

THE
LONDON
LIBRARY

Film Hire



A person in silhouette is shown from the back, looking upwards in a long, narrow aisle of a library. The aisle is lined with tall bookshelves on both sides. The lighting is a deep, cool blue, creating a dramatic and atmospheric scene. The perspective is from the end of the aisle, looking down its length.

Filming & Photography

The London Library is a unique, versatile filming location in the heart of London. Situated directly off St James's Square and a minute's walk from Piccadilly and Pall Mall, the Library's stunning yet modest façade hides a wealth of amazing features spread across seven interlocking buildings.

From richly furnished rooms with a classic library feel to labyrinthine book stacks to mysterious archives and contemporary offices, the Library has a space for every filming occasion. Whether you're looking for a feature film, an interview backdrop or a unique fashion shoot, our dedicated staff are on hand to ensure your project goes smoothly.

Previous productions include Montblanc's 'Spirit of the Library' fashion campaign, Killing Eve, Top Boy, In Search of Dracula with Mark Gatiss, The Apprentice, Child Genius, Newsnight, BBC Artsnight, Who Do You Think You Are, History Hit, Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire and a number of BBC 4 and Sky Arts documentaries.

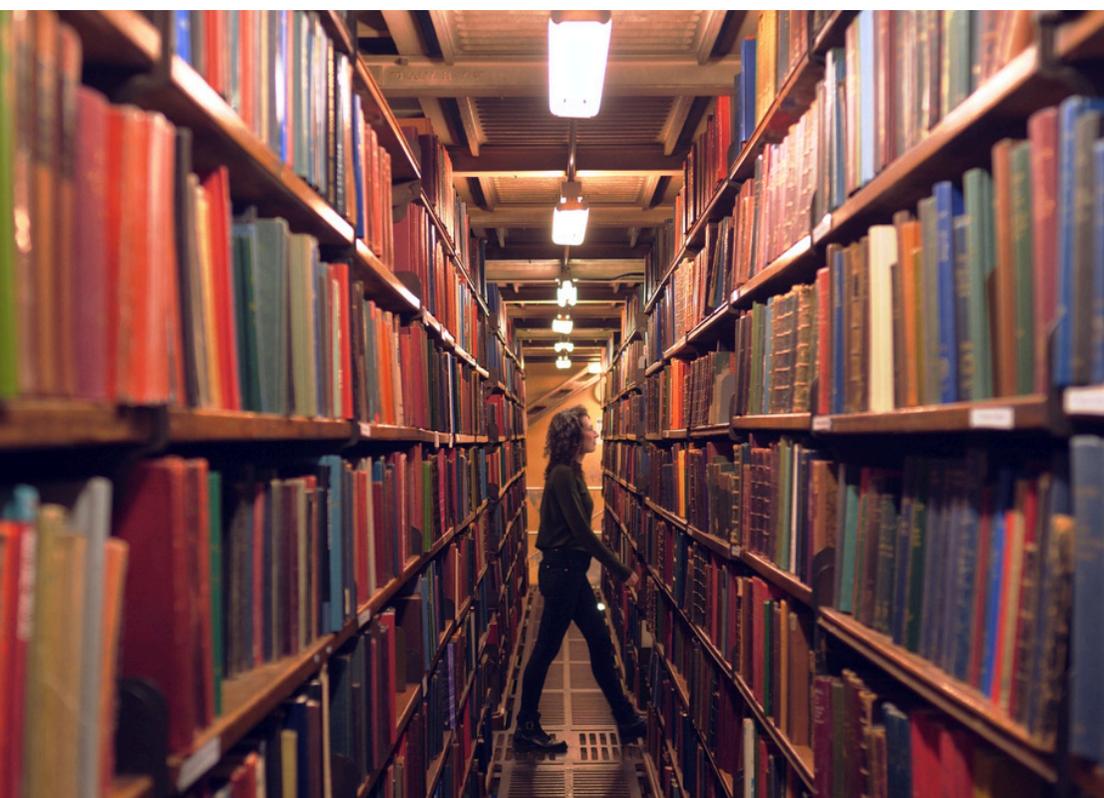
"Truly a place like no other."
-Helena Bonham Carter



Reading Room

With its double-height, book-lined walls and elegant ironwork balustrades, the Reading Room sits at the historic heart of the Library. The furniture can be removed, replaced or adjusted to meet your project's specific needs.





