# **5 YEARS** OF BRITISH LIBRARY LABS

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- Art works

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- Building a future for BL Labs
- Engagement with creative industries

#### Evaluation



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Building Library Labs: Transforming relationships between people, technology, and digital collections

**Dr Adam Farquhar** Head of Digital Scholarship The British Library

https://www.bl.uk/projects/british-library-labs

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#### The Value of Experimentation

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The Fitzwilliam Museum

