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THE HELLENIC AND ROMAN LIBRARY
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS
The Hellenic and Roman Societies

The Hellenic and Roman Societies, in collaboration with the University of London’s Institute of Classical Studies (ICS), own and operate one of the world’s great libraries for the study of Greco-Roman Antiquity. This extraordinary collection of materials has been built up over more than a century starting with the foundation of the Hellenic Society (1879) and the Roman Society (1910) who formed the ‘Joint Library’. In 1953, the Societies collaborated with the newly-established ICS to create the ‘Combined Library’. Today, located in London’s Bloomsbury, this collection of over 140,000 volumes makes the Combined Library a central focus for much of the magnificent, cutting-edge research into the cultures of Greece and Rome generated in the UK and beyond, attracting a wide range of readers, from students to leading scholars from all over the world, school-teachers to authors and radio and television producers, and many who simply enjoy the richness of the Classical world.
We are now very pleased to have established a new long-term agreement with the University of London which provides a secure home for the Combined Library, but with higher costs. The Societies also established in 2014 a new charitable company, the Hellenic and Roman Library (HARL), in order to manage their participation in both the Joint and Combined Libraries, and to ensure long-term security. HARL is responsible for paying the Societies’ proportion of the operating costs, which includes the cost of employing the librarians.

The aim of our fundraising is to build sufficient funds to enable HARL to maintain and enhance the Joint Library as part of a world-class research facility for future generations, to equip it to meet the challenges of research in the digital age and to adapt to future changes, and to provide scholarships for students and teachers to visit and benefit from the Library’s collections.

Your support can help us to secure the future of the Joint Library and advance Classical scholarship, preserving the study of the past into the 21st century.

Professor Judith Mossman, President, Hellenic Society
Professor Catharine Edwards, President, Roman Society
The Role of the Societies
The formation of a library and the provision of facilities for study is just one of the Societies’ objectives. The generation of world-class scholarship is advanced by the publication of the Societies’ world-leading scholarly journals (the Journal of Hellenic Studies, the Journal of Roman Studies and Britannia), and the Roman Society also publishes an acclaimed monograph series specialising on the archaeology of Roman Britain. The promotion of this scholarship to the membership and wider public is achieved by way of an extensive programme of events, including conferences, lectures, museum and site visits; and grants to support research at all levels, including books for schools, bursaries for students, as well as major grants for important new research.

The Role of the ICS
The original vision of the ICS was to create a UK hub for classical research at Senate House in London. Today, the Institute’s ambition remains to offer a meeting place for international scholars in London and to provide fellowships for outstanding researchers, as well as developing a significant commitment to digital classics.
Tom Holland
Historian, Author, Broadcaster

‘The Library has been absolutely fundamental to my career. Not only has it enabled me to take out pretty much every book on ancient history I’ve ever wanted to read; it has also enabled me to take out vast numbers of books I hadn’t realised I wanted to read. I owe it more than I can say’.

Alice Marsh,
MA Student, King’s College London

‘The ICS Library has been invaluable for the completion of my MA in Classical Art and Archaeology. The vast collection of books, journals and resources available, in particular The David Smith Mosaic Archive, has proved extremely useful for my research and completion of my MA dissertation’.
Jeff Veitch,
PhD Student, University of Kent

‘The Library has been a valuable resource to me as a University of London postgraduate student and even more so, as a University of Kent PhD student. From the library holdings to the ICS seminars, postgraduate community and events, the Library has helped to broaden my understanding of the Classical world and proved to be instrumental in my development as a postgraduate student.’

Mary Beard,
Professor of Ancient History, University of Cambridge

‘The Societies’ Library has been my valued resource and friend for the last 35 years. I couldn’t have done without it’.
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We invite you to consider making a donation to the Hellenic and Roman Library in support of these purposes. Gifts of £1000+ a year entitle you to annual membership of the Friends of Minerva, and you will be invited to a reception and to other special events.
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