

# Collections Management at Edinburgh

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- 40,000 students
- Main Library
- 8 site libraries across the city
- Library Store – (University Collections Facility)
- Physical collections:
  - Special Collections
  - Museum Collections
  - General Collections



# Context

- Growing student population
- Increased demand for study spaces
- Ongoing move from print to electronic resources
- Increase in Online Distance Learning
- Growth in physical collections
- Need to preserve and improve access to our unique collections



# Current and future projects

- Estates-related projects
  - Vision to create “an estate that matches expectations, responds flexibly to changing student and staff needs, and showcases the University”.
- Collections Rationalisation Project 2016-2019
- De-duplication
- Print Journals management beyond UKRR



# Law Library

- From Old College to DHT  
2016
- From DHT to Old College  
2018



# Law Library project

- Challenges
  - Moving a Library twice!
  - Festival
  - Sequencing
- Opportunities
  - Weeding collections
  - Relocating journals to store
  - Ongoing collection assessment



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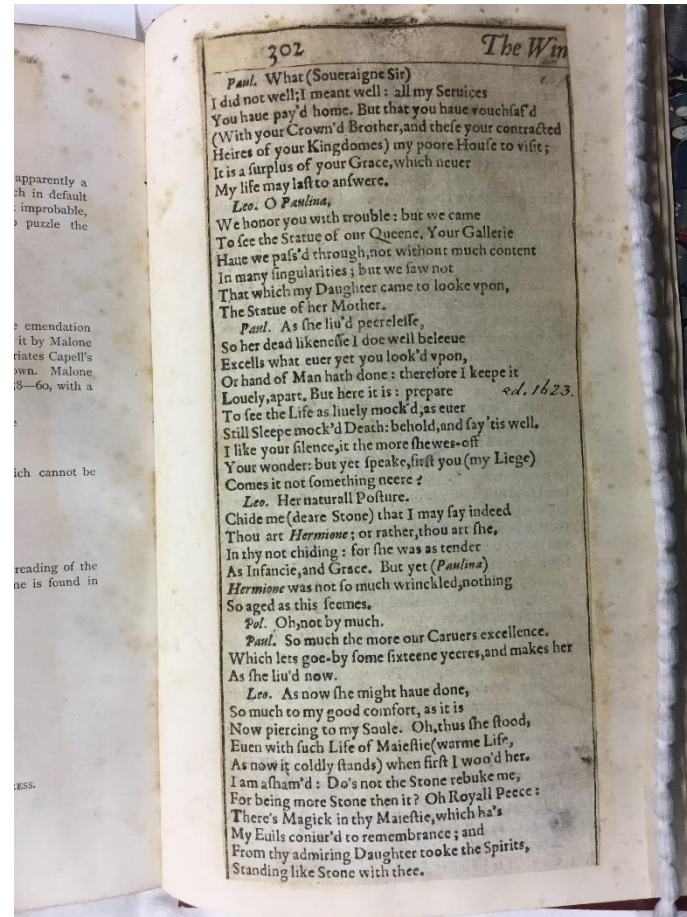


# Collections Rationalisation Project

- “Knowing what we have and keeping what we need.”
- Moving towards targets to create shelving space through collection rearrangement and appropriate disposal, to catalogue items and to stabilise the condition of linear metres of collection items through conservation.
- 2016-2019



# Shakespeare First Folio Fragment



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