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We are delighted to announce that we plan to re-open the Lindley Library London on 2 July 2012. We are looking forward to welcoming back all our customers.

Our building reinstatement is improving the way our collections are housed in our stack areas. While you will see very little change to our reader areas, we have extended our environmentally controlled, secure areas, to give the best protection we can to our art and rare book collections. Many collections have been returned to Lindley Library London, but others will be housed off-site at least for the short term.

We are also making better use of each of our rooms and the way our staff work. We need to ensure that rooms and staff are used as effectively as possible each day to fulfill all the demands on the Library. We can only do this with an appointment system. Therefore access to our art, archive and printed research collections is now by appointment only.

To book an appointment, please contact us in advance, with full details of the material you wish to consult. This will ensure that staff will be available and that the material you need can be brought from our stores. Bookings can be made from 10am on Monday 2 July.

From 2 July, our upper reading room will be open as usual each day from 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays). Some modern research material has been relocated to the upper reading room to support students.

This summer our exhibitions programme is continuing with our Diamond Jubilee exhibition: **Royal Connections: celebrating two centuries of Royal patrons** at Lindley Library, Wisley, RHS Garden Wisley, Surrey until 19 August (open 11am to 4pm); and **Plant Seekers** - an exhibition celebrating the adventures of plant hunters (in partnership with the Garden Museum) opens on 17 July. More information at www.rhs.org.uk/libraries.

Our programme of Early Evening Talks will re-start in September, with talks by Alex Denman, RHS Show Manager; Caroline Holmes, garden historian and writer; and a demonstration of floral arrangements by NAFAS.