

## What facilities and services do we provide?

- An enquiry service, by email, phone, post or in person
- A comfortable, friendly searchroom, conducive to study
- Catalogues and indexes
- On site and remote copying facilities

## Access

We are open to the general public as well as the academic community.

To consult material from the Archives, please make an appointment.

We are accessible to users with a disability – please get in touch for further details.

## Contact

All enquiries and appointment requests should be directed to:

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## Opening times

**Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm**

There are closed periods throughout the year, so please check

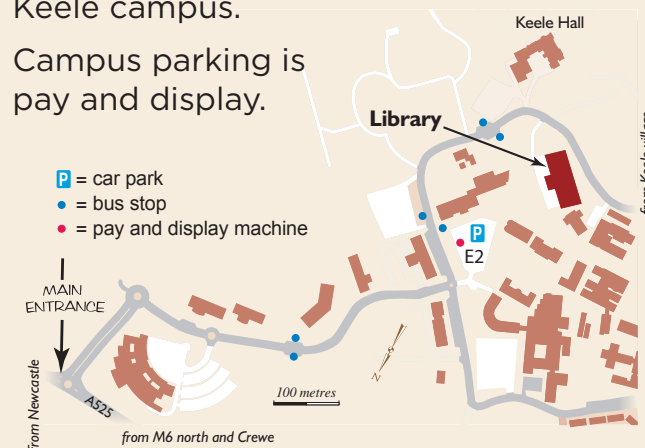
<http://www.keele.ac.uk/library/specarc/>  
or phone 01782 733237 for up-to-date information.



## How to find us

The Special Collections and Archives, including the Local Collection, are situated on the top floor of the University Library, at the centre of the Keele campus.

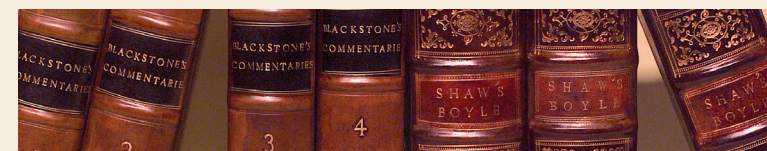
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# Special Collections and Archives



We preserve and provide access to a unique and impressive range of collections and archives, dating as far back as the eleventh century, for the benefit of the Higher Education community and beyond. As well as material of local significance, we hold much that is of national and international importance.



## What do we hold?

Our holdings span 1400 linear metres of manuscript, printed and pictorial material, which has been acquired by deposit, gift and purchase since the 1950s. As well as **Estate, Family** and **Business records**, we hold **manorial records, monastic papers, personal papers, research papers, literary papers** and the **records of societies**.

The Special Collections and Archives comprise a variety of material, such as **medieval manuscripts, seals, correspondence, ledgers, maps, plans, watercolours, sketches, lantern plates, photographs, rare books** and **microfilm**.

*Major themes and subject areas include:*

<b>Agricultural History</b>	<b>Mining and Railway History</b>
<b>Archaeology</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Ceramic History</b>	<b>North Staffordshire Dialect</b>
<b>Cheshire History</b>	<b>Philosophy</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Politics</b>
<b>Estate and Household Management</b>	<b>Social Science Movement</b>
<b>Keele University</b>	<b>Staffordshire History</b>
<b>Land Tenure</b>	<b>Travel</b>
<b>Literature</b>	<b>Tudor History</b>
<b>Manorial History</b>	
<b>Medieval History</b>	
<b>Military History</b>	

*Our major collections and archives are:*

<b>Arnold Bennett Papers</b>	<b>Ray Pahl Papers</b>
<b>Wilfred Bloor Papers</b>	<b>Pape Collection</b>
<b>Foundations of British Sociology Archive</b>	<b>Raymond Richards Collection</b>
<b>T. E. Hulme Collection</b>	<b>Sneyd Papers</b>
<b>William Jack Collection</b>	<b>Spode Papers</b>
<b>Knight and Sons Papers</b>	<b>Tamworth Court Rolls</b>
<b>A.D. Lindsay Papers</b>	<b>Warrillow Collection</b>
<b>Karl Mannheim Papers</b>	<b>J.C. Wedgwood Papers</b>
<b>Paget Papers</b>	



View collection summaries and search our catalogues and handlists at

[www.keele.ac.uk/library/specarc](http://www.keele.ac.uk/library/specarc)

Our paper catalogues can be consulted in the Special Collections and Archives searchroom.



**The Local Collection** comprises over 5000 books, plus pamphlets, newspapers, journals, directories and maps relating to the history of Staffordshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire and Shropshire. Noteworthy features include the **Staffordshire Advertiser** on microfilm (1795-1973), the **North Staffordshire Journal of Field Studies**, the **Collections for a History of Staffordshire**, the **Pottery Gazette** and the transcriptions of parish registers published by the **Staffordshire Parish Registers Society**.

The Local Collection catalogue is part of Library Search and can be found online at:

<http://library.keele.ac.uk>

You do not need to make an appointment in order to consult the Local Collection, and Keele registered users are entitled to borrow.

