



Catalogue of Ushaw College Administration: Library Records

Date range of material: 1852-2006

Ushaw College Library
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Preface

Creation of catalogue

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Introduction

Collection title: Ushaw College Administration: Library Records

Reference code: GB-0298-UC/AG

Dates of creation: 1852-2006

Extent: 5 boxes

Repository: Ushaw College Library

Language of material: English

Contents

Papers of the administration of the library (with some papers concerning the museum), highlighting its various functions, including its management, finance, services and collections, acquisitions, exhibitions, and conservation. There are also papers of other external library societies.

Administrative History

Ushaw College Library has always played a central role in the intellectual life of the college since its foundation in 1808. The books from Crook Hall were initially stored in a temporary room until they were transferred into a more prominent and spacious area in 1813. By 1827, the *Catholic Miscellany* reported that there were upwards of 7,000 volumes as well as "some rare documents of ancient date, and several illuminated manuscripts" and the library continued the tradition established at the English College in Douai where the holdings were not limited to theology but also embraced classics, literature and other subjects.

The library has had many benefactors throughout its history, including Thomas Eyre and John Gilow (presidents), John Lingard and Michael Gibson (who served as vice-presidents), as well as smaller donations from other priests, John Bradley and Thomas Sherburne. Its main benefactor, however, was undoubtedly Thomas Wilkinson, who was an assiduous collector of books and determined to recreate a library at Ushaw similar to the one he had known at Douai. In 1832, he presented 6,000 volumes to Ushaw and, in the following decade, donated a further 6,000 books on various subjects including science, literature and art. Partly as a result of the growing number of acquisitions, Mgr Charles Newsham (Ushaw's fifth president), ordered the construction of a new library wing. A.W. Pugin submitted a plan for the new library but Wilkinson, who was financing most of the building, rejected it in favour of the present design by Charles and Joseph Hansom.

Various abortive attempts were made to compile catalogues of the library holdings, notably by George Errington in the early 1840s and Josef Felton between 1877-1886. The present card catalogue of the Big Library, however, was begun by Arthur (later Cardinal) Hinsley in 1896 and completed in 1903 by Fr Edwin Bonney, with the help of students. Major revisions and improvement to this catalogue was carried out by Fr Bernard Payne, librarian from 1930 until 1977, with the assistance of others, notably Dr A. I. Doyle of Durham University Library. In the late 1980s, Fr. Michael Sharratt also compiled a card catalogue of some of the major archive collections in Ushaw College Library. Following an agreement between the college trustees and Durham University in 2011, online catalogues of the archive and printed collections are now being produced by Durham University Library staff with the intention of attracting a wider research audience.

Accession details

Transferred to the archive holdings at various times when no longer in use.

Previous custodial history

The majority of records pertaining to the library were originally created as part of the day-to-day business of the college itself.

Arrangement

1. Administration
2. Finance
3. Services and Collections
4. Acquisitions
5. Exhibitions
6. Conservation
7. Library Societies
8. Other Library Papers

Conditions of access

Open for consultation.

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The form of citation should use the code GB-0298-UC/AG, or the collection name Ushaw College Administration: Library Records, followed by the *reference number*

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0298-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

Bibliography

Rhodes, J.T., *Ushaw College Library* (Ushaw College: Durham, 1994)

1. Administration

UC/AG1/1 [1930 x 1939]
Library memorandum book
1 volume

UC/AG1/2 [1960] – 2006
Papers relating to the management of the Ushaw College Library, mostly strategic reports, surveys, library procedures, and staff guidelines
1 file

UC/AG1/3 [?1973] - 28 May 1994
Papers of the Library Advisory Committee, including minutes of meetings and reports
1 file

2. Finance

UC/AG2/1 1852 – 2000

Divines' Library account books

3 volumes

UC/AG2/2 1862 – 1879; 1890 – 1901; 1935 - 1974

Library account and memoranda books

3 volumes

UC/AG2/3 1981 - 2000

Account balance sheets for Ushaw libraries

1 file

UC/AG2/4 [mid - late 20th century]

Valuations of rare books in Ushaw Library

1 volume

UC/AG2/5 1957 - 13 July 1982

Account book for binding repairs

1 volume

3. Services and Collections

UC/AG3/1 [mid 20th century]

Papers relating to library services, including rules for the libraries and registers of borrowing

1 file

UC/AG3/2 [mid 20th century]

Papers relating to the collections in Ushaw College Library, including particulars of illuminations in the Ushaw College manuscripts, list of sixteenth-century printings, list of books in the library printed before 1600, and books formerly belonging to the seventeenth century Catholic Harfield Priory

1 file

UC/AG3/3 [mid-20th century]

Miscellaneous published and unpublished articles on the history and collections of Ushaw College Library

1 file

UC/AG3/4 [c.1980 - 2000]

Divines' Library catalogue and location guide

1 file

UC/AG3/5 11 May 1950 - June 1974

Visitor's book

1 volume

UC/AG3/6 February 1974 - 22 June 2000

Borrowers' books for the Lisbon Library, Big Library, Library Office and the Lower Library

5 volumes

UC/AG3/7/1-6 7 October 1951 - July 1979

Correspondence and catalogue lists relating to parish/private libraries deposited in or donated to Ushaw College Library:

