

## Exploring Brontë Country

**Printed images** – We hold a collection of prints of Haworth and the surrounding countryside, including Ponden Hall and Sladen Valley (TY H137).

**A selection of new and historical visitors' guides** to Haworth and the nearby moors – including 1928's *Haworth and the Brontës: A Visitor's Guide* by William Reginald Mitchell (Y HAW 823).

**Walking guides, classic and modern** – including *Walks in Brontë Country* by Alan Lawson, 1938 (Y 914.281 LAW) and *Four countryside walks from the Pennine Village of Haworth: Walk amidst the moorland made famous by the Brontës and along packhorse routes used by traders in days gone by* (YP HAW 914).

**Aspects of life in Haworth** – including *Brontë Kitchen: Recipes from Haworth Families* by Victoria Wright (Y 641.5 WRI).

## Opening times

Monday – 9.00am – 8.00pm  
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## The Bronte Family Research Guide

Our Research Guides list some of the most useful, interesting and unique items in **Local and Family History** at **Leeds Central Library**. Many others are listed in our online and card catalogues.

**Please note:** Items marked \* require ID and possibly an appointment to view.



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## Material relating to the Brontës held by Leeds Local and Family History Library

It would be almost impossible to list all our items relating to the Brontë family, so this guide selects what we consider to be some of the most general and/or interesting works in our collection. Many other relevant items are listed on our online catalogue: <https://leeds.ent.sirsidynix.net.uk> but please be aware that some will only appear in our card index, which is available to consult in the Local and Family History Library.

## Publications of the Brontë Family

- **All the novels of the Brontë family**, including *Wuthering Heights*, *Jane Eyre*, *Shirley*, *Villette*, *The Professor*, *Agnes Grey* and *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* – in various editions since their original publication.
- **Shakespeare Head Collection of the Brontë Family Works**: 19 volumes including novels, letters, poetry and miscellaneous material, 1931-36 (shelf mark: SR 823.81 B789).\*
- **Unpublished material by Charlotte Brontë**, including *The Spell* and *The Search after Happiness* [sic] (Y 823 BRO).
- **The collected poems of Charlotte, Emily, Anne and Branwell Brontë** – various editions available (Y 821.8 BRO).
- **Specially-commissioned edition of *Jane Eyre***, published in Paris in 1923 – number 88 of 495 commissioned by Edmond Paix. Folio-sized with lithographs by Ethel Gabain (SRF 823.81 BRO).\*
- **An Account of her Honeymoon** by Charlotte Brontë, privately printed in 1930. One of 30 copies printed (SR 928.23 B78Y).\*
- **Works by Reverend Patrick Brontë**, including *Cottage Poems*, 1811 (SR 821.7 BRO) and *The Rural Minstrel*, 1813 (SR 821.79 BRO). Additionally two sermons from October 1842, reprinted 1885 (SR 252 B789).\*

## About the Brontës and their Works

**Brontë Society Transactions**, now known as ***Brontë Studies*** –

We hold a full run from Volume 1 (1895) to 2015 (Y 823 BRO) of this academic journal, which publishes essays on various diverse topics, from the eyesight of the Brontës to the economics of *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*. The index to the society transactions is available online at: [www.bronte.org.uk](http://www.bronte.org.uk)

- **Brontë Society ephemera**, including material from Annual General Meetings, events and conferences (Y 823 BRO).
- **A volume of newscuttings on the centenary of the Brontës** (1816-1916), including related ephemera (SRF B BRO).\*
- **Newscuttings on the Brontë-Heger letters**, 1896-1933 (YFB BRO).
- **A wide range of Brontë family biographies**, including the renowned *The Life of Charlotte Brontë* by E. Gaskell (Y B BRO).
- **Literary criticism** on the works of the Brontës, including *Charlotte Brontë's World of Death* by Robert Keefe (Y 823 BRO).
- **A selection of bibliographies** of Brontë works and letters, including *The Brontë Library* by Thomas James Wise (YQ 012.823 WIS), which was privately published in 1929.
- **A selection of plays and novels inspired by and about the Brontë family**, including *Catherine, Her Book* by John Wheatcroft (Y 813.54 WHE) and *Charlotte Brontë: A Play in Three Acts* by Rachel Ferguson (Y 822.91FER).

## The Brontë Parsonage

- **Programme to celebrate the opening of the old Parsonage**, Brontë Society, 1928 (YP 928.23 B78Y).
- **A descriptive catalogue of the objects in the museum of the Brontë Society at Haworth**, Brontë Society, 1896 (Y B BRO)
- **Catalogue of the [Brontë] Museum and Library**, Brontë Society, 1927 (Y 823 BRO).
- **Brontë Parsonage Museum**, 2010 Visitors' Guide (YP B BRO).