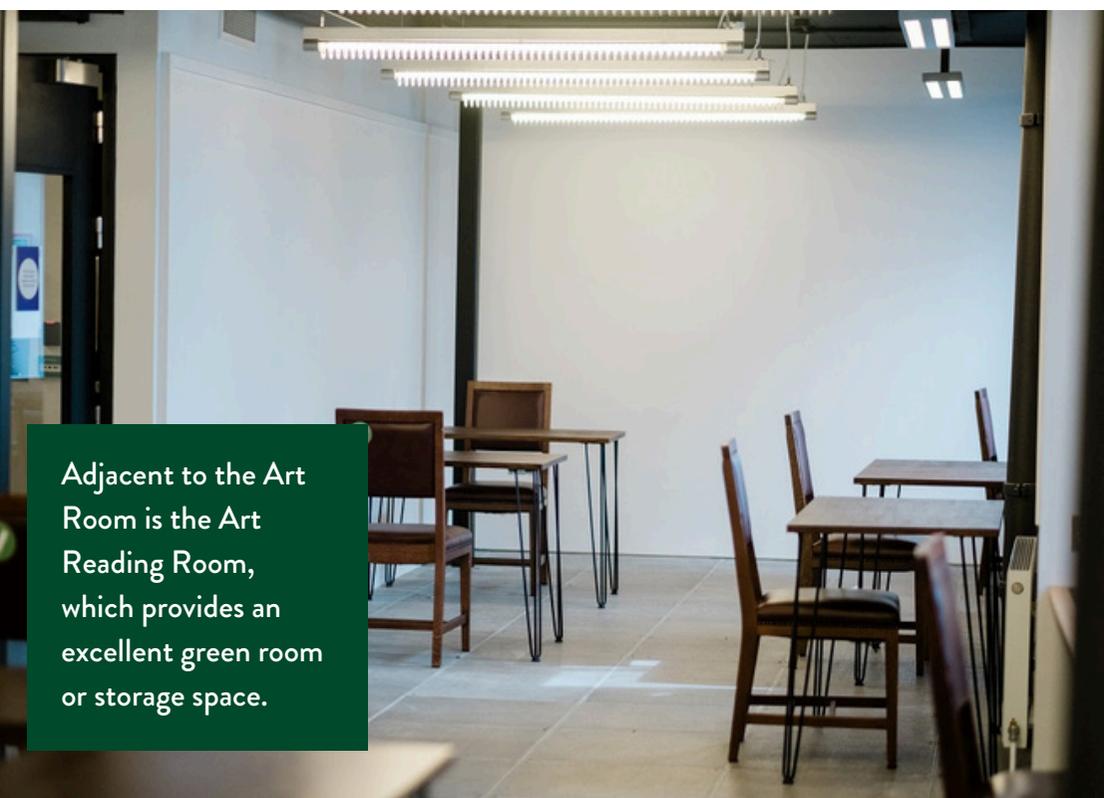
Back Stacks

With 17 miles of book stacks, characterful gridded floors & atmospheric lighting, this unique space is perfect for projects of all sizes.

