

[Ernest Shackleton and the Farthest South](#)

Listen to the voice of Sir Ernest Shackleton as he announces the outcome of the Nimrod Expedition to the Antarctic, recorded in 1909.

[Sir Isaac Pitman – phonography and the phonograph](#)

Sir Isaac Pitman (The Pitman Collection, University of Bath) By Jonathan Summers, Curator of Classical Music When Isaac Pitman delivered a speech to the Phonographic Association in 1891 one would think it was to an assembled gathering of enthusiasts of Edison's discovery of sound recording in the form of the...

[Recording of the week: rain over the Iron Range](#)

This week's selection comes from Cheryl Tipp, Curator of Wildlife & Environmental Sounds. The early morning enthusiasm of this Australian dawn chorus, recorded in Queensland's Kutini-Payamu (Iron Range) National Park, hasn't been dampened by the weather. The sound of gentle rain is accompanied by a variety of vocalisations from birds...

[Recording of the week: Winnie-the-Pooh](#)

This week's selection comes from Steve Cleary, Lead Curator of Literary and Creative Recordings. This week's recording of the week features A. A. Milne reading from his children's classic Winnie-the-Pooh. This is a short excerpt from the complete chapter three featured on the disc, 'in which Pooh and Piglet go...

Recording of the week: securing the right to read

This week's selection comes from Josie Wales, Rights Clearance Officer for Unlocking our Sound Heritage. Along with many other libraries around the world, the British Library celebrated LGBTQ+ Pride this summer, with staff from St Pancras and Boston Spa joining the parades in York and London. This Recording of the...