

## Hidden Treasures Brought to Life: Turning the Pages 2.0 competition for public libraries 2007

"My congratulations to the winners of the Hidden Treasures competition. UK public libraries are the envy of many and continue to play a part in our cultural lives. This competition gives the winners a fantastic platform to show their treasures to a wider audience through ground breaking technology. I hope it will inspire other libraries to use Turning the Pages to bring their treasures to new audiences."

Margaret Hodge, Minister for Culture,  
Creative Industries and Tourism



"Turning the Pages is a wonderful development technically, but its real value is in the way it makes often hidden treasures widely accessible. I am delighted with the results and I hope that this is the start of many Turning the Pages 2.0 facilities across the United Kingdom".

Tony Durcan, President of the  
Society of Chief Librarians

"The ability to provide digital access to unique material held in our public libraries is a critical part of supporting cultural heritage, history and diversity".

Elaine Fulton, Director of the Scottish Library  
and Information Council

"Belfast nominated three entries for consideration and we are delighted to have been chosen as one of the five winning 'Hidden Treasures' from a wealth of magnificent and fascinating works. The proof plates volume of George Leonard Staunton's 'An authentic account of an embassy from the king of Great Britain to the emperor of China' contain wonderful examples of late 18th century engraving, showing the scenery and social life of China at that time. Both Staunton, the Embassy's secretary and Earl Macartney, the Ambassador, were Irish and it is fantastic to think that their exploits will now be brought to life for a worldwide audience on the web, over 200 years later."

Katherine McCloskey, Chief Librarian, Belfast  
Education and Library Board

"This is an innovative way to bring treasures – including mine – to a new audience,"

Bill Gates

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in UK Public Libraries:  
a brief guide to making  
a funding application