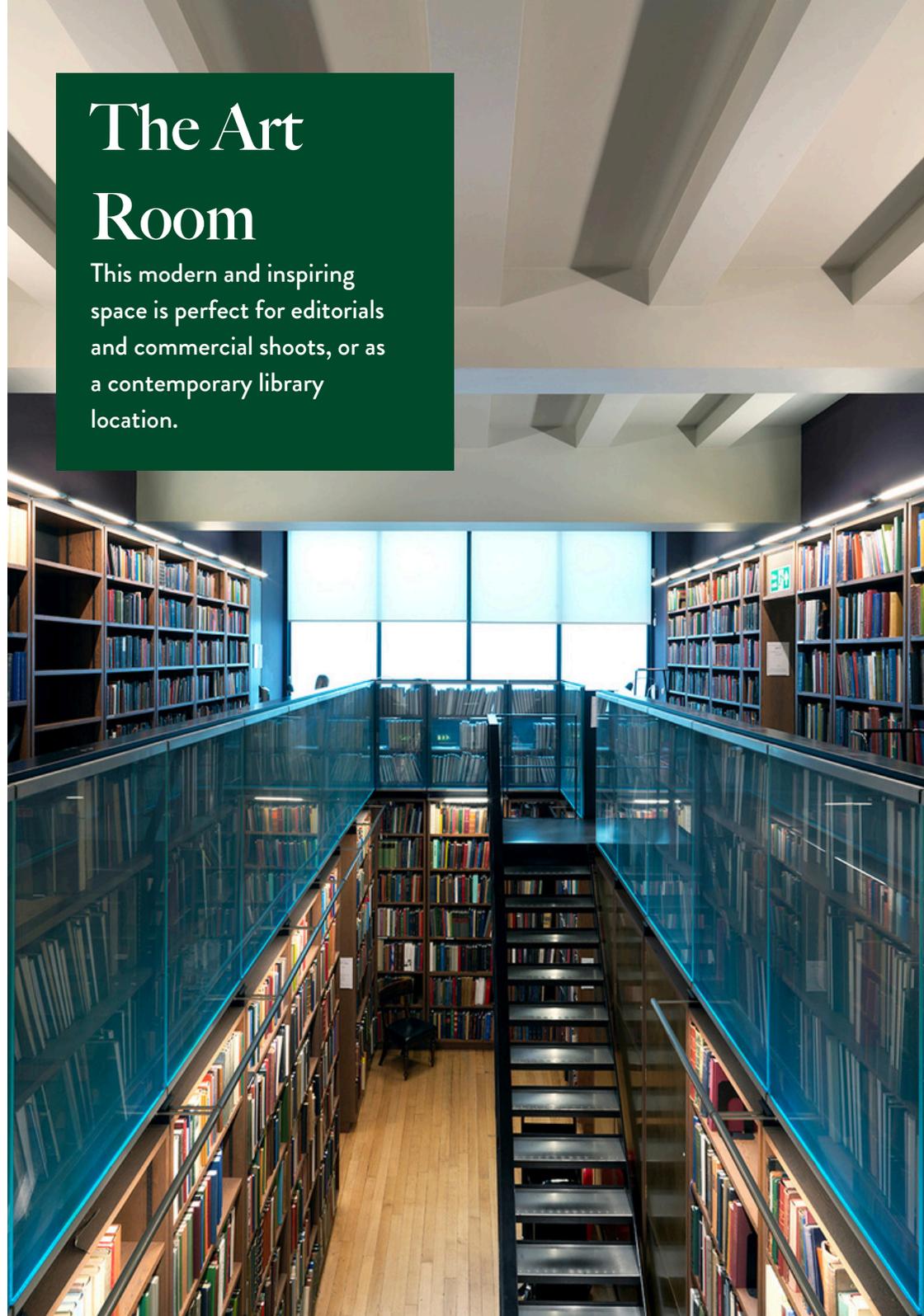


The Art Room

This modern and inspiring space is perfect for editorials and commercial shoots, or as a contemporary library location.

