

BL Sports Word of the Year 2022

Jonnie Robinson, Lead Curator of Spoken English, writes: A fortnight ago, I stumbled across BBC football correspondent, Ian Dennis, playing Radio 5 Live's World Cup Bauble Challenge with Breakfast presenters, Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards. While the game itself was mildly diverting, I was more intrigued to hear – in...

Recording of the week: 'Acts of protest: Women and the Indian independence movement'

This week's post comes from Chandan Mahal, Learning Projects Manager for Unlocking Our Sound Heritage. The figures of Mahatma Gandhi, Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Jawaharlal Nehru are well-known but we should also remember the many women who were active in the struggle to free India from British rule. The contributions...

'Exercise for all': Challenging barriers to access for disabled people

This Disability History Month, staff from across the British Library have collaborated on a series of blog posts to highlight stories of disability and disabled people in the Library's collections. Each week a member of staff will showcase an item from the collections and present it alongside commentary from a...

Recording of the week: 'Raising her

[father's grave: An interview with Titanic survivor Eva Hart'](#)

This week's selection comes from George Brierley, Audio Cataloguer at the British Library. It has been over 110 years since the sinking of RMS Titanic. In that time, there have been numerous attempts to raise the shipwreck from the bottom of the Atlantic. One of the first prominent expeditions to...

[Recording of the week: 'Is fiction truth or is it fantasy?' By Anita Desai](#)

This week's selection comes from Dr Eva del Rey, Curator of Drama and Literature Recordings. Author Anita Desai gives the 1994 Dawson Scott Memorial Lecture on International Writers' Day. The event took place at the Cafe Royal, London, organized by English PEN. In her lecture, Anita Desai discusses how writers...