



Ingenta and the British Library Collaborate to Digitise and Distribute Archive Content

Oxford, 22 September 2017 – The British Library and Ingenta, the leading software provider to the publishing industry, today announced the signature of an agreement to collaborate on the digitisation and distribution of archival content for academic institutions.

Every institutional library has its own archive of rare documents and publications which, in print format, remains accessible to very few researchers. Though many institutions have the technical resources to create digital copies, none are as advanced as the British Library's own facilities at Boston Spa in West Yorkshire and St Pancras in London, or have a dedicated team of staff, including preservation experts and conservators. Ingenta Connect was established nearly two decades ago, and now reaches almost every academic library in the world; content digitised by the British Library's professional team can now be disseminated through Ingenta Connect and its sister site Ingenta Open, potentially making rare content available to hundreds of thousands of researchers and academic institutions worldwide.

Samantha Tillet, Project and Service Manager at The British Library, said: "Partnering with Ingenta will enable the library to support publishers and institutions to digitise their archive collections. It is an exciting opportunity to open more collections to wider audiences"

Byron Russell, Head of Ingenta Connect, commented: "We're delighted to be working with the British Library to offer this exciting new service to academic and research institutions. Using our combined expertise, important content which has been largely inaccessible can be made available to a global audience"

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The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom and one of the world's greatest research libraries. It provides world class information services to the academic, business, research and scientific communities and offers unparalleled access to the world's largest and most comprehensive research collection. The Library's collection has developed over 250 years and exceeds 150 million separate items representing every age of written civilisation and includes books, journals, manuscripts, maps, stamps, music, patents, photographs, newspapers and sound recordings in all written and spoken languages. Up to 10 million people visit the British Library website - www.bl.uk - every year where they can view up to 4 million digitised collection items and over 40 million pages.