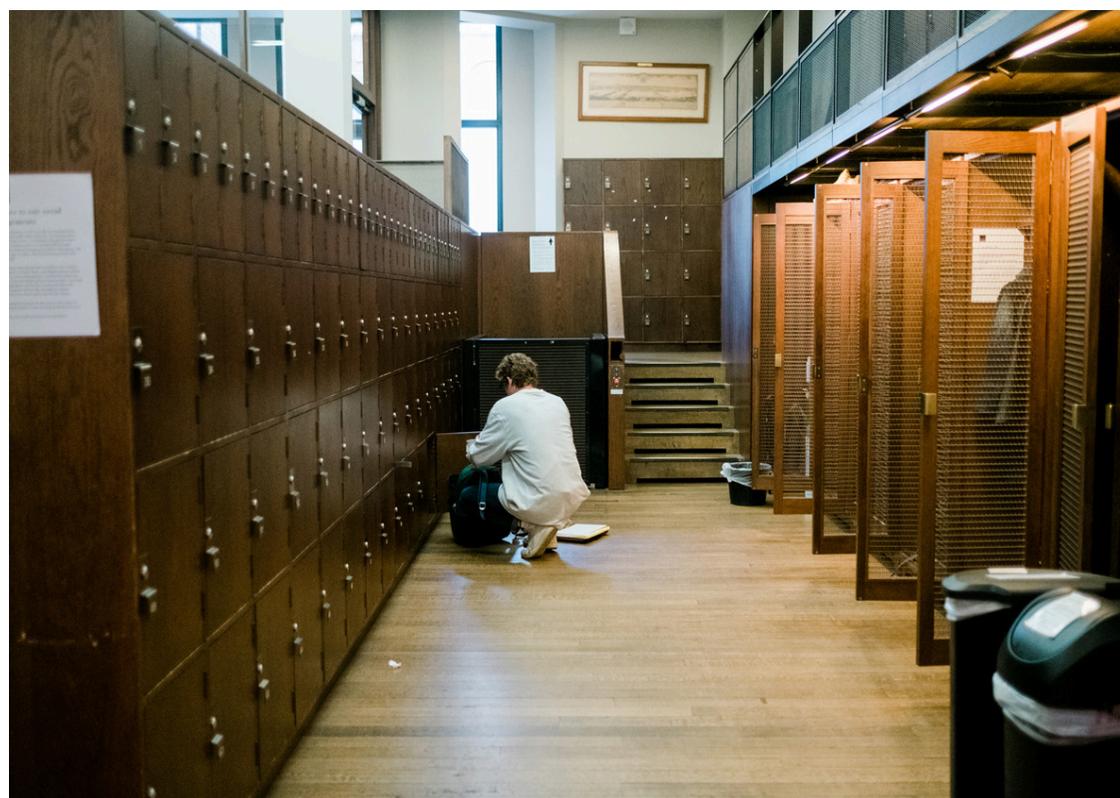


Adjacent to the Art Room is the Art Reading Room, which provides an excellent green room or storage space.



Issue Hall

Our main entrance, the Issue Hall hosts lockers, reception desks, work spaces and connections to the rest of the building.





The Study

Opposite the Reading Room, the Study is perfect for interviews or conference and committee room scenes. Its close-yet-private location makes it perfect as a VIP green room or equipment storage.



The Writers Room

Complete with a mezzanine level, the Writers Room has high ceilings and an airy, modern feel, whilst still keeping some of the Library's traditional charm. The furniture can be adjusted, making it an ideal space for medium shoots or as equipment storage space.

