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Opening hours:

Monday: 09.30 – 19.00

Tuesday: 09.30 – 17.00

Wednesday: 09.30 – 19.00

Thursday: 09.30 – 17.00 (Restricted access to Local Studies Collection)

Friday: 09.30 – 17.00

Saturday: 09.30 - 15.30

Sunday: No access to Local Studies Collection

Births, Deaths and Marriages, England and Wales

Registrar General's Indexes from 1837 – 2003 (microfiche)

Ancestry/ Findmypast – free* access through Cumbria Libraries public network of computers.

*Normal computer charges apply; concessions available.

Census returns

1841 – 1901 Westmorland on fiche

1981 - 1911 Ancestry/ Findmypast – free* access through Cumbria Libraries public network of computers to all census records for England and Wales. *Normal computer charges apply; concessions available.

International genealogical index (IGI)

1992 edition for England, Wales and Scotland on microfiche. Free*access to Familysearch through Cumbria Libraries public network of computers. *Normal computer charges apply; concessions available.

Parish Registers

Small number of transcripts and published sources. Free *online access to some registers through Cumbria Libraries public network of computers. *Normal computer charges apply; concessions available.

Directories

County and regional directories from 1829 – 1938.

Kendal and neighbourhood directories for 1953, 1963, 1965, 1974

Unpublished indexes

A large proportion of the books are not included in the online catalogue but are listed in an unpublished catalogue within the library.

Card index for ephemeral files and photographs

Maps

Large selection of Ordnance Survey maps from 1st edition, including county series 6" and 25" to 1 mile through to modern day on various scales

Additionally, there is a small collection of pre-OS county maps dating back to early 18th century.

Photographs

Large collection of photographs from mid 19th century to modern day. Notable collections include Geoffrey Berry Photograph Archive, works of Moses Bowness, Joseph Hardman, postcards and personal scrapbooks. There is an extensive collection available online at www.cumbriaimagebank.org.uk

Newspapers

Microfilmed copies of local newspapers.

For holdings see <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/localstudies/newspaper.asp>

Journals

Large collection of journals and newsletters published by local societies and interest groups.

Ephemeral collection

Several thousand items such as handbills, posters, pamphlets, annual reports, newspaper cuttings, and other printed material.