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Last year we started a Collection Moves programme of low to nil use items to a new storage facility at our Boston Spa site, in West Yorkshire. It is the largest programme of moves we have undertaken since the opening of St Pancras in 1998 and it is intended to secure the condition of these items for the long term.

Latest news on Collection Moves

The move of items to the new Additional Storage Building in Boston Spa is progressing on time, and the transfer of all the assigned material is due to be completed and subsequently accessible to Readers by mid-January 2011. Material will be delivered to Reading Rooms in St Pancras within 48 hours.

The embargo on items with the following shelf marks has now been lifted, and they are available again:

Science Periodicals (P)AA00-E(1) to (P)WZ999-X(999)

In the meantime, some items are currently being moved to the Additional Storage Building from our Woolwich and Micawber Street sites, and are temporarily inaccessible. The detailed list of shelf marks for these items is available on our website at www.bl.uk/collectionmoves, with weekly updates, as material returns to circulation. The Integrated Catalogue also confirms if a particular item is unavailable.

Sound Archive Collections

With the lease of the Micawber Street site expiring this year, the Sound Archive Collections stored there have now been transferred to the Additional Storage Building at Boston Spa and to our St Pancras site.

Newspapers

The move of the print copies of the UK national newspapers collection from storage at 120 Colindale Avenue to the Additional Storage Building at Boston Spa has also now been completed. These are still available at the Newspaper Library in Colindale, in microfilm or digital format.

We will keep you regularly updated on this Collection Moves programme. The next news bulletin will be available in December 2010. You can also visit www.bl.uk/collectionmoves

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