In just five months, we implemented a new cloud hosted library search system, ‘DiscoverEd’, providing our users with unified discovery and ‘my account’ functionality; which we expect to significantly improve experience in finding and accessing resources: discovered.ed.ac.uk.

We also implemented a new library management platform, Alma, allowing us to streamline the development, description, management and analysis of our collections, supporting the continued massive growth in use of electronic resources.

Sharing our unique archive collections in the digital age
We are excited to be the first European partner to use and develop our online archive catalogue using ArchivesSpace. In collaboration with the international archives and developer community, we expect to deliver future developments including linking to images of items and connecting to our work on digital preservation. archives.collections.ed.ac.uk

Our service 14/15

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High Quality Collections

- ‘Timepieces’ by Katie Paterson

  Paterson graduated from Edinburgh College of Art in 2004 and is one of Scotland’s most highly regarded contemporary artists. Timepieces shows the exact time on a single point on each of the planets of the solar system, including the Moon.

First Rate Engagement

- Use of Centre for Research Collections increased by 25%, with a 22% rise in use of collections in teaching
- Eight exhibitions delivered during 2014/15: 12,000 visitors, 250 events, 7,000 participants
- New audiences reached via educational resources based on UNESCO-recognised LHSA collections hiv-aids-resources.is.ed.ac.uk

Attracting External Investment

- Total external funding received over the last 3 years has now exceeded £5 million
- With the support of funders, building work has commenced on the redevelopment of St Cecilia’s Hall, home of our world famous collection of historic musical instruments
- The Library Foundation Fund has reached £1 million following an excellent response to our alumni appeal

- 5,000 University of Edinburgh theses digitised, improving worldwide access to unique resources
- New self-service scanning facilities introduced in the CRC Wolfson Reading Room