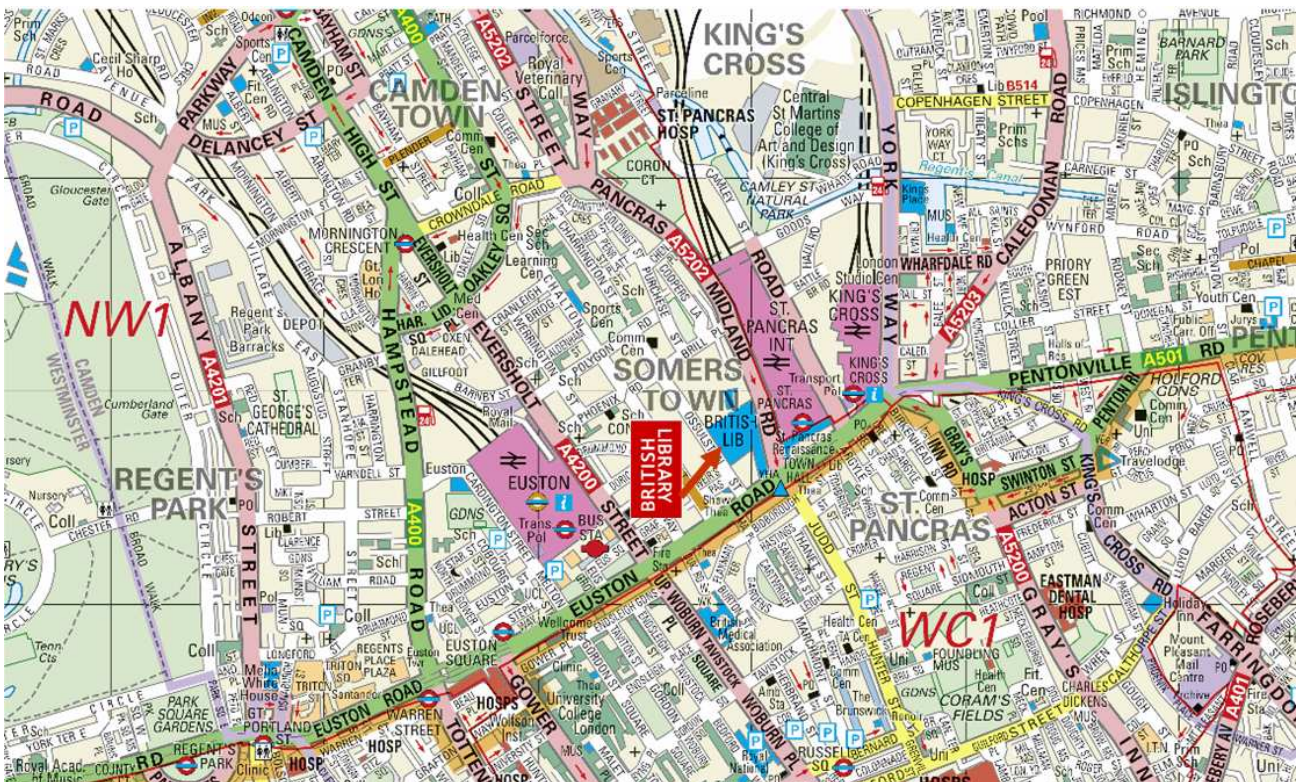




# Borough of Camden

## The British Library



The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom.[2] The library is a major research library, holding over 150 million items from many countries, in many languages[3] and in many formats, both print and digital: books, manuscripts, journals, newspapers, magazines, sound and music recordings, videos, play-scripts, patents, databases, maps, stamps, prints, drawings. The Library's collections include around 14 million books,[4] along with substantial holdings of manuscripts and historical items dating back as far as 2000 BC.

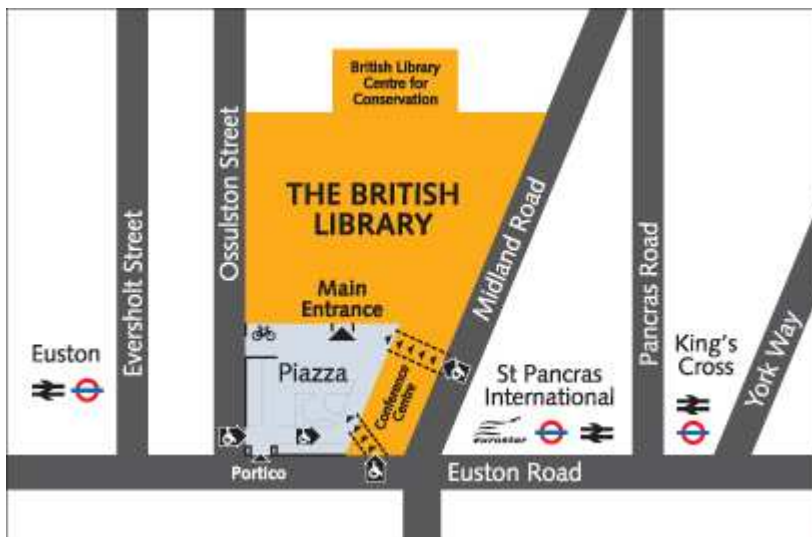
The library was originally a department of the British Museum and from the mid-19th century occupied the famous circular British Museum Reading Room. It became legally separate in 1973, and by 1997 had moved into its new purpose-built building at St Pancras, London.



British Library (modern building in foreground) and St Pancras station (spires further back) with Euston Road on the right, London

## How to get to the Library

Getting here by road, rail and underground



The British Library  
96 Euston Road  
London  
NW1 2DB

[Find us on a Google Map](#)

### **Trains**

St Pancras International; King's Cross; Euston.

### **Underground**

King's Cross/St Pancras; Euston; Euston Square.



## British Library tour



**Tours take place Mon - Sat at 10.30 and 15.00; Sun and Public Holidays at 11.30 and 15.00.**

Discover more about our history, collections and architecture on a tour of the public areas of the Library. The tour includes a visit to the Viewing Gallery where you can see some of the Reading Rooms and find out how books are stored, accessed and delivered. Tours on Sundays and Public Holidays include a visit to a Reading Room. **Tours last approximately 75 minutes** and leave from the Information Desk. Advance booking recommended.

Price: £8 / £6.50 concessions

Learn more about the British Library on one of our guided building tours. Discover the architectural inspiration behind the Library's design, the struggle to realise the vision of a Library that would last for 1,000 years, and the constant work undertaken to manage our ever-expanding collections. Tours last one hour.

There is an extra tour on Saturdays at 10.30.

Tours of the public areas that include a visit to a Reading Room take place on Sundays and Public Holidays at 11.30 and 15.00.

### To book

Tel: +44 (0)1937 546 546

<http://boxoffice.bl.uk>

## Food and drink

Information about the cafés and restaurants at the British Library, with opening times.

Home to some of the greatest literary treasures in the world, the British Library also boasts four lovely Peyton & Byrne eateries, from a quick espresso bar to a beautifully abundant restaurant.



Peyton & Byrne offers everything the studious academic or passing visitor could need.

Our main attraction – the stunning first-floor King's Library restaurant – is open from dawn until dusk and serves everything from hearty breakfasts to hot lunches (including made-to-order stir-fries from our Wok Station) and afternoon teas (from 15.00).



For flying visits there's also the Short & Sweet espresso bar out on Euston Road. Try the coffee and the hot churros if you're passing. We serve our own exclusive and exquisite coffee here, freshly roasted and ground on site.