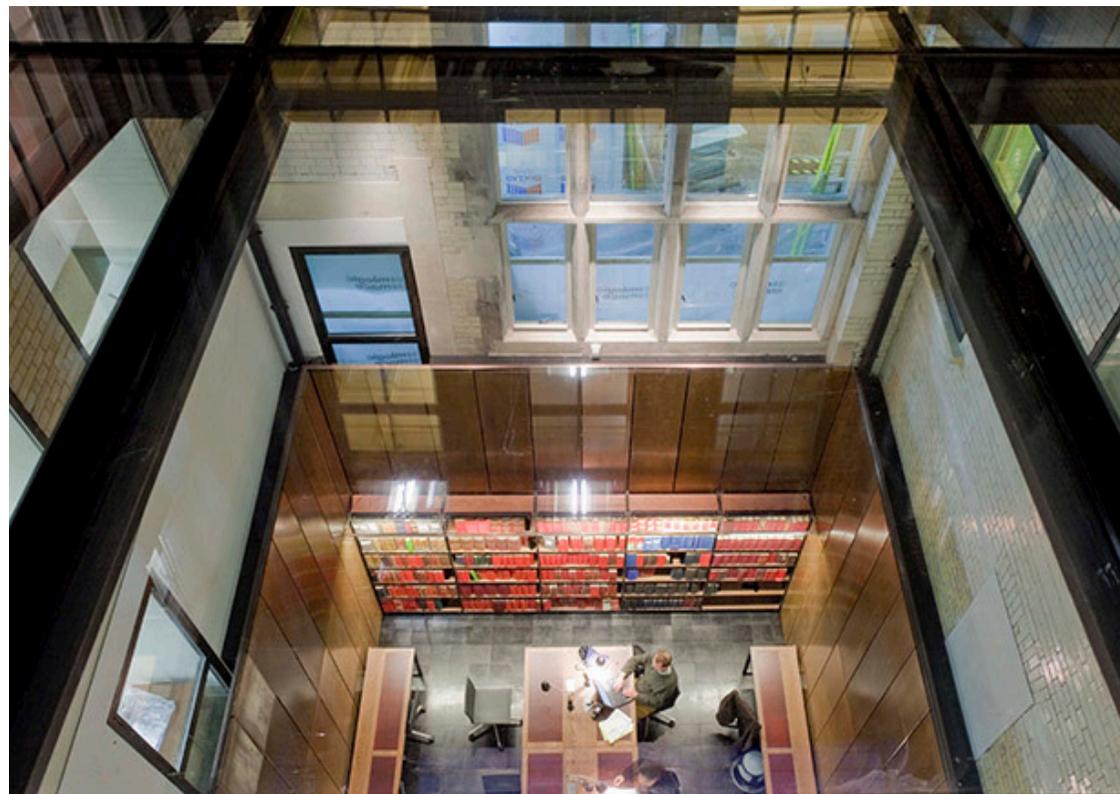


The Times Room

Perfect for interviews, shoots involving historic materials or as a substitute for archive scenes, the Times Room houses over 200 years' worth of *The Times* newspaper in rolling stacks.

Foyle Lightwell Reading Room

Stretching four storeys high, this bronze-panelled room is a great space for equipment storage, overhead shots or contemporary interviews.





Hiring the Library

The Library is available to hire as individual rooms or as a whole building.

Our typical filming hours are:
After 5:30PM Wednesday - Saturday
7:30AM - 9:30AM Monday - Friday
Sundays all day



Weekend filming is typically available through special arrangement for larger shoots. At the discretion of the Library, we are sometimes able to set up on Saturday evenings and leave equipment overnight so that filming can be done first thing Sunday morning.



As a charity receiving no regular public funding we charge fees which vary depending on the size and complexity of each shoot, which includes our cost for staff overtime to help co-ordinate the filming and provide out of hours access to the building.

Rates start at £350 (ex VAT) for the first hour and £250 (ex VAT) for subsequent hours

Contact & Key Information

The majority of Library event spaces have step free access and are accessible by wheelchair. For those with special access needs we have a dedicated entrance located in Mason's Yard and would be happy to provide more information.

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Address
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Website
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Rail
Charing Cross: 15 minute walk
Victoria: 25 minute walk

Bus
The nearest bus lines are 3, 9, 12, 13,
14, 15, 19, 22, 23, 38, 94, 139 & 159.

Tube
Piccadilly Circus (Piccadilly & Bakerloo): 5 minute walk
Green Park (Jubilee, Victoria and Piccadilly lines): 10 minute walk

Parking
Pay and display parking spaces in St James's Square are in operation Monday to Saturday 8.30-18.30. There is free street parking in the Piccadilly area after 18.00 Monday to Friday and all day Sunday.

