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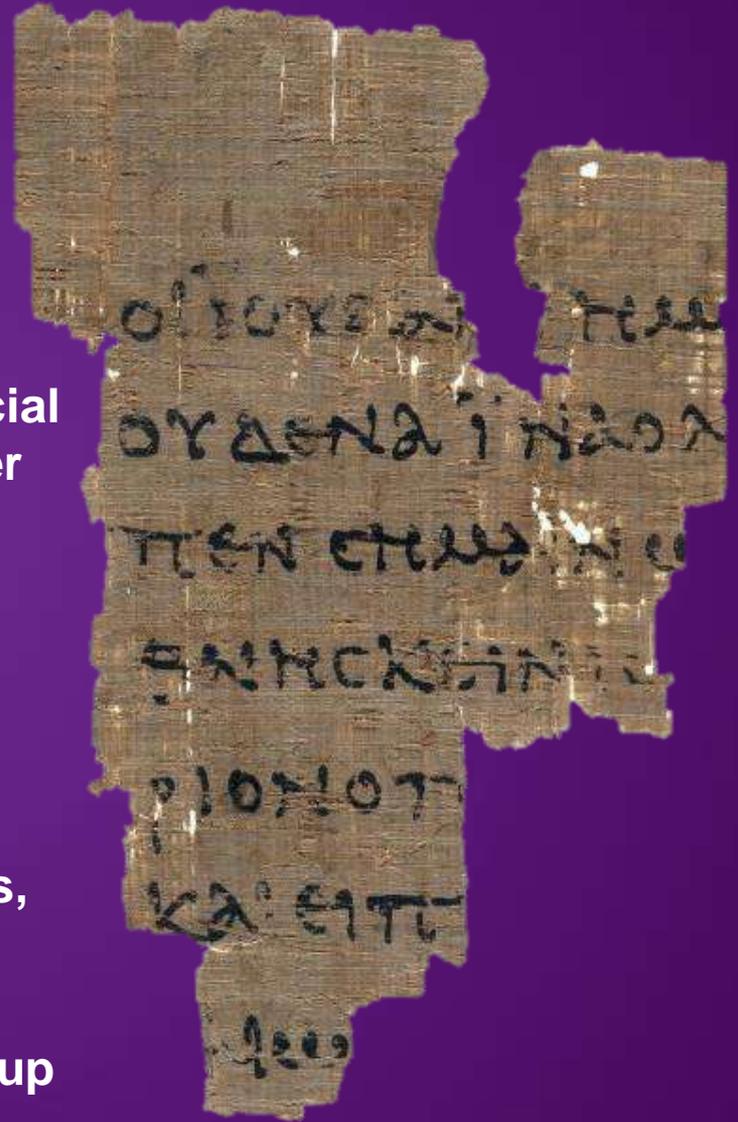
THE JOHN RYLANDS RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND LIBRARY

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OUR VISION

- Promotes research in the humanities and sciences using the astonishingly rich special collections of The University of Manchester Library (inc. holdings at Main Library and AIURACE Centre)
- Based in one of the finest neo-Gothic buildings in Europe and in the heart of Manchester
- A dynamic community of world-leading researchers, librarians, curators, archivists, conservators and imaging specialists
- Focused on our core mission to define the human experience over five millennia and up to the present day



OUR GOVERNANCE

- Co-Directors
- International Advisory Board
- Internal Steering Committee
- Management Group

