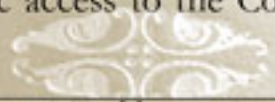


The **Sibbald Library Project** is developing new ways to maintain and improve the College's collections in the digital age. We want to develop sustainability both by improving the care of our unique resources and by acquiring further high quality additions. We also want to build on our existing expertise to provide a range of new activities and services to raise public awareness and improve public access to the College's wonderful library.



Many of the early Fellows generously supported the library by buying books for the collection. The College Minute reproduced here shows that this became an established practice. Please follow the early Fellows example and help us now to preserve the lessons of the past for the people of the future.



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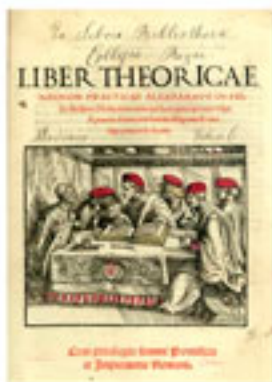


Sibbald's Gift The first Scottish library created specifically for the study of medicine started in 1682 when Sir Robert Sibbald donated 100 books to the then very new Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. The College's use of print on paper to keep doctors informed has now spanned five centuries and the resulting collection provides fascinating insights into the development of medicine.

Preservation Keeping a collection of this importance (the earliest printed book was published in the 1470s) in good condition is expensive - preservation and conservation work is always needed to ensure that future generations can benefit from the rich resources looked after in the College's historic Queen Street buildings.



Unique Material The College has an extraordinary manuscript archive. A College Fellow recently funded work improving access to Sir John Pringle's fascinating papers. Further funding has allowed us to carry out much needed conservation work on the volumes and produce copies of this important 18th Century collection. There is a lot more genuinely unique material that would benefit from this approach.



Outreach The College's educational programme is regularly enhanced by library exhibitions. Public exhibitions started in 2007 and the Edinburgh History of Medicine Group continues to draw on library material for its popular seminar series. There is a lot more we could do with some more funding.



Web Work Without the College's collection the award winning James Lind Library would not be possible. This much visited website uses history to explain the importance of fair tests in medicine. New funding would allow us to develop further innovative web initiatives to allowing more people throughout the world to benefit from the collection.

Cataloguing We are continuing to create an online library catalogue accessible freely throughout the world. Grant funding from the Wellcome Trust Research Resources in Medical History scheme has allowed us to catalogue many of our Victorian books including the collection of the chloroform pioneer Sir James Young Simpson. Our ambitious online catalogue is not complete and further funding would allow us to add many other important works.



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