6 files

UC/AG3/7/1 7 October 1951 - 13 July 1982

Yealand Conyers

1 file

UC/AG3/7/2 4 December 1951 - 16 January 1976

Dodding Green

1 file

UC/AG3/7/3 17 April 1952 - July 1954

Easington Village

1 file

UC/AG3/7/4 15 December 1952

Minsteracres Hall

1 item

UC/AG3/7/5 12 May 1953

St Cuthbert's Grammar School

1 item

3. Services and Collections

UC/AG3/7/6 July 1979
Bishop of Middlesbrough
1 item

UC/AG3/7/8 [?early 19th century]
Leadbitter Law Library
1 catalogue

UC/AG3/7/9 [19th century]
Weld Bank
1 file

UC/AG3/7/10 October 1978
Claughton
1 catalogue

UC/AG3/7/11 [?1960] - 1979
Diocese of Lancaster
1 file

UC/AG3/8 [?2000]
Provenance spreadsheet for Big Library items
Includes reference, Ushaw bookplate, other bookplate, first owner, second owner and
publication year
Arranged by shelfmark
1 file

4. Acquisitions

UC/AG4/1 1871 – 30 July 2001

Papers relating to the acquisition of archives and printed material for the Library
1 file

UC/AG4/2/1-4 [1960] – May 1991

Divines' Library acquisitions registers:
4 volumes

UC/AG4/2/1 [1960 x 1970]

[?Divines'] Library acquisitions register
1 volume

UC/AG4/2/2 1971 - [?1978]

Divines' Library acquisitions register
1 volume

UC/AG4/2/3 December 1978 - April 1986

Divines' Library acquisitions register
1 volume

UC/AG4/2/4 April 1986 - May 1991

Divines' Library acquisitions register
1 volume

UC/AG4/3 1991 – 1996

Register of books ordered and purchased
1 file

UC/AG4/4 1 January 1955 - 30 October 1974

Accessions register for the [?Junior House] Library
1 volume

UC/AG4/5 February 1937 - May 1990

Accessions registers for Ushaw Library
3 volumes

5. Exhibitions

UC/AG5/1 [1950 x 2001]

Photographs of the launch party for *Ushaw College Library, 1851 - 2001* (2001)

[Exhibition], Palace Green Library, Durham. 15 October-21 December 2001

7 colour photographs

UC/AG5/2 1988 - 2008

List of books and captions used in the Jubilee exhibition and North East Mathematical Association exhibition

1 file

UC/AG5/3 1996 - 2001

Catalogues of exhibitions held in Durham University Library (Palace Green) containing Ushaw College material

1 file

UC/AG5/4 2001

Exhibition captions and photographs (probably used as a wall display) describing an account of a delegation of Ushaw College staff to the [?European Court of Human Rights] in Strasbourg, as well as visits to Rheims and Bergen-Belsen

3 files

UC/AG5/5 May 1949 - February 1994

Lists of early printed books and archives used in various exhibitions

1 volume

UC/AG5/6 19 December 1989

Caption for an exhibition at Ushaw College entitled "Galileo, seminaries and Jesuits", in conjunction with the Harriot Seminar

1 file

UC/AG5/7 September 1990 - 27 October 1995

Papers relating to the loan of library items for exhibitions elsewhere, including loan agreements and correspondence

1 file

UC/AG5/8 [1980?]

Exhibition captions, probably used in a exhibition to highlight the treasures of the collection

Outsize

1 bundle

6. Conservation

UC/AG6/1 [mid 20th century]

Papers relating to potential threats to the Library books and conservation treatment required

1 file

UC/AG6/2 1969 - 2006

Papers, including lists of books and correspondence with A. I. Doyle, concerning rebinding work required on books in Ushaw College Library

1 file

UC/AG6/3/1-4 1516 - [mid 16th century]

Detached from books and bound manuscripts in Ushaw College Library:

4 items

UC/AG6/3/1 1516

From: York Missal

On board pencil inscription "Ushaw from York Missal 1516 treated for worm by freezing Sept 1995"

Includes evidence of sowing supports

Size: 350 x 220 mm

1 wooden board

UC/AG6/3/2 1520

From: *Textus bibliae cum glosa ordinaria...* v.1 (Lyons, 1520)

Bundle of vellum fragments

UC/AG6/3/3 [early 16th century]

From a book by Bernardinus de Busti

Identified by A. I. Doyle

1 endband

UC/AG6/3/4 [mid 16th century]

Possibly from: *Sermons very fruitfull, godly, and learned, preached and sette foorth by Maister Roger Edgeworth (XVIII.F.6.3)*

Includes evidence of sowing supports

Circular bookstamp: "Ushaw College Library Durham"

Size: 160 x 100 mm

Pastedown

7. Library Societies

UC/AG7/1 1956-1965

Newsletters of the Vernacular Society of Great Britain, nos 15-38

1 file

UC/AG7/2 September 1973 – 21 January 1988

Papers relating to the Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries

1 file

8. Other Library Records

UC/AG8/1 [1854]

Manuscript periodical, entitled "The Archaeological and Aesthetical Review"

1 file

UC/AG8/2 28 March 1906 – 5 October 1909

Letters to Edwin Bonney from Adam Wilkinson and [?] on the provenance of certain books in the Big Library

1 file

UC/AG8/3 30 May 1894 – 1995

Papers concerning the publication of the *Ushaw Magazine*, mostly correspondence on articles (with drafts) and correspondence with Tony Martin, Business Manager, on financial issues, as well as a cash book

1 file & 1 volume

UC/AG8/4 3 March 1939 – January 2004

File of miscellaneous items relating to the library, including letters, receipts and papers

1 file