

Wellcome Library vital statistics 2008

Accommodation and provision for studying

Total floor area	6421 m ²
Total number of study places	229



The Library's Reading Room.

Use of the Library

Total registered readers	12 471
New readers registered	5106
Total visits	33 336
• of which public group visits	1192
• of which Rare Materials Room visits	3182
Items consulted in Rare Materials Room	12 498

Visits to Library websites

Library website (unique visitors) library.wellcome.ac.uk	486 237
Archives and Manuscripts catalogue (unique visitors) library.wellcome.ac.uk/archmss.html	20 342
Library catalogue (searches) catalogue.wellcome.ac.uk	1 175 123
Wellcome Images (unique visitors) images.wellcome.ac.uk	391 770
Wellcome Library gateways (searches) library.wellcome.ac.uk/intres.html	582 490

In-person visits by visitor type

Undergraduate and postgraduate students	16 110
Teachers, school students, media researchers, commercial publishers, scientists, library/archives/museum staff, and public	7665
University staff	4222
Wellcome Trust staff	2723
Authors and writers	1630
Health professionals	986



There is WiFi access throughout the Library.

Enquiries and help

Total enquiries	53 438
• In-person enquiries	33 018
• of which 1230 research enquiries	
• Remote enquiries	20 420
• of which 3945 research enquiries	

Library loans and external use

Images supplied to media publishers	30 273
Monographs and journals loaned to other research libraries	445
Items loaned to external exhibitors	36
Items loaned to Wellcome Collection exhibitions	18



Conservation and preservation

Cataloguing

Items catalogued (new acquisitions)	16 143
Items catalogued (backlogs)	8873
Catalogue records supplied externally	1037

Collection care

Items conserved	701
Items preserved	1238
Items retrieved from stores	21 149

Size and annual growth of collections

Collection	Size	Average number added annually
Archives and Manuscripts	700 archive collections 9000 manuscripts	Variable
Asian Collection	12 000 manuscripts 4000 books	250
Ephemera	20 000 items	200
History of Medicine Collection	100 000 books*	2500
Medical Textbooks Collection	700 000 books*	100
Medicine and Society Collection	18 000 books*	700
Moving Image and Sound Collection	6000 items	200
Paintings, Prints and Drawings	250 000 items	300
Rare Books Collection	150 000 pre-1850 books*	80
Web archive	400 websites	150
Wellcome Images	220 000 images	4000

* excludes journals

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