



Guide No. 8 Online resources for meeting librarians

This is a list of online resources that may be useful to Quaker meeting librarians in the UK. It focuses on resources which are freely available on the web and includes:

Quaker online book collections

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Quaker online book collections

Digital Quaker collection <http://esr.earlham.edu/dqc/>

Digital library containing over 500 Quaker works from 17th and 18th centuries

Catalog of old Quaker Writings <http://www.qhpress.org/catalog/index.html>

Selection of 17th - 19th century Quaker writings available in print or online (with links)

Quaker writings homepage maintained by Peter Sippel

<http://www.qhpress.org/quakerpages/qwhp/qwhp.htm>

Online transcripts: "A diverse miscellany of Christian Quaker writings from all time periods, including multiple perspectives and different genres."

Quaker Electronic Archive <http://www.qis.net/~daruma/>

Contains excerpts on Quaker writings as well as general information on Quakerism

Tract Association of Friends <http://www.tractassociation.org/>

Online Quaker tracts, pamphlets and longer works published by the Friends Tract Association of Philadelphia

Contemporary selections <http://www.Quaker.org>

US Quaker site including selected writings and video of contemporary Friends

Quaker pamphlets <https://quaker.org/legacy/pamphlets/index.html>

Selected William Penn lectures, Quaker Universalist Fellowship pamphlets and others

Pendle Hill pamphlets published as kindle books available from Amazon

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=pendle+hill+pamphlets>

Other online book collections

Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/>

Digital library of websites and other cultural artefacts including 20 million books and texts

Project Gutenberg <http://www.gutenberg.org>

Gives access to 70,000 free e-books

Google books http://books.google.com/advanced_book_search

Use the Advanced search and click on 'Full view only' to access full text through this service

The Online Books Pages <http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/>

Website that facilitates access to books that are freely available over the internet, with indexes of authors, subjects and titles

Journal articles and theses

Digital commons <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/>

A gateway to digital scholarly output containing some free full text material

Ethos <https://ethos.bl.uk/>

The UK national thesis service from the British Library

Images online

Creative commons <https://search.creativecommons.org/> Website that allows searching of images and other creative work available for free and legal sharing and re-using

Wikimedia Commons <https://commons.wikimedia.org> Website of searchable images uploaded by contributors, licensed for re-use in various ways

National Portrait Gallery <https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search.php>
Search by sitter or artist for portraits. Images licensed for re-use, free or for a fee

British Quaker meeting houses photostream <https://www.flickr.com/photos/qmh/>
A gallery of images of meeting houses in Britain by John Hall

Triptych Tri-College Digital Library <http://triptych.brynmawr.edu/>
Digital images and texts from Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Swarthmore Libraries, USA

Quaker library websites, catalogues and other bibliographic resources

Library of the Society of Friends, London <https://www.quaker.org.uk/library>

Catalogue of the Library of the Society of Friends, London
<https://www.quaker.org.uk/catalogue>

Cadbury Library, Birmingham University (including Woodbooke collection)
https://birmingham-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo-explore/search?vid=44BIR_VU1&tab=local

Haverford College Library, Quaker and Special Collections
<https://www.haverford.edu/library/quaker-special-collections>

Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College
<https://www.swarthmore.edu/Library/friends>

Tripod <https://tripod.brynmawr.edu/> combined online library catalogue of Brynmawr, Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges (Pennsylvania) including the Quaker collections.

Brotherton Library, University of Leeds, Quaker archives
https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/1500/special_collections

University of Essex, Special Collections
<https://libwww.essex.ac.uk/speccol.htm>

Midgley Reference Collection at John Rylands University Library of Manchester
https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands/special-collections/a-to-z/detail/?mms_id=992983876730801631

Other library websites

British Library <https://www.bl.uk/> British Library, the national library of the UK

Library Hub Discover <https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/> Union catalogue of British national, university and research libraries

World Cat <https://worldcat.org> OCLC's on-line freely available on-line union catalogue, giving library holdings near any specified location

English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC) <http://estc.bl.uk> for records of books published before 1801, searchable through British Library website

LibraryThing <https://www.librarything.com/> social cataloguing website which non-members can also browse (includes some Quaker meeting libraries)

Librarianship websites

Professional organisations

CILIP Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, UK
<https://www.cilip.org.uk/>

Discussion lists for meeting librarians and church librarians

Quaker meeting librarians cluster. Email discussion group for meeting librarians in Britain Yearly Meeting. Contact the library to register

LibraryThing Quaker meeting libraries group (for users of LibraryThing social cataloguing software) <http://www.librarything.com/groups/quakermeetinglibrari>

