



**ILA Annual Conference -
 - - *Spreading the Word
 about the Independent
 Library* - - - Birmingham
 and Midland Institute - -
 - 13-14 May 2022**

<p>FRIDAY 13th MAY 2022:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ILA Annual General Meeting 12.00-1.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discuss the business of the year. All welcome!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Sir Arthur Sullivan Hall Chair: Emma Marigliano</p>
<p>1.00pm–2.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH</p>

<p>FRIDAY 13th MAY 2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONFERENCE REGISTRATION 2.00-2.30pm</p>
<p>2.30pm-3.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KEYNOTE 1 Guy Rippon, Head of Foundation and Community Partnerships, Aston Villa Football Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shared Goals in Public Engagement At first glance, a football club may seem to have little in common with an independent library. But when it comes to engaging our communities, we surprisingly share many of the same goals</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Sir Arthur Sullivan Hall Chair: Serena Trowbridge</p>

<p>3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>3.30pm–3.50pm – Paper 1 3.50pm–4.10pm – Paper 2 4.10pm-4.30pm - Questions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 1: New ways of being: from buildings to programmes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Spread the Word: strategically revamping a programme for public engagement</i> Sarah Gluck, Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Centre (NYC, USA)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Where we are now: the Library of Mistakes</i> Helen Williams, The Library of Mistakes (Edinburgh, Scotland, UK)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Sir Arthur Sullivan Hall Chair: Louisa Yates</p>
15-min tea break	
<p>4.45-5.45pm</p> <p>4.45pm–5.05pm – Paper 1 5.05pm–5.25pm – Paper 2 5.25-5.45pm - Questions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 2: 'If you see it, you can be it': new ways of thinking inspired by special collections</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>'But girls don't write books': how the practical application of historic collections to contemporary learning can reframe notions of access to knowledge</i> Beth Howell (Devon & Exeter Institution, Exeter, UK)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Revealing hidden treasures: connecting library users with our special collections</i> Anja Rohde, Bromley House Library (Nottingham, UK)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Sir Arthur Sullivan Hall Chair: Lisa di Tommaso</p>
<p>5.45pm-6.15pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HOST LIBRARY SESSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Depending on the Birmingham & Midland's exciting new revamp, this session's contents will be confirmed nearer the time. No matter what, you'll have a chance to see something of the wonderful library who is generously hosting us.</p>

SATURDAY 14th MAY 2022	<i>The BMI will be open from 8.30am</i>
<p>9.30am - 9.50am</p>	Registration
<p>9.50-10.20am</p>	<p>9.50am: Chair's remarks: Emma Marigliano, Chair of the ILA 10.00am-10.20am: Presidential Address: Neil Pearson Location: Sir Arthur Sullivan Hall</p>
<p>10.20am-11.20am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KEYNOTE 2 Professor Mark Towsey, University of Liverpool</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Of Saints, Smugglers and Duels: Spreading the Word through Historical Research An introduction to the <i>Libraries, Reading Communities and Cultural Formation</i> project, not only including the nine partnership libraries but also the exciting stories emerging from the project – including a duel staged on library steps and several smugglers' rings!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Sir Arthur Sullivan Hall Chair: Serena Trowbridge</p>
<p>11.20am – 11.45am</p>	25-min tea break

<p>11.45am-1.00pm</p> <p>11.45am-12.05pm – Paper 1 12.05pm-12.25pm – Paper 2 12.25pm-12.45pm – Paper 3 12.45-1.00pm - Questions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 3: Going Global! Digital reach with new projects</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>From Chiang Yee to IIF: 200 years of 'spreading the word' about Edinburgh's Signet Library</i> James Hamilton, (Signet Library, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>W.E.G on the web: the Gladstone's Writing project 2018-2024</i> Alexandra Foulds and Isobel Goodman (Gladstone's Library, Hawarden, Wales, UK)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Zoom, Tweet, Chat: spreading the word about the Portico Library archives</i> Michelle D. Ravenscroft (Manchester Metropolitan University)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Sir Arthur Sullivan Hall Chair: Louisa Yates</p>
<p>1.00pm-2.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH</p>
<p>2.00pm – 3.00pm</p> <p>2.00pm-2.20pm – Paper 1 2.20pm-2.40pm – Paper 2 2.40pm-3.00pm – Questions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 4: Using our collections to broaden our membership</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Synchronicity and survival</i> Penny Gardiner (Tavistock Subscription Library, Devon, UK)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>'New' books leading to new readers</i> Louisa Yates (Gladstone's Library, Wales, UK)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Sir Arthur Sullivan Hall Chair: Matthew Brooke</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Ten-minute tech changeover – don't go too far away!</p>	
<p>3.10pm – 4.10pm</p> <p>3.10pm – 3.30pm – Paper 1 3.30pm – 3.50pm – Paper 2 3.50pm – 4.10pm – Questions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 5: Changing Perceptions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>When a library is a museum – uniting research and displays at Chawton House</i> Emma Yandle (Chawton House, Alton, UK)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Showing off the special collections at Bishopsgate Institute</i> Michelle Johansen (Bishopsgate Institute, London, UK)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Sir Arthur Sullivan Hall Chair: Emma Marigliano</p>
<p>4.10pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TEA BREAK: <i>Coffee Corner</i></p>
<p>4.30pm – 5.50pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 6: A last chance to chat – and thank-you to the BMI</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Want to catch up with someone you met over lunch? Thought of a brilliant question now, rather than then? Come and catch up over a brew!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Save the dates! Next conferences are Linen Hall Library, Belfast (2-3 June 2023) and Morrab Library, Penzance (31 May-1 June 2024)</p>	