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Special Collections

The University of Sussex holds a number of internationally acclaimed archival, manuscript and rare book collections, mostly relating to twentieth-century literary, political and social history. Our special collections include the papers of Rudyard Kipling, the New Statesman Archive, a series of collections relating to the Bloomsbury Group, including the Monks House Papers (Virginia Woolf), and over 60 other manuscript collections. The Mass-Observation Archive contains the papers of the social research organisation of the 1930s and 40s and continues to collect new material in the present day. We also hold the University's own archival and administrative records.

Special Collections to open at The Keep, 19 November 2013

During Summer 2013 Special Collections, including the Mass Observation Archive, moved from the University Library to its new home at The Keep.

The Keep will be opening for research from **19 November 2013**. A new website with access to catalogues for the combined collections of University of Sussex, East Sussex County Record Office and Royal Pavilion and Museums, Brighton & Hove as well as information on booking seats and reserving items will be available soon. Please keep checking this page for further information and links. Meanwhile, our catalogues are still available for browsing via the search box below.



The Keep (CGI © F10 Studios Ltd 2010)

The Keep is a new purpose built home for the archives and collections from the University of Sussex, East Sussex County Record Office and Royal Pavilion and Museums, Brighton & Hove. The building will provide state of the art storage facilities alongside spaces for research and teaching using the collections and is situated a short walk away from the University Campus. [Find out more...](#)

Special Collections on Twitter

Special Collections of the University of Sussex at The Keep: home to the Mass Observation Archive, the papers of Virginia Woolf, Rudyard Kipling and many more.



Special collections staff are out in force for tonight's [Sussex Open House](#) event. 'What is Happiness' event. Could it be because it's in a pub?

RT [@MassObsArchive](#): Mark Bhatti is currently talking about MO, happiness & gardens as part of the [#ESRCfestival](#) [#HappyMOA](#) pic.twitter.com/xJY0Cby7k9

We're testing the systems at [#TheKeep](#) tomorrow with help from lots of lovely faux-researchers. Very grateful for their time and help.

This lovely lady has brought her corgis to meet [#TheQueen](#) at [#TheKeep](#). pic.twitter.com/DL2vobz5kf

[@chriskeene](#) [@brightonarqus](#) Today just gets more and more exciting!

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