



## THE ASSOCIATION FOR MANUSCRIPTS AND ARCHIVES IN RESEARCH COLLECTIONS (AMARC)

*Manuscripts and Archives in Manchester*  
**AGM and Autumn Meeting**

**The John Rylands Library, The University of Manchester**

Wednesday 25th September 2013

AMARC's Autumn 2013 meeting will focus upon the rich legacy of manuscripts and archives held in Manchester libraries. As well as exploring their fascinating histories, we will also hear about current initiatives to (re)discover them and make them more accessible to researchers. While libraries such as The John Rylands Library trace their origins to the commerce wealth of Victorian Manchester, like the city they have repositioned themselves to face the challenges of the twenty-first century.

The event will be held in the spectacular John Rylands Library, but we will also hear presentations about developments at Chetham's Library, the oldest public library in the English-speaking world, founded in 1653, and the current transformation of Manchester Central Library and the exciting Archives+ project.

- 10.15 – 10.45      Coffee and Registration, Rylands Café
- 10.45 – 11.00      **Welcome and Introduction**  
Christopher de Hamel, Chairman, AMARC; Rachel Beckett, Head of Special Collections and Associate Director of The John Rylands Library
- 11.00 – 11.30      **Manuscript Collecting at Chetham's Library**  
Fergus Wilde, Senior Librarian, Chetham's Library
- 11.30 – 12.00      **The 25th and 26th Earls of Crawford and their Manuscript Collections**  
John Hodgson, Manuscripts and Archives Manager, JRL
- 12.00 – 12.30      **Enriqueta Rylands: The Private Collector of a Public Library**  
Elizabeth Gow, Archivist and Curator of Non-Western Manuscripts, JRL
- 12.30 – 13.15      Lunch, Rylands Café
- 13.15 – 14.00      Tours of the Collection Care Studio, Heritage Imaging Studio, and display of manuscripts and archives in the Seminar Room
- 14.00 – 14.30      AMARC Annual General Meeting. Members and non-members welcome.
- 14.30 – 15.00      **The Aldine Collections at the John Rylands Library**  
Julianne Simpson, Rare Books and Maps Manager, JRL
- 15.00 – 15.30      **The John Rylands Research Institute: Current and Future Projects**  
Prof. Peter Pormann, Director of the John Rylands Research Institute
- 15.30 – 16.00      **Central Library Transformation and Archives+: Original Modern**  
Kevin Bolton, Archives+ Manager, Manchester City Council
- 16.00 – 16.30      Tea/coffee, Rylands Café; or further opportunity to view manuscripts and archives

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**Booking**

The cost of the meeting, including coffee, lunch and tea, is £30 for members of AMARC and students and £40 for non-members who are not students.

To book, please send the form below, with your cheque (payable to AMARC) by 6 September 2013 to **Dr Suzanne Paul, Dept of Manuscripts and University Archives, Cambridge University Library, West Road, Cambridge CB3 9DR**; email: [sp510@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sp510@cam.ac.uk).

AMARC membership rates are £10 pa for individuals and £30 pa for institutions. Membership application forms can be downloaded from the AMARC website at [www.amarc.org.uk](http://www.amarc.org.uk).

Limited bursaries are available from AMARC for students who are – or would like to become – members, covering travel by the most reasonable form of transport. Applicants should be studying for a first or higher degree which would benefit from their attendance at the meeting. Bursary application forms are available on request by email to the treasurer, [m.m.n.stansfield@durham.ac.uk](mailto:m.m.n.stansfield@durham.ac.uk). Applications should be received no later than 6 September 2013. Applicants will be notified before the meeting; funds will be paid retrospectively for receipted expenses incurred.

**Directions**

The John Rylands Library is located at 150 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 3EH. There is a map at <http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands/visitus/howtofindus>.

The Library is a 20-minute walk from Piccadilly railway station. The free No. 1 Metro-Shuttle (orange) bus leaves the forecourt every five minutes; alight on John Dalton Street, just around the corner from the JRL. If taking a taxi, ask the driver to take you to the John Rylands Library, Deansgate (otherwise you might end up at the Main University Library).

There is no parking at the JRL, and parking in central Manchester is notoriously difficult. The nearest NCP car parks are on Watson Street, New Quay Street and Blackfriars Street.

Please email [john.hodgson@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:john.hodgson@manchester.ac.uk) if you require further information on access.

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I enclose a cheque for £30/40\* payable to AMARC, for the Autumn meeting at the John Rylands Library

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Institution (for label) .....

Address: .....

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Email address .....

Dietary requirements ..... (we cannot guarantee that all dietary requirements will be met)