

National Library of Scotland

Using the Library for your dissertation

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- Advocates Library founded 1680s
- Given legal right to claim a copy of every book published in the British Isles in 1710



- National Library of Scotland created by 1925 Act of Parliament
- George IV Bridge building completed in 1956

Our Collections





- Home to over 30 million items
- Over 75 miles (120km) of shelving
- On average we receive 6000 new items a week, in total c.320,000 a year



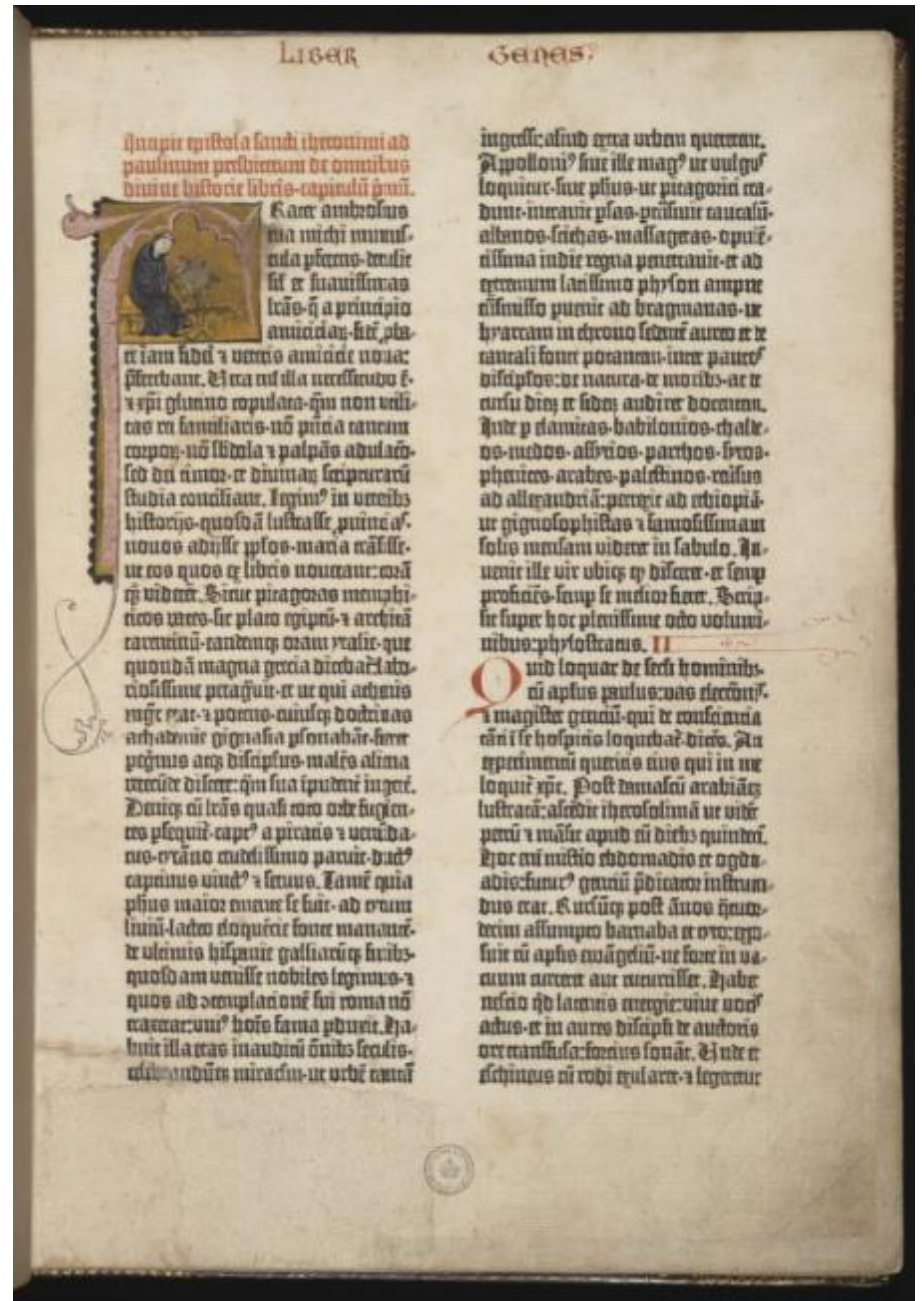
Our collections include over 16 million printed items and 25,000 newspapers and magazines.

