Where in the Leighton Library? Seek & Spot Photo Fun

Can you find all of these features in the Leighton Library? When you spot each one, tick it off.





Book Presses

The bookcases or cupboards in the Leighton Library are called presses. A press is an older word for a cupboard built into a wall.

Feet on Presses

Wooden feet beneath the book presses let a flow of air get under and behind the book cases to help stop books becoming damp.





Card Index Drawers

These drawers contain cards in alphabetical order by the name of the authors. These cards show where each book can be found in the library.

Chairs of wood and leather

Still to be seen in the library are the chairs which were made for the library as part of the gift of the books and money to build the library.





Ribbon

Sometimes pages or covers on older books become loose, so tying a ribbon around the book can help stop it falling apart.

Radiator Grilles

The temperature and humidity of the Leighton Library Library are monitored, and controlled with heating and dehumidifier.





Book Cushion and weighted snake

To help stop old books getting damaged when opened, they are laid on a book cushion so the spine doesn't split, and the pages are held open with a snake of cloth filled with weights.

Description Cards

These tell you about some of the books in the Leighton Library.



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Vellum book binding

Vellum is made from calf, goat, or sheep skin, which is soaked, scraped and stretched. It does not easily tear

Fireplace

One of the rules for the first librarians of the Leighton Library was about how often to light the fire to help make sure the books did not become damp



Window Shutters

Light can damage books by making the print fade, so shutters on either side of the windows are closed across the windows when the library is not open.

Ceiling Vent

Ceiling vents help air flow in the library, and one of these vents also opens to get into the attic space when using a ladder.



Index Paper Slip

Each book has a slip of paper slightly sticking out between pages. This shows the location of the book (press number, shelf letter, and position on the shelf from left to right) written in pencil on the slip.



Leather Bound Books

Most books in the Leighton Library are bound in leather. Leather is made from animal skins which have been treated with chemicals. Leather is stretched over sturdy boards (made of wood or thick cardboard).



Chandelier Lights

Lighting in the Leighton Library when it was built would likely have been with candles. The chandelier in the ceiling uses low-energy electric lighting.