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The National Library exists to preserve the memory of Scotland. Our rich collections capture every conceivable aspect of human pursuit. They form the chapters of our nation’s collective story – our understanding of where we came from and what the future holds.

Since being established as the Library for the people of Scotland in 1925, we have extended our reach exponentially, to anyone with an interest in our nation’s rich heritage. Wherever they are in the world and whether they are interested in sound collections, business archives, digital journals and newspapers or historical manuscripts, our impact and our community of users is growing by the day.

But the Library’s impact would be much diminished without philanthropic support. The investments made by a visionary community of supporters underpin all that we are able to deliver.

“Being a patron provides wonderful opportunities to learn in detail about the work of the Library and to be made aware of what a valuable institution it is and how lucky Scotland is to have this resource.”

Patron, Brenda Rennie

Over the past few years, our supporters have helped us to:

- Safeguard the most valuable published and recorded memories of Scotland – from fragile or ‘lost’ Mediaeval and ancient manuscripts to the archives of some of our most accomplished literary figures
- Extend our reach to the West of Scotland, via the ambitious Kelvin Hall development in Glasgow
- Digitise, and open up, huge swathes of our collections – from the vast and diverse Antiquarian Books of Scotland collection to some of the earliest travel photographs
- Engage hundreds of schoolchildren via innovative workshops, tours and performances.
As we look to the future, our supporters will play an important role in establishing the National Library as one of Europe’s leading libraries. Together we can pioneer the way in which information is shared and interpreted. We can forge international research collaborations and drive the pursuit of valuable new knowledge.

In partnership we can afford the highest standards of preservation and protection to the nation’s invaluable collections. We will invest not only in the Library’s expert conservators, but also the educators, curators and story-tellers who bring our collections to life for the broadest possible audiences.

Above all, we want to engage in a partnership with our supporters to reach beyond the Library’s walls and engender a spirit of discovery and exploration.

Will you help us?

If you have a lively interest in Scotland’s cultural heritage, and value the Library’s collections and ambitions, will you consider joining our community of Patrons and Benefactors today? In addition to helping the Library to flourish, you will have the opportunity to meet our experts, be part of a community of like-minded supporters, and get an insider’s view of our collections.

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“We joined as Benefactors of the National Library of Scotland so that we could support the preservation of manuscripts, rare books and other unique material in the national collection. Supporting in this way means that people will be able to study and learn from these treasures, or even just enjoy them, for years to come.”
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