

# Larkin: New Eyes Each Year

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Checked in	Philip Arthur Larkin
	<p>New eyes each year Find old books here, And new books, too, Old eyes renew; So youth and age Like ink and page In this house join, Minting new coin.</p>
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<p>Larkin: New Eyes Each Year</p> <p>All a reader has a right to be told is what other work a writer has published; the author who supplies more can be suspected of vanity, the reader who expects more of illegitimate curiosity...</p> <p>Letter to <i>The Listener</i> 15 October 1953 from Philip Larkin, Queen's University, Belfast.</p>	<p>Welcome. The 'illegitimate curiosity' to know more than just the works that Philip Larkin published has inspired many documents and documentaries, as well as this exhibition.</p> <p>Although renowned as a poet, Larkin described himself as a librarian. As the Librarian at the University of Hull, he was fundamental in developing the study store-house that became this, the Brynmor Jones Library. Librarians provided outlets for his personality, his ambitions and his desires.</p> <p>Throughout his life, Larkin lived among words in books, diaries, notebooks and letters. When it was finally cleared, his own house was found to contain thousands of books. Over 3,700 of these, along with 11,000 letters, are now conserved together in the university's archives in the Hull History Centre, a public</p>
<p>resource available to all. An hours' deuvre of those rich collections is displayed here, together with personal possessions that have been acquired by The Philip Larkin Society.</p> <p>Creating an exhibition, like writing poetry, is a process of elision, and we have tried to avoid adding more words. Visitors are invited to become immersed in the images, sounds, and artefacts we have collated from Larkin's physical environment and to make their own connections.</p> <p>Books by and about Philip Larkin are provided on trolleys for browsing (Please note: the shelved books are not for handling) A selection of books are also available to buy and take home.</p> <p>Thank you for coming to <i>Larkin: New Eyes Each Year</i> today.</p> <p>Anna Farthing Curator</p>	

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