

When will the library re-open?

The **Upper Reading Room** will re-open on Monday 7 March.

The **Research Room** will re-open on Monday 21 March.

We are sorry to let you know, that as with many redevelopment projects, we have faced structural challenges uncovered during the building work, and as a result are not able to return and unpack our collections in their new stores until 18 March.

See our [appointments calendar](#), and email library.london@rhs.org.uk to make a booking.

After re-opening

Upstairs

The Upper Reading Room will offer an open access lending library. Recently appraised and re-selected it will appeal to all gardeners, from novice to passionate, and to practitioners and students of garden history, horticulture, garden design and botanical art. We continue to purchase the best new books, refreshing the range of titles to borrow.

Exhibition Space

We will create a small display area in the Upper Reading Room. This will consist of 2 display cases and some flexible wall panels. This will allow us to safely and securely display some of the rare treasures of the Lindley Library which have rarely been seen in public.

Our first exhibition **Exporting Beauty: the art of Japanese nurseries** 7 March to 15 April is featured in the February issue of *The Garden*. More information on our forthcoming exhibitions will be available at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/libraries-at-rhs/events-exhibitions>

Downstairs

The Research Room will open several days a week according to a fortnightly pattern. See the [appointments calendar](#) for March to May 2016.

All collections sent to temporary external storage will be returned and rehoused in the library before re-opening.

Updates

Get updates and previews by subscribing to our e: newsletter. Send an email to library.news@rhs.org.uk to register.

While we are closed

Research and Art Collections

What collections have been sent to external storage?

- 3000 volumes from our rare books room
- 30,000 original artworks from the Special Collections Room
- Journals and nursery catalogues from our rolling stacks
- Archives from the Special Collections Room

Where can I see your collections while the Lindley Library is closed?

Nursery Catalogues - Wisley Science Library has an extensive collection of 20th century nursery catalogues. See our website page at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/libraries-at-rhs/library-services/researching> on how to make an appointment to visit the Wisley Science Library.

19th century periodicals including: Gardeners Chronicle, The Garden (William Robinson), Cottage Gardener/Journal of Horticulture, Loudon's Gardener's Magazine, RHS Journals – Wisley Garden Library holds these titles. Please contact the library to make an appointment to see these.

Capability Brown Account Book - facsimile copies can be seen at Wisley and Harlow Carr Garden Libraries

Wisley Library and Harlow Carr Garden Library also hold excellent reference collections on all aspects of horticulture and gardening, including a wide range of journals. For researcher viewing arrangements, please contact us.

Enquiry Services

How can I get help finding information while the library is closed?

Contact the enquiry team at Lindley Library Wisley for all library enquiries, including book reservations and renewals.

T: 01483 212428 11am to 4pm. (Answerphone available outside these hours)

E: library.wisley@rhs.org.uk

Digital resources may also help you during the closure, see our website page <https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/libraries-at-rhs/library-services/digital-resources>

If I can't come in, can you do my research for me?

The majority of our heritage collections will be looked after safely in secure external storage while our refurbishment work takes place. As we will also not be able to access our collections, we will not be able to assist with any research requests.

When the collections are returned we will all be busy getting everything back to its place on the shelves and preparing the Library for re-opening. We can make an appointment for you to view material once the library re-opens.

Can you provide images for my research during the closure?

We will be unable to provide new photography during the library closure, however with over 18,000 items from the collections already digitised we may still be able to help with your enquiry so please email library.london@rhs.org.uk and the Library images team will do their best to help.

To request low resolution photographs for personal research use from our Image Supply Service (excludes material considered too fragile).

Charges: up to 10 images: free. 11-30 images: £10 set fee plus £2 per image. Over 30 images: price on request

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Lending Collections

Can I borrow books while the library is closed?

Contact us to reserve books, and arrange to pick them up from Vincent Square reception desk outside the library on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

When collecting books from Vincent Square Reception, please ensure we have confirmed the book will be ready for you, before you make your journey.

Books will be supplied by Wisley library as the London lending collection will not be accessible during building work to create the public display area.

Contact the enquiry team at Lindley Library Wisley for all library enquiries, including book reservations and renewals.

T: 01483 212428 (11am to 4pm)

E: library.wisley@rhs.org.uk

Alternatively you can borrow books from our lending collection via our postal loan service, (see details below).

Where do I return library books during the closure?

You can return books by hand to Wisley Garden Library or Vincent Square Reception Desk.

To return books by post, address to
Lindley Library,
80 Vincent Square
London
SW1P 2PE

How can I borrow books by post?

All RHS members may request books from the lending collection by post (up to 5 books). You will need to **register as a library borrower**, see our web page <https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/libraries-at-rhs/library-services/borrowing-books> if you have not already done so.

While we are closed the postal book loan service will run from Wisley, and the cost of out-going postage that usually applies will be suspended until we re-open on 7th March 2016.

Books which are only available at London, and are accessible, will be posted direct from London, but please return to Wisley, if returning before 7 March 2016. Return address labels will be included with the books.

Please send any requests to the enquiry team at Lindley Library Wisley.
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E: library.wisley@rhs.org.uk

Can you send me photocopies by post?

To request documents by post <https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/libraries-at-rhs/library-services/researching>

Photocopies of accessible material can be provided by request. Please complete and return a [Photocopy Request form](#) . We will reply with details of costs including post and packing. Once payment has been received we will post out the copies.

Material which is not accessible will remain unavailable for the duration.

We apologise for any inconvenience during our redevelopment, and look forward to welcoming you to the improved Lindley Library in March.