



St John's College Library

SUBJECT GUIDE: **ANGLO-SAXON, NORSE AND CELTIC**

Resources for Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic

1. Books

There is no single Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic section in the Library. Works on language and literature are all shelved in the Penrose section, First floor. Religion and art are in the First floor wings. Works on culture and history are located amongst the history and archaeology sections on the Second floor.

Anglo-Saxon

PE 100-500 Anglo-Saxon language

General works are followed by grammars, and then dictionaries.

PR English Literature

PR 171-250 General literary history

PR 1490-1508 Anthologies of Anglo-Saxon works

PR 1509 (alphabetical) Individual authors and works

DA 150-153 (Second floor) Anglo-Saxon history

BR 749 (First floor, Garden wing) Anglo-Saxon Church

N (First floor, Chapel Wing) Anglo-Saxon art

Some Anglo-Saxon texts may also be found amongst the publications of the Early English Text Society at PR 1119 in the main literature sequence.

Norse

PD 2201-2392 Norse languages

PT 7101-7338 Icelandic and Old Norse literature

DL 65 (Second floor) Early Scandinavian history

This again follows the above pattern of general works and literary history, then collections of literature, then individual authors and works shelved alphabetically.

Celtic

PB Celtic languages and associated literature

General works on Celtic languages as a whole are followed by the Gaelic languages: Irish, Scottish, Manx, and then the Britannic languages: Welsh, Cornish, then Breton. Within each section works on the language are followed by the literature of that language, starting with literary history and criticism, then anthologies, then the individual authors and their works.

Welsh, Scottish and Irish history may be found at DA 700- following British history on the Second floor.

Dictionaries

Some dictionaries may be found in the appropriate language sections. There are also dictionaries in the main Reference section on the Ground floor for use within the Library only.

Rare Books & Special Collections

One of the treasures of the College's manuscript collection is, of course, **our tenth century Irish Psalter** (C.9), the oldest complete manuscript at St John's. Our special collections include various grammars, histories, and texts published in the 17th and 18th centuries. Please ask the **Special Collections Librarian, Kathryn McKee**, if you would like to explore these resources further. Please contact **km10007@cam.ac.uk**

2. *Journals*

All of the libraries journal holdings, listed by subject, are available via the website:

<http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/journals>

| Relevant titles include: | <i>Classmark</i> | <i>Holdings</i> |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Anglo-Saxon England</i> | DA 151.A5 | Vol.1- (1972-) |
| <i>Cambrian medieval Celtic studies</i> | DA 700.C3 | Vol.26- (1993-) |
| <i>Jarrow lectures</i> | DA 20.J3 | Vol.1- (1958-) |
| <i>Medium Aevum</i> | PN 661.M4 | Vol. 1- (1932-) |
| <i>Quaestio</i> | D 111.Q3 | Vol.1- (2000-) |

E-journals can be searched via *Cambridge LibGuides* (see below for more information).

3. *Electronic Resources*

The *Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Department* website provides links to key subject-specific resources and bibliographies:

<http://www.asnc.cam.ac.uk/>

Cambridge LibGuides provide a complete guide to all subjects and electronic resources such as e-journals, eBooks and databases available across the University:

<http://libguides.cam.ac.uk>

Recommended resources include:

- Monumenta Germaniae Historica
- The Skaldic project
- Dictionary of Old English Web Corpus

Literature Online (LION) provides access to some Anglo-Saxon material:

<https://literature.proquest.com>

Note: A Raven password is required for online access off-campus.

Other libraries you may find useful: University Library, ASNC Departmental Library, English Faculty Library

Recommendations

The College Library aims to provide all works necessary for Part One courses, and a selection of the most important works required for Part Two. We receive reading lists from the departmental libraries in advance of each academic year, and continually update the Library collections in response to requests from Directors of Studies, supervisors, and students. You can recommend an item by using the online recommendation form or by filling in a recommendation form available at the Issue Desk. All reasonable requests will be considered. If texts you require for your course are not available in the College Library, please talk to a member of Library staff.

Help

If you have any difficulty in tracing the material you need, whether in printed or electronic format, please ask a member of Library staff for assistance.