

We make our intellectual heritage accessible to everyone, for research, inspiration and enjoyment

The British Library is the national library of the UK. It is home to one of the greatest collections of books, manuscripts, maps, documents, archives, newspapers, sound recordings and websites in the world – more than 170 million physical items and some 500 terabytes of digital content.

Our *Living Knowledge* vision, published in 2015, sets out our strategy for delivering our mission and public purposes in a rapidly changing world. It describes our ambition to be an open, creative and innovative organisation, and our values as a professional community who seek to:

- Put users at the heart of everything we do
- Listen, innovate and adapt to a changing world
- Treat everyone with respect and compassion
- Embrace equality, fairness and diversity
- Act with openness and honesty
- Collaborate to do more than we could by ourselves.

If you'd like to know more about the Library's vision and strategy, please ask for a copy of *Living Knowledge: The British Library 2015–2023*.

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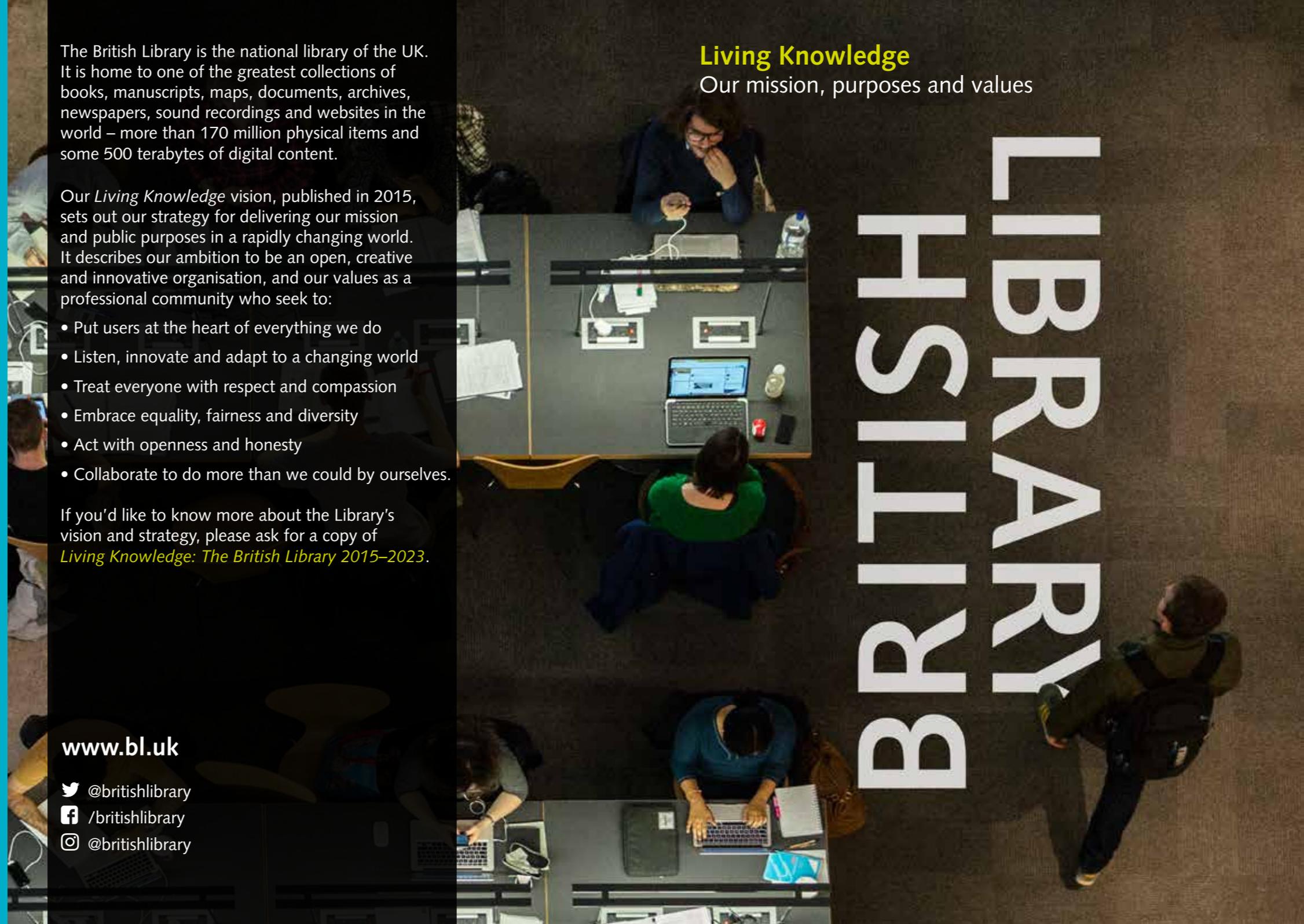
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Living Knowledge

Our mission, purposes and values

BRITISH LIBRARY





Custodianship
We build, curate and preserve the UK's national collection of published, written and digital content

The National Newspaper Building, Boston Spa, home to over 750 million newspaper pages. Photo by Peter Carr.



Research
We support and stimulate research of all kinds

Researchers using our public spaces. Photo by Tony Antoniou.



Business
We help businesses to innovate and grow

Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon in conversation with Jack Dorsey at an *Inspiring Entrepreneurs* event, March 2018. Photo by Sam Lane Photography.



Culture
We engage everyone with memorable cultural experiences

The Last Poets perform at *Late at the Library: Superjam*, May 2018. Photo by Paul Hampartsoumian.



Learning
We inspire young people and learners of all ages

School children take a tour of our *Harry Potter: A History of Magic* exhibition, January 2018. Photo by Richard Eaton.



International
We work with partners around the world to advance knowledge and mutual understanding

The opening of the exhibition, *Where Great Writers Gather: Treasures of the British Library*, Shanghai Library, March 2018.

