

## Show & Tell - A Pilot Scheme in Special Collections

This initiative in Special Collections & Archives invites new staff to research and present items from the collection to their colleagues. It offers a new model of engagement that encourages deeper exploration of the collection, benefiting staff development, library users, and outreach efforts.



### Show & Tell

This is an initiative in Special Collections & Archives, where new staff select items from the collection and present their research findings to colleagues

### Conservation

Hands-on interaction with the collections allows us to identify conservation needs, support curation, and the preservation of items for the future, which improves access to our resources

### Reflections

Distinct books in our collection offer a window into the past & generate content for the future. This broadens our skill set by deepening our knowledge and strengthening our confidence

### Catalogue

By conducting in-house research on the collection, we can uncover new details such as inscriptions and notations that enrich and expand the catalogue record

### New Directions

Samuel Sturmy used volvelles to navigate the seas in his book *Mariners Magazine*, 1669. Show & Tell, like a volvelle helps us to navigate and explore our collections

### Readers

This initiative improves familiarity with the collection, enabling staff to better assist readers on their research journey. It also promotes future research opportunities for individuals

### Outreach

The insights gained from this project allow us to showcase unique items to the public through tours, exhibitions and social media outreach, enhancing both our visibility and accessibility to the wider community

### Staff Development

This initiative is beneficial for generating knowledge of the collection, developing research and presentation skills, building staff confidence, and team building

