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Cardinal Newman

The John Rylands library at Manchester University [has announced](#) that they have been awarded the contract to digitise the archive of Cardinal Newman, the important and influential 19th-century religious thinker and prolific writer who converted to Roman Catholicism, and who was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010. The 200,000-document archive will be digitised in Manchester followed by relocation to the Birmingham Oratory with which Cardinal Newman was associated for much of his life. The National Institute for Newman Studies in the US is funding the £386,000 contract and managing the transformation of the archive into “a comprehensive digital library that will eventually include all of Newman’s published and unpublished works”.

DeepDyve

The US-based rent-an-article provider DeepDyve are offering free five-minute previews of the eight million journal articles from 3,000 journals available on their platform. Participating publishers include Elsevier, Wiley, Nature, Springer and IEEE. Their [press release](#) explains how the new “Freemium” service permits users to sign up and enjoy free five-minute previews of unlimited articles, however they are not permitted to view an article more than once on the same day and they cannot copy, print or download.

Manufacturing Pasts

A rich online resource mapping the changes in British industrial city life in the second half of the 20th century has become available for teaching and learning to anyone under a Creative Commons open licence ([CC BY-NC](#)), in a JISC-funded project using Leicester as an example. More than 1,700 photographs, maps, interviews, newspaper

articles and more have been selected from archives at the University of Leicester and the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Record Office, by subject experts from the Centre for Urban History at the University of Leicester. Learning resources on the site, under the themes De-industrialization, Conservation and Regeneration, the Social Life of the Factory and the Factory and the Community, link through to the primary source materials.

MOOCs

The information press is full of stories about Massively Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and reflective pieces about the impact on libraries in the future. In March the British Library [announced](#) their partnership with the MOOC platform FutureLearn “offering participants of its online courses access to the Library’s unique digitised resources”. FutureLearn has partnerships with 18 UK higher-education institutions, including the Open University, with whom the first UK MOOC was launched last year. This [recent piece from Library Journal](#) includes thoughts on the public library’s role in the support of MOOCs. Finally, Gerry McKiernan, a librarian at Iowa State University, has begun this usefully-titled blog [MOOCs and Libraries](#).

Reference management

In April information giant Elsevier [announced](#) that they had acquired the popular online reference gathering and sharing service Mendeley as rumoured earlier in the year (Online, January 2013). Thomson Reuters have responded by launching [EndNote Basic](#), offering online store for 50,000 references, 2GB of file storage, reference screen capture and a small range of bibliographic styles and search connectors, for free. While some may find that it doesn’t match the sharing and academic networking strengths of Mendeley, those with access to Web of Knowledge will find they have more features including the benefit of ResearcherID links. The EndNote iPad app is available for \$0.99 until July 2013.

UNESCO

UNESCO are to make all their digital publications freely-available by [adopting an Open Access policy](#), the first member of the UN to do so. Already advocates and champions of Open Access, UNESCO’s new publications will be hosted on a multi-lingual OA repository and this initiative will encourage co-publishers to follow suit.