Monday 6 April 2020
2.15pm - 5pm

Tickets £40
Maximum numbers: 30

Get behind the scenes access to one of the oldest working libraries in the world. See the awe-inspiring architecture and hear the stories from the historic heart of the University.

The Bodleian Library is offering Stationers and guests a bespoke tour that celebrates the relationship between The Bodleian Library and the Stationers’ Company, when, in 1610 Thomas Bodley entered into an agreement with the Stationers’ Company under which a copy of every book published in England and registered at Stationers’ Hall would be deposited in the library.

The Tour is a wonderful opportunity to see both the Old Bodleian and the Modern Weston Library and includes the following:

• 14.30-15.30 - A General tour of the Old Bodleian Library that includes the Divinity school (1424) and Duke Humphrey’s Library (1488). There will also be a tour of The Bibliographical Press, a letterpress printing workshop located in a 1613 classroom within the main quadrangle of the Bodleian. Teaching traditional typesetting, and printing using Columbian, Albion and other Victorian presses. Richard Lawrence and Dr Alexandra Franklin will be on hand to show you round. (alternate groups of 15 people for 30mins each led by Naomi Hillman)

• 15.30-16.15 - Tea & welcome with Bodley’s Librarian, Richard Ovenden OBE, in the Blackwell Hall (Weston Library)

• 16.15-17.00 - A show & tell in the Bahari Room with documents from Early Modern Manuscripts which will include relevant Stationers’ material, as well as materials from the wonderful John Johnson Archive of printed ephemera.

The Weston Library has a new exhibition on the History of Advertising and there will be an opportunity to take this in as well.

There is also an excellent shop with quite unique gifts.

Oxford is a beautiful city to visit. It has great transport links by bus and rail. Oxford is less than an hour from London and Birmingham by train. The Old Bodleian Library and Weston Library are a 15-minute walk from Oxford train station. The city centre has excellent bus connections and there are five Park and Ride sites connected to Oxford. For more information, visit the Oxford City Council website. The group will meet at 14.15, as security will be tight.

Please also be aware that there are a considerable number of steps and uneven surfaces on this tour, and disabled access is limited.

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