

EXPLORE THE BRITISH LIBRARY: LOG IN

<http://explore.bl.uk>

Log in

You do not need to log in to search for items in 'Our website' or 'Explore further'. Nor do you need to log in to search our 'Main catalogue', but you should log in if you are a:

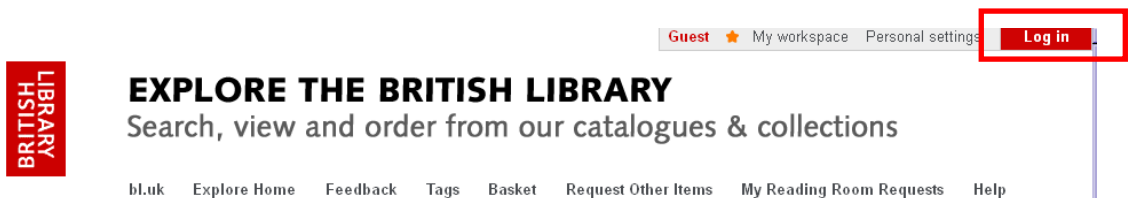
- [Registered Reader](#) wishing to request items to a Reading Room
- Customer registered for our [document supply](#) services wishing to order to your home/office.

Registered Readers

You must log in if you wish to request items to a Reading Room.

If you log in you also have access to additional services: save search, save alerts, access to your saved records from the current and previous sessions.

To log in, click the link **Log in** link in the top right-hand corner of the screen:



You will see the Login screen:

Account Login

Are you a registered Reader?

You cannot log in to Explore the British Library until you upgrade to a British Library Online Account.

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Username [Forgotten username?](#)

Password [Forgotten password?](#)

[Change password or edit account preferences](#)

[Need help?](#)

You can now:

- [Log in](#)
- [Upgrade your Reader number to a British Library Online Account](#)
- [Change your password or edit account preferences.](#)

Note: You need to upgrade your account to a British Library Online Account in order to login to Explore the British Library and request items to the reading rooms. **You only need to do this once, and it will only take a few minutes.**

Log in

If you have upgraded your Reader number to a British Library Online Account, enter your 'username' and 'password' and click the **Login** button. You will be taken back to the home page of Explore the British Library, ready to start searching.

Registered readers who have upgraded their Reader number to a British Library Online Account but who have forgotten their username and/or forgotten their password, or wish to change it, click on the **Change password of edit account preferences** link and follow the instructions on the screen.

Upgrade your Reader number to a British Library Online Account

Click the **Upgrade** button and the step 1 screen appears:

Upgrading to a British Library Online Account step 1 of 4

Please enter your Reader ID and pass expiry date to confirm you are a registered Reader.

Reader ID *

Pass expiry date *

Continue

Enter your Reader details:

- If you have a password, enter this after your Reader number
- If you are a new Reader, and haven't yet set up a password, please enter the expiry date of your Reader pass
- Click **Continue**.

Step 2:

If you already have a British Library Online Account, because you've registered with one of the services listed:

- Choose **Yes, I have registered**.
- Enter your Username
- Enter your Password
- Click **Continue**.

You will see confirmation that you have finished the upgrade process.

If you do not already have a British Library Online Account:

- Choose **No, I haven't registered**
- Click **Continue**.

You will see Step 3:

Upgrading to a British Library Online Account step 3 of 4

Please complete fields marked with * below

Personal details

Title
First
Last
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Post
Date

Your name, country and date of birth will appear here

Email

Email address *

Re-enter email address *

I don't have an email address

Security details

You need to create a British Library Online Account username and password to complete upgrading your Reader account.

Username *

Password *

Confirm password *

Secret question *

Secret answer *

Terms & Conditions

Accept The British Library Online Account [Terms & Conditions](#) *

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Fill in the details as required. You need to:

- Enter your email address (if you don't have an email address check the box)
- Set up a username and password
- Choose a security question and supply your answer
- Accept the Terms and Conditions
- Click **Register**.

You have now completed the process. You can now log in to Explore the British Library using your username and password. (You retain your old Reader number as your account number.)

Document Supply customers

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