Church Librarians Network (USA) <https://churchlibrarians.ning.com/>

Selection and acquisition

Publishers

QUIP <http://www.quakerquip.org/>
Quakers Uniting in Publications – links to Quaker booksellers and publisher worldwide

Booksellers

Quaker Centre Bookshop <https://www.quaker.org.uk/resources/bookshop>
Searchable and browsable catalogue and on-line shop

QuakerBooks of FGC bookshop <https://www.quakerbooks.org/>
Searchable and browsable catalogue, on-line shop, book guides and reading lists

Bookshop.org <https://uk.bookshop.org/>
Online bookseller supporting independent bookshops

Amazon UK <https://www.amazon.co.uk>
Online bookseller. New and second hand books, with reviews and previews

Waterstones <https://www.waterstones.co.uk>

Abe Books <https://www.abebooks.co.uk>
Online marketplace for second hand and antiquarian booksellers

Bibliophile Books <https://www.bibliophilebooks.com>
Cut-price bookseller's catalogue available on-line

Postscript Books <https://www.psbooks.co.uk/>
Mail order and online remaindered books catalogue

Preservation

British Library <https://www.bl.uk/blpac>
Advice from the BL and leaflets from the former National Preservation Office

Library of Congress <https://www.loc.gov/preservation/family/ftpreserv.html>
Preservation advice for non-professionals, includes demonstration of air-drying, etc.

Older books

ABE books <https://abe.co.uk> (see above)

ESTC <http://estc.bl.uk/>
English Short Title Catalogue of English books published before 1801

Research

Archive websites

The National Archives <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>
Formerly Public Record Office (Kew). Holds central government records (including original Quaker birth, marriage and burial records from the Registrar General's Office. Now searchable online at <https://www.bmdregisters.co.uk/>).

Discovery, The National Archives catalogue <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>.
Includes The National Archives catalogue and archives catalogues, from across the UK

ARCHON <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archon>
Contact details and access information for UK record offices.

Archives Hub <http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk/>
Gateway to archive catalogues of over 200 higher education and other archive repositories around the country.

Yorkshire Quaker Heritage Project and research guide

<http://www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk/research/research-guides/yorkshire-quaker-project.aspx> and

<http://www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk/research/research-guides/PDF/Researching-Yorkshire-Quaker-History.pdf>

No longer maintained, but includes guide to Yorkshire records and name indexes

Genealogy websites

BMD registers

<https://www.bmdregisters.co.uk/>

Non-conformist and non-parochial births, marriages and death records from The National Archives, including original Quaker registers (RG6 series)

Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives

<https://www.agra.org.uk>

Quaker Family History Society

<https://newtrial.qfhs.co.uk/>

Society of Genealogists

<https://www.sog.org.uk/>

Quakerism

British Quakers “About Quakers” pages

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/about-quakers>

Includes Our Faith, Quaker Journeys, Our Values, Our History, and meeting locator.

Quaker Information Centre, Philadelphia <https://quakerinfo.org/>

Information about Quakerism, including reading lists, FAQs on Quaker beliefs, with links to various on-line texts (Quakerism, peace, belief, worship, branches of Quakerism, etc.)

Quaker.org <https://www.quaker.org>

US list of links to websites, on Quakerism, Quaker literature, history and genealogy, miscellaneous resources and mailing lists.

Friends General Conference “Further reading” page

<http://www.fgcquaker.org/explore/further-reading>

Resources for newcomers from FGC: websites, leaflets, literature to buy, reading lists.

Peace

Peace Pledge Union peace education resources

<https://www.ppu.org.uk/>

Swarthmore College Peace Collection

<https://www.swarthmore.edu/library/peace/index.htm>

Including links to resources for peace research and peace history online.

Blogs, discussion groups and podcasts

UK Web Archive collection of Quaker websites

<https://www.webarchive.org.uk/en/ukwa/collection/2436> includes archived copies of 299 UK Quaker websites, including blogs, going back over a decade.

QuakerSpeak, weekly podcasts from *Friends Journal*, US magazine

<https://quakerspeak.com/>

A Quaker Take, podcast from British Quakers

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/podcast>

Further advice

For further advice please contact the Library at Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. Phone 020 7663 1135. Email library@quaker.org.uk.

Join the Quaker Meeting Librarians Cluster for email discussion with other meeting librarians. Email library@quaker.org.uk to register.

Other leaflets in this series to download from <https://www.quaker.org.uk/meeting-librarians>

1. The Role of the Meeting Librarian
2. Selection and acquisition of stock
3. Cataloguing and arranging the meeting library
4. Equipment for a meeting library
5. Disposing of unwanted books
6. Caring for your books
7. Promoting the meeting library
8. Online resources for meeting librarians

Disaster preparedness: guidance for meeting librarians, clerks and custodians of records (Guides for custodians of records, no. 10)

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