Re-opening the Linnean Society Library

Notes for staff and visitors

We are delighted to be able to re-open our library and archives service, on an expanded basis, from Monday, September 6, 2021.

The Library will now open four days a week: Tuesdays to Fridays.

Our opening hours will be 10am–5pm.

Access continues to be by appointment, booked at least 48 hours in advance. We regret that visitors without an appointment—including Fellows and Associate Members—cannot be admitted.

Precautions during your visit

To safeguard everyone’s health and safety, and ensure the smooth running of the library service, we have implemented a number of procedures for visitors and staff. All readers are asked to familiarize themselves with these procedures ahead of their visit.

- **No reader will be admitted to the Library without an appointment**, booked with a member of Collections Staff at least 48 hours in advance. Readers will be asked to specify which items they wish to consult, so material may be fetched ahead of their arrival.

- **Readers with coronavirus symptoms** (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss of, or change in, your sense of taste and/or smell) are kindly asked to postpone their visit and remain at home. Please see the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk) for symptoms.

- Readers will be asked to observe good hygiene and social-distancing during their visit. **The wearing of a face covering will be required by all visitors to the reading room** (excepting those with an exemption on health grounds). Hand sanitizer will be provided.

- To maintain adequate social distancing, **no more than four readers** will be accommodated in the reading room at any one time.

- We would ask readers to adhere to COVID-19 regulations in advance of their arrival (i.e., the wearing of face masks on public transport, and socially-distancing as far as possible).

- New visitors to the library will be required to register, bringing one piece of photo ID (ideally a driving licence or passport). Readers should note that information provided at registration may be shared with the NHS Test & Trace programme. The Linnean Society’s data protection and privacy policy can be consulted [here](https://www.linnean.org/dp).
- Dedicated toilet facilities will be made available for readers. These will not be used by staff and will be regularly cleaned.

All other regulations governing library use (including library loans) remain in effect. These may be consulted on our website: https://www.linnean.org/research-collections/access/use-the-library-or-visit-us-1

If you have any questions concerning these procedures, or any other aspect of the library service, please speak to a member of staff, or email library@linnean.org.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Society soon.

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