

Saving The World's Endangered Archives

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Although people today think nothing of sharing photographs on Facebook and other social media, there are more important pictures out there than your holiday snaps. In 2004, a group of far-sighted academics aided by a like-minded charitable fund set up the Endangered Archives Programme. The British Library, the world's leading research institution, has been instrumental in developing this programme, and recently it announced that the EAP has now digitised and put on-line **over four million images** from around the world.

To mark its tenth anniversary, the fund has also published a book *From Dust To Digital: Ten Years Of The Endangered Archives Programme*, which retails for £29.95 in hardback but can currently be read free on-line at the Open Book Publishers website.



Tifinagh inscriptions on the rock in the Acacus Mountains(Libya) dated from 400 BC and all the way to modern age.

The British Library also has a fine **collection of digitised manuscripts** in its own right, and next month it will be putting on what it says is a once in a lifetime exhibition. *Magna Carta: Law, Liberty, Legacy* opens on March 13 and will run until September 1; adult tickets are £12.00, and can be booked on the **Library's website**.



Endangered archives destroyed by the extreme wet conditions and insect infestations in Mizoram – one of the wettest place on our planet – northeast India. Credits: Dr Kyle Jackson

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