We also hold 2.5 million maps and over 100,000 collections of manuscripts.



Oldest printed item –
8th century Buddhist
Prayer Scroll in a
pagoda shaped case

Oldest printed book –
Gutenberg Bible
printed in 1455, one of
only 20 to survive





Collection of
Shakespeare's plays in
miniature – each volume
only 6cm high

Smallest book – 1885
edition of Old King Cole
measuring 1mm x 1mm

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Monsieur mon beau frere d'ant par la permission
de Dieu pour mes pechiez. comme je croy vendre
par votre ordre les biens de ceste Roynie ma
sœur au Roy en plusieurs deniers & par ce
pres de vingt ans ce fut en un parolle le
estait condampné a la mort & y mi demande
mes papiers par ceste lettre a ceste fin de faire
mes testament ie nay veu veu retirer que ma
sœur ne obtient ceste den papiers sans l'aveu
de quoyes mandes par ceste fin de faire
selon mon loy en ceste maniere de la
honneur de ce royaume de France & d'Angleterre
adieu

ce commandement de ce royaume de France
ma sentence par ceste execution demain
aux quinquante & six heures en matin
de nay de la fin de vous faire un ample
de tout ce qui est par ce royaume de France
de ceste maniere de la fin de la fin de la fin
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You are hereby desired to fall upon the Rebels, the
M^r Denals of Glencoe, and putt all to the sword under
obedience, you are to holde a speciall card that the old
K^{ing} and his sould^{ers} doe upon no account of fearre y^e in
~~doe any way to save~~ all the persons that in
man of fearre. This you are to putt in executione
att fyve of the clock precisely; and that time
or there shortly after it, ple^{as} shalbe to be att you
with a stronger party: if I doe not come to you
att fyve, you are not to tary for me, butt to fall on.
This is by the Kings speciall command, for the goods
safety of the Countrey, that those misdoers be cutt
off root and branch. See that this be putt in execu-
tion without feind or favour, else you may expect bold
death with as evill not true to King nor Government,
nor a man fitt to carry Commissions in the Kings
sould^{ers}. Expecting you will not faill in the full-
filling thereof, as you love your selfe, I subscribe
this with my hand att Balinloch the 12, 1692.

For their M^rties sould^{ers}.

Do Capt
Robert Campbell
of Glencoe.

Last letter of Mary Queen of Scots

Order for the Massacre of Glencoe



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LOCHGELLY OLD AGE PENSIONERS DRIVE TO CROOK O' DEVON

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Overall rating: ★★★★★

Title: **LOCHGELLY** OLD AGE PENSIONERS DRIVE TO CROOK O' DEVON

Reference number: 0960A

Date: 1928*

Sponsor: Tommy Timmons, Cinema de Luxe, **LOCHGELLY**

Sound: silent

Original format: 35mm

Colour: bw

Fiction: non-fiction

Running time: 6.00 mins

Description:

Crowds line the streets to see **LOCHGELLY**'s old age pensioners leave on an outing to the Crook of Devon in a convoy of charabancs.

Commissioned by Tommy Timmons, proprietor of Cinema de Luxe, **LOCHGELLY** and member of organising committee for the outing. Timmons is supposedly in the film - at the rear of the party wearing a bowler (?)

Please note soundtrack has been added to this film for screening purposes (original film is silent), as well as introductory text prior to the film starting.

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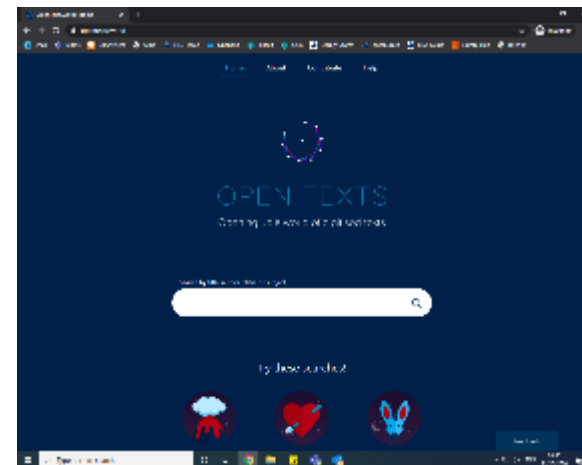
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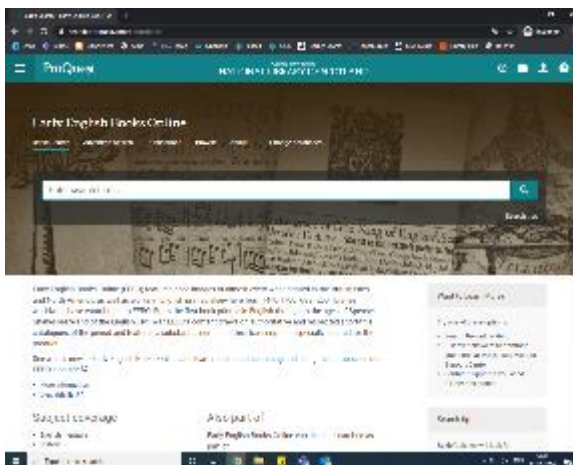
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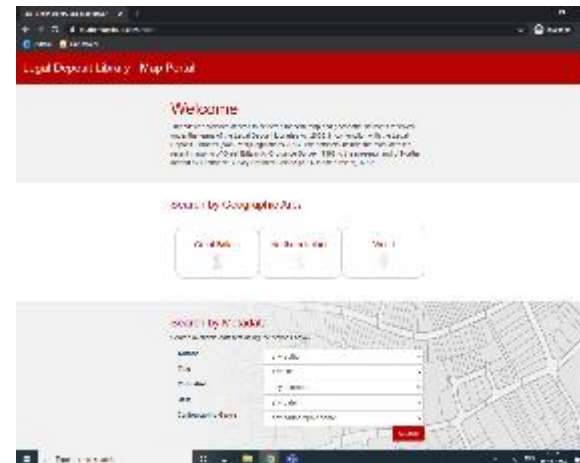
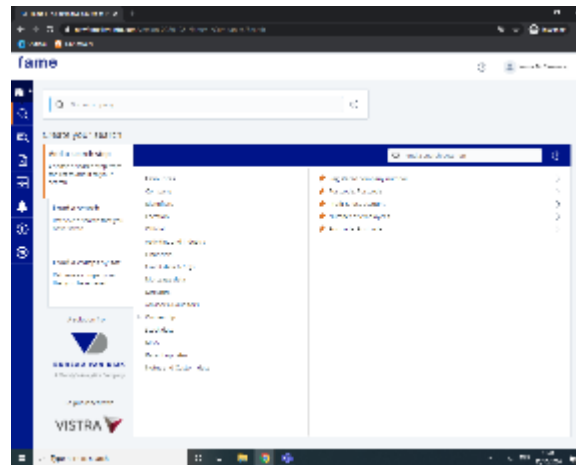
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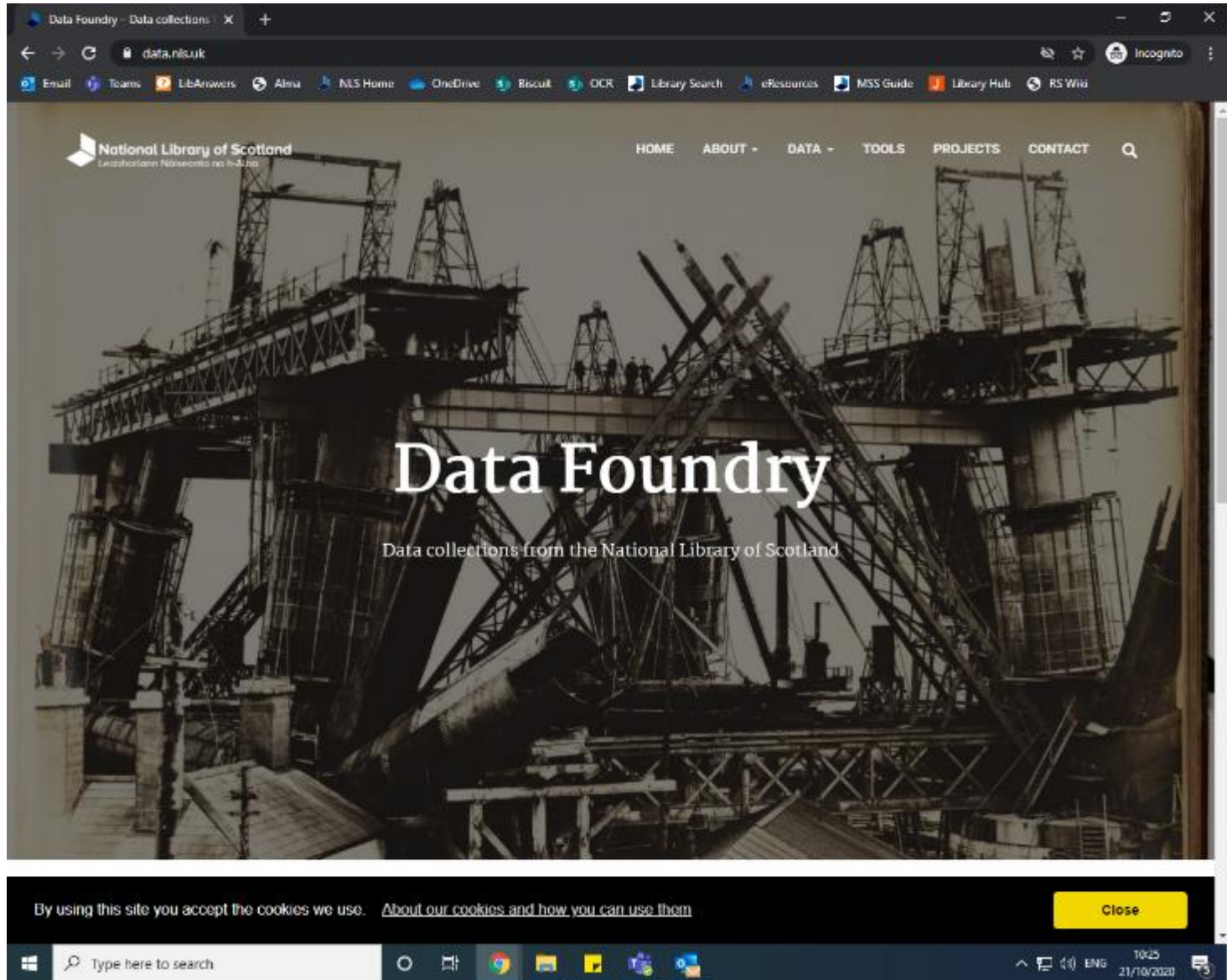
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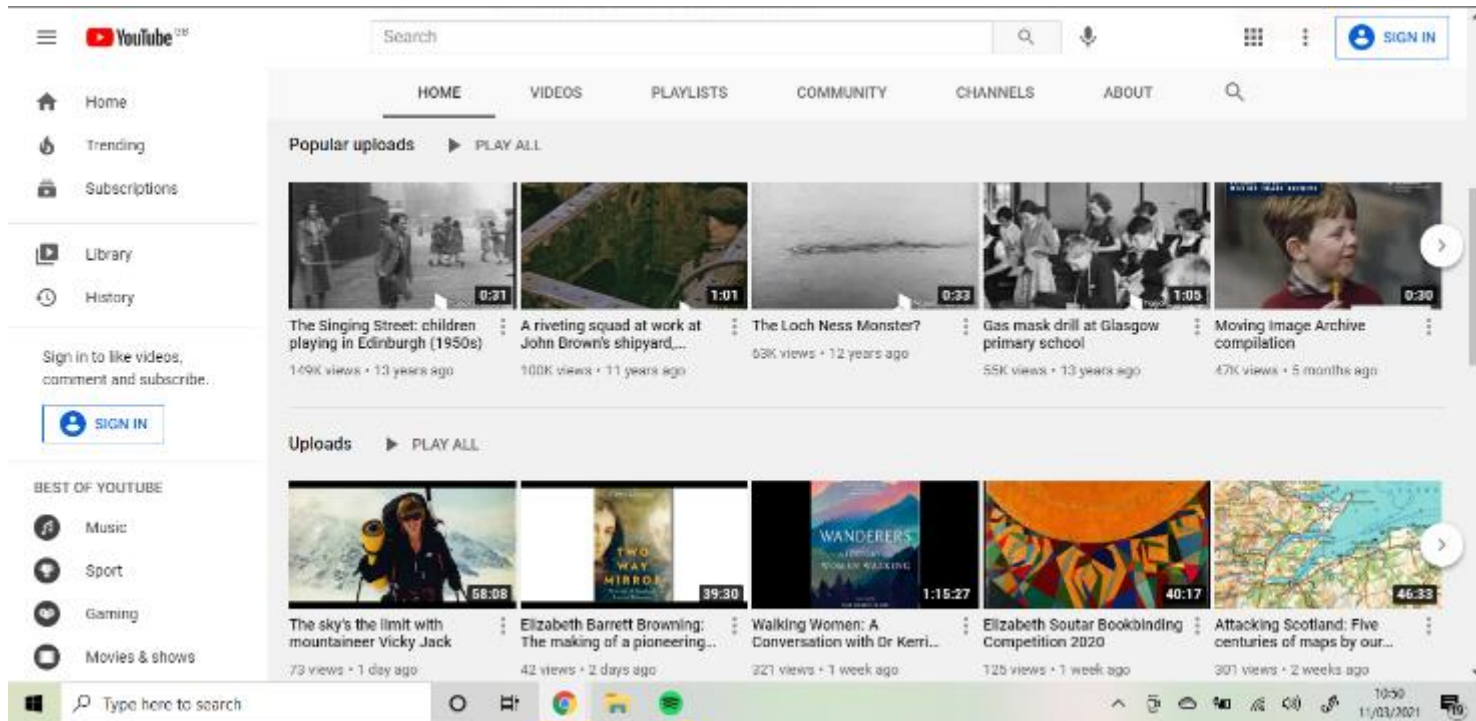
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Data Foundry - <https://data.nls.uk/>

Social Media



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Using the National Library



- Register as a reader online or in person at George IV Bridge <https://auth.nls.uk/join/>
- Bring proof of identity and address on first visit
- Open 9.30-7 Mon, Tues, Thurs; 10-7 Weds; 9.30-5 Fri & Sat
- Books arrive in eight deliveries a day and can be ordered online via our catalogue <https://search.nls.uk/>

Reading Rooms



- General Reading Room, George IV Bridge – all post 1850 items not dealt with by a specialist reading room
- Multimedia Room, George IV Bridge – PCs, microfilm, accessibility software
- Special Collections Reading Room, George IV Bridge – rare books, music, manuscripts and items printed before 1850
- Maps Reading Room, Causewayside Building - maps, atlases, gazetteers

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- Copying Services - <https://www.nls.uk/using-the-library/copying-services>
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