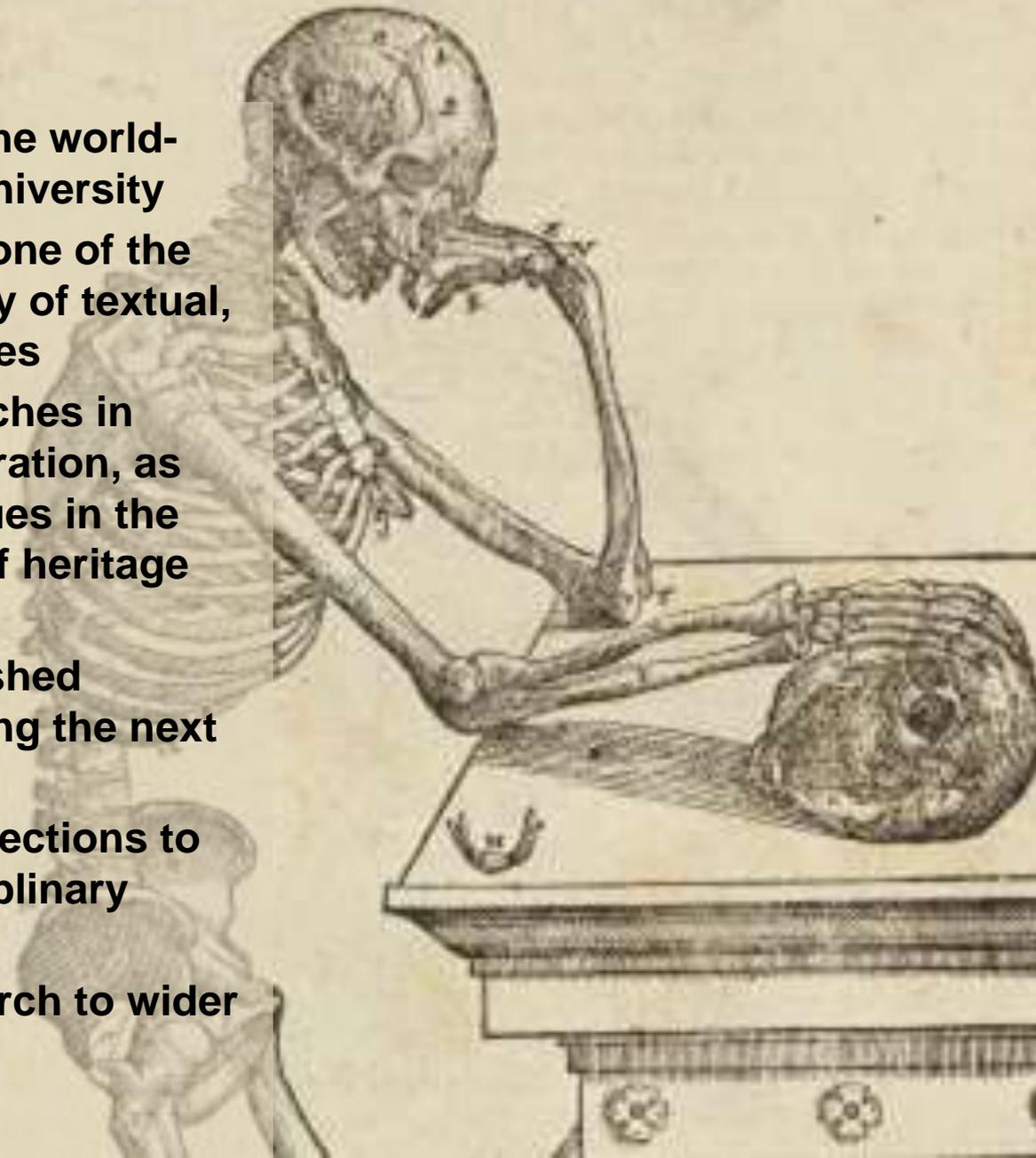
Aligned with:

- Library Executive Team
- HUMS Faculty Leadership Team
- UMRI



OUR ACTIVITY

- A catalyst and focus for the world-leading research of the University
- Confirms Manchester as one of the great centres for the study of textual, material and visual cultures
- Incorporates new approaches in digital humanities and curation, as well as scientific techniques in the study and conservation of heritage materials
- Collaborates with established researchers while nurturing the next generation of scholars
- Opens up our special collections to innovative and multidisciplinary research
- Communicates this research to wider audiences



OUR COLLECTIONS

- **Our special collections are world-leading in their significance and diversity, offering limitless research potential across a broad spectrum of disciplines. They include several hundred languages and span five thousand years, from cuneiform tablets to email archives, from Gutenberg to Ginsberg**
- **They contain some of the most significant printed books and manuscripts ever produced, alongside unique archive collections, maps and visual material, documenting a wealth of traditions from around the world**
- **These collections underpin the Library's status as one of the acknowledged great libraries of the world in one of the world's leading research-intensive universities**

