



2008 Newsletter

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Doors Open Days

One of the themes for September's Doors open days programme in Scotland is printing. Buildings open to the public with an association with books and printing include Press here, a private press in Coupar Angus, Innerpefferay Library in Perth, publisher HarperCollins archive in East Dunbartonshire, the Glasgow Print Studio, and 'behind the scenes' tours will be available at the National Library of Scotland on Saturday 27 September. For details of buildings open in your area see

www.doorsopendays.org.uk

People behind the pages: making books in Scotland



A free exhibition opens at the Museum of Edinburgh, 142 Canongate, Royal Mile, Edinburgh on 13 September, documenting the working lives of people involved in book production; authors, editors, paper-makers, printers, booksellers, librarians and finally the Scottish readers who bought and borrowed the books. The exhibition exploits material gathered over the last ten years by the Scottish Archive of Print and Publishing History Records (SAPPHIRE) and allows a glimpse into the lives of the 'People

behind the pages'. It includes film footage of the various stages of book production as well as a unique opportunity to hear the voices of individuals from all stages of production talking about their working lives. Until 17 January 2009.

www.sapphire.ac.uk www.cac.gov.uk

Exhibition in Edinburgh's Parliament Hall

The Advocates Library exhibition, Law and printing in Scotland, highlighting the link between the Scottish printing trade and the practice of law in Scotland, opened on 11 August. Advocates and the Advocates Library provided much work for the printing industry. The exhibition highlights the closeness of this link, telling the story of Thomas Ruddiman, Keeper of the Advocates Library and a printer. Examples from the library's unique 18th century collections of printed Session Papers are on display in addition to other items from the Library's extensive collections. Parliament Hall, Parliament Square, Edinburgh, EH1 1RF, to 27 September. Parties should arrange their visit in advance with Andrea Longson, Tel: 0131 260 5637, email andrea.longson@advocates.org.uk www.advocates.org.uk

From this place words fly: DVD installation

Kenny Munro and Edward O'Donnolly have created an evocative film to celebrate Scotland's printing history, inspired by the ambitions and skills of printers and the rapid increase in printing expertise over the last 100 years. By merging old and new technologies, they invite us to consider the future of the printed word. The project includes footage from Scottish Screen, Robert Smail's Printing Works at Innerleithen and Powderhall Foundry, Edinburgh. National Museums of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh. 20 September-7 December.

www.nms.ac.uk

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Artists' Books in Focus

The first session of the autumn Book in Focus series focuses on William Johnstone's response to the poetry of Hugh MacDiarmid and Edwin Muir and Gunnie Moburg's response to the poetry of George Mackay Brown. Dean Gallery Reading Room, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, 75 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DR. 4 September, 11.30am–12.30pm. Limited places: booking essential: 0131 624 6268 gmainfo@nationalgalleries.org

Other exhibitions opening this month
Scottish popular press. Central Reference Library, George IV Bridge Edinburgh, EH1 1EG. Tel: 0131 242 8000. 1 September – 31 October 2008. Free.
The Herald 225 years, 1783-2008. Free, August-September. Main Hall, Mitchell Library, North Street, Glasgow, G3 7DN.
Work in print – a celebration of Kelso's contribution to 500 years of printing in Scotland. An exhibition at St James Fair, Town Hall, Kelso. 6–7 September. www.kelso.bordnet.co.uk

Continuing exhibitions

Lasting impressions: the National Trust for Scotland and the printed word. Wemyss House, 28 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, EH2 4ET. Until end October. www.nts.org.uk
Replica 18th century wooden printing press. South Museum, Dick Institute, 1 Elmbank Avenue, Kilmarnock, KA1 3BU. www.visiteastayshire.com

Printing in Shetland. Shetland Museum and Archives, Hay's Dock, Hay's Dock, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0WP. To 23 October. www.shetland-museum.org.uk/

Power of the press: 500 years of printing in Scotland. Coldstream Museum, 12 Market Square, Coldstream, TD12 4BD. To 24 October. www.scotborders.gov.uk

Electric shock of delight: Walter Scott and the Waverley Press. Free exhibition. Writers Museum, Lady Stair's Close, Edinburgh, EH1 2PA. To 3 January 2009. www.cac.org.uk

Guid, black print: the Mitchell celebrates 500 years of printing in Scotland. Mitchell Library, North Street, Glasgow, G3 7DN. To 31 August. www.csghlasgow.org

Imprentit: 500 years of the Scottish printed word. National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EW. 0131 623 3700 Free. To 12 October. www.nls.uk

Clò Trom - Clò-bhualadh sa Ghàidhlig air a' Ghàidhealtachd, 1778-1901 (Gaelic Printing in the Highlands). Inverness Library, Farraline Park, Inverness, IV1 1NH.

www.ambaile.org.uk

Printing and medicine: the impact of print on five centuries of western medicine. Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JQ. Free. To 31 October. www.rcpe.ac.uk/library/exhibitions/print-medicine/index.php

Written on the body. Surgeon's Hall Museum, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW. £5/£3 (conc). To end December. www.edinburgh.surgeonshall.museum

Display of engraving tools. Map Library, National Library of Scotland, 9 Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SL. maps@nls.uk

Medical Impressions: the history of printing in medical education in Scotland. Tayside Medical History Museum, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. To 4 October.

Victorian living history tours. Robert Smal's Printing Works, 7/9 High Street, Innerleithen, Borders, EH44 6HA. To 31 October. www.nts.org.uk/Property/52/

Scottish imprints from Sir Walter Scott's library. Abbotsford House, Melrose, TD6 9BQ. To 31 October.

www.scottsabbotsford.co.uk

Changing displays of Scottish imprints at Scotland's first public lending library. Innerpefferay Library, Crieff, Perthshire, PH7 3RF www.innerpefferaylibrary.co.uk

Book of the month from the Dunimarle Library. Duff House, near Banff, AB45 3SX. All year. www.duffhouse.com

Local Word and Image: 500 Years of Printing in Scotland. Provost Skene's House, Guestrow, Aberdeen, AB10 1FQ. To 16 November. www.aberdeencity.gov.uk

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