles received through claiming procedure	8,926	110,744

## WEBSITE USAGE

### Use of the Library's website<sup>1</sup>

	2004/05	2003/04
Unique hosts served <sup>2</sup>	2,938,430	2,481,967
Successful requests for pages (page hits)	31,512,939	24,382,906

<sup>1</sup> The figure for monographs is based on the number of items in the relevant catalogues. It relates to the number of titles rather than to the number of volumes held.

<sup>2</sup> The figure for serial titles is based on the number of records in the relevant catalogues. Changes of title are counted as separate titles.

<sup>3</sup> The figure for newspaper titles includes weekly and fortnightly magazines as well as newspapers.

<sup>4</sup> The figure for manuscripts equates to approximately 7 million individual items.

<sup>5</sup> The figure for sound discs and tapes equates to approximately 3.5 million individual recordings.

<sup>6</sup> The figure for photographs comprises those from the Asia, Pacific and Africa Collections and from Maps, Manuscripts and Printed Books.

<sup>7</sup> We are constantly refining and improving the accuracy of our measures. The method for calculating theses changed in 2004/05.

<sup>8</sup> The reduction in items received on legal deposit was a temporary one, arising from the necessary suspension for a period of some months of automated claiming for non-receipt of material. This suspension was because of the transition to the new Integrated Library System. Claiming has since been resumed and the effects of it will be reflected in the figures for 2005/06.

<sup>1</sup> The website provides access to the Library's online content and services for researchers, people in business, library and information professionals, learners and the general public. The site is available at [www.bl.uk](http://www.bl.uk).

<sup>2</sup> 'Unique hosts served' is the best approximation available to the number of individual users of the website.

## Statistics *continued*

### STORAGE

#### Kilometres of shelving and percentage occupied

	2004/05	2003/04
Working capacity: linear km	654.5	654.5
Extent of collection: linear km <sup>1,2</sup>	613.9	606.0
Percentage full	93.8%	92.6%

<sup>1</sup> 'Extent of collection' stands for the linear length of the solid stock, plus the associated growth spaces without which the collection could not be used and added to effectively.

<sup>2</sup> During 2004/05 the gross increase in the extent of the material acquired by the Library was 9.5 linear km. The reduction in material acquired, compared with previous years, was a temporary one, arising from the necessary suspension for a period of some months of automated claiming for non-receipt of material. The net increase in the extent of the collection was reduced to 7.9 linear km as a result of completing the final year of a four-year programme to make the most efficient use of the Library's storage by reducing duplicates and rearranging stock.

### PRESERVATION

#### Preservation funding

£m (gross)	2004/05	2003/04
Grant in Aid	7.22	7.20
Donations/external funds	0.09	0.11
Sales income	0.39	0.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.70</b>	<b>7.64</b>

<sup>1</sup> The lower output reflects the top-slicing of the preservation budget in 2004/05 to facilitate strategic preservation activity in connection with the additional storage programme and the acetate microfilm management programme.

<sup>2</sup> Details the work summarised against the preservation microfilming line of the 'Items preserved' table.

#### Items preserved

Conservation and/or rebinding	7,330	7,148
New binding	75,292	84,342
Minor repairs	19,412	22,418
Boxing/other work	17,386	28,615
Preservation microfilming	13,254	13,719
<b>Total</b>	<b>132,674<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>156,242</b>

Book cleaning/linear metres	6,820	9,139
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#### Preservation microfilming<sup>2</sup>

Frames		
Newspapers	13,111,801	13,116,703
Books, periodicals, record volumes, manuscripts	1,633,124 <sup>1</sup>	2,145,086
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,744,925</b>	<b>15,261,789</b>

## Financial overview

The British Library's income for 2004/05 was £121.0 million, 73% of which was Grant in Aid from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. £78.0 million of this was operational Grant in Aid, with the balance including grants for restructuring and capital programmes. The Department continues to hold £4.4 million of funding which is to be applied to the design and construction of a Centre for Conservation to the North of the St Pancras building, and £8.5 million of funding that was not drawn down within the year, now held under 'End Year Flexibility' rules.

Income from trading activities was £24.5 million. This represented a decline of £1.1 million from 2003/04 reflecting a further reduction in sales from the Document Supply activity, the Library's principal source of commercial revenue. However, operational restructuring and cost reduction measures ensured that contribution from these activities was maintained.

Net expenditure on support activities fell by 4% in the year as the Library continued its restructuring programmes. Expenditure on acquisitions for the collections was £13.9 million, consistent with the previous year's spending level.

## Foreword

### CONSTITUTION

The British Library was established under Section 1(1) of the British Library Act 1972 (the Act) as the national library of the United Kingdom. Section 1(2) of the Act placed it under the control and management of the British Library Board, the duty of which is to manage the Library as a national centre for reference, study and bibliographical and other information services, in relation both to scientific and technological matters and to the humanities. The British Library has exempt charitable status.

### OBJECTIVES

Under Sections 1(3) and 1(4) of the Act the Board is required to make the services of the British Library available to the public (in particular to institutions of education and learning, other libraries and industry). It may carry out and sponsor research, contribute to the expenses of library authorities or other persons providing library facilities and make any part of its collections, or of its premises, available in connection with events of an educational, literary or cultural nature. Under Section 2, the Schedule to the Act empowers the Board to impose charges for any services provided or for the loan or use of any item from its collections subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

### BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Details of Board members who served between 1 April 2004 and 31 March 2005 are as published on page 53.

### ACCOUNTING CONVENTIONS

The basis on which the accounts have been prepared is stated on page 49 at note 1a.

### FINANCIAL RESULTS

The Accounts provide a Statement of the Financial Activities (SOFA) of the Board during the year ended 31 March 2005. In accordance with Section 5(1) of the Act, as amended by Statutory Instrument 1986 No 600, the Secretary of State paid to the Board such sums as were necessary to defray expenses incurred with his/her approval, so far as those expenses exceeded the receipts derived from the exercise of the Board's functions and applied in such manner as required by Section 5(2) of the Act.

The Accounts have been prepared to take account of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2000 *Accounting for Charities*. A Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 46. This shows all resources made available to the British Library Board and all expenditure incurred by it and reconciles all changes in its funds.

The British Library Board generated total income of £121.0 million, of which Grant in Aid received was £88.5 million. Sales income declined from £25.4 million in the previous year to £24.5 million, the majority of this being due to a decrease in the revenue generated from the Document Supply Centre. However margins for this service were maintained at last year's levels.