PURPOSE OF RENAMING

The University of Manchester

- **Signals a radical repurposing of the Rylands as a world-leading centre for humanities and science research using special collections, and for public engagement with research**
- **Provides a unified research focus for library and academic staff working on special collections**
- **Delivers for the University a type of interdisciplinary research institute to rival those of elite institutions in North America**

WAYS OF WORKING

- **Library and academic staff will work together to shape future strategic and operational priorities. We will ensure that our primary focus aligns with University core strategies by promoting excellence in special collections-based research, research impact and research-based teaching**
- **We will foster an inclusive research and work environment where everyone is empowered to participate. This approach will enable us to become a cognitively diverse organisation where our leadership and staff reflect an authentic and intersectional society in one of the most diverse cities in Britain**
- **We will work together to realize funding for collections and research through internal initiatives and by a coordinated programme of fundraising from external bodies and individuals, including research councils, trusts and foundations and philanthropic donors**

RYLANDS SPACE

- We will optimise the use of space, facilities and resources to better meet the objectives of a research-focused Institute and Library
- We will provide world-class exhibition spaces as well as a virtual exhibition platform. These will be supported by professional staff focused on audiences at local, national and international levels
- We will improve spaces for academic events and special collections research-led teaching, with full support for research, teaching and public-facing research impact events

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FASTORVM LIBER
PRIMVS.

TEMPORA cum caesus latium
digesta per annum,
Lapsaq; sub terras, orta q; si-
gna canam.

Exipe pacto Caesar germanice vultu
Hoc opus. Et timida dirige nauis iter.
Officioq; leuem non auersatus honorem
Huic tibi deuoto, numine dexter ades.

Sacra recognoscas annalibus eruta prisca
Et quo sit merito quaeq; notata dies.

Inuenies illic et festa domestica vobis.
Saepe tibi pater est. saepe legendus auus.

Quaeque ferunt illi pictos signantia fastos,
Tu quoque cum Druso praemia fratre feres.

Caesaris arma canant alij nos Caesaris aras
Et quoscumque sacris addidit ille dies.

Annue conanti per laudes ire tuorum
Deque meo pavidos ex cute corde metus.

Dam mihi te placidum dederis in carmina uires.
Ingenium vultu statque, caditque tuo.

Pagina iudicium docti subitura mouetur
Principis ut Clario missa legenda deo.

Quae sit enim culti facundia sensimus oris
Cinica pro trepidis cum tulit arma reis.

Simus et ad nostras cum se tulit impetus artes
Ingenij currant flumina quanta tui.

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RYLANDS RESEARCH REACH

- We will welcome public audiences to engage with exhibitions and events linked to collections-based research
- We will ensure that our schools programmes draw on University of Manchester research whilst supporting University widening participation initiatives
- We will rename and relaunch the *Bulletin of the John Rylands Library* as an OA journal



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OUR COLLECTIONS: REACH, BREADTH AND CONSERVATION

- We will strive to make our collections more easily accessible, through cataloguing and improvements in discovery systems, through digitisation, advanced imaging and other innovative technologies**
- We will lead the digital shift, collaborating to develop and deploy digital tools for explore and engaging with our collections in innovative ways**
- Researchers and library staff will work together to develop further our collections in order to address gaps in our holdings, to complement existing areas of strength, to support new fields of scholarship, and to document contemporary societies and cultures**
- As well as enhancing our traditional collection areas, and our pioneering work on born digital archives, we will actively acquire in the fields of recent and contemporary popular culture and counter-cultures and in humanitarianism**
- We will address the long-term preservation needs of the collections, to ensure that they survive for future generations of researchers**

The background of the slide is a photograph of a grand, historic library interior. A long, vibrant red carpet runs down the center aisle, flanked by rows of wooden bookshelves filled with books. At the far end of the aisle, a large, ornate stained glass window with intricate tracery allows light to filter into the space. The architecture features high ceilings and classical columns, creating a sense of grandeur and history.

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The John Rylands Research Institute and Library is proposed as the next step for a unique partnership between a world-class research institute and one of the acknowledged great libraries of the world