

Chester Beatty Reading Room

Digital Photography Policy

Photography is permitted for the purposes of private research only. Images made may not be published or reproduced in any form, including publication online. High resolution images suitable for publication must be obtained from our Digital Department (photographicservices@cbl.ie).

The Library reserves the right to deny permission for photography, subject to the condition of the materials.

Materials must be handled with great care, and may not be manipulated in any way for the purposes of photography. Books must remain in the cradle provided. Pressure should not be applied to any part of the document: snakes or weights may be used to secure pages. Loose documents must remain flat, in the folder provided. Any mistreatment of materials will result in the termination of access.

Photography may not be allowed at certain times, when doing so may prove disruptive to other readers.

Compact cameras, tablets and mobiles may be used for photography. Audible features must be switched off. Where a camera is used, a wrist or neck strap is recommended to prevent contact with materials.

The use of larger or SLR cameras is not recommended, and will require staff approval prior to the visit.

All materials must be photographed on the table. Readers are not allowed to stand on chairs or move furniture for the purposes of photography.

Readers must make do with available light sources. Flash photography, tripods, camera stands, scanners or additional lighting are not permitted.

No photographs may be taken of the Reading Room, other readers or staff.

Readers are responsible for recording the source of the image, to include collection inventory number and folio. It will not be possible for staff to identify images made after the fact.

It is the policy of the Chester Beatty Library that no entire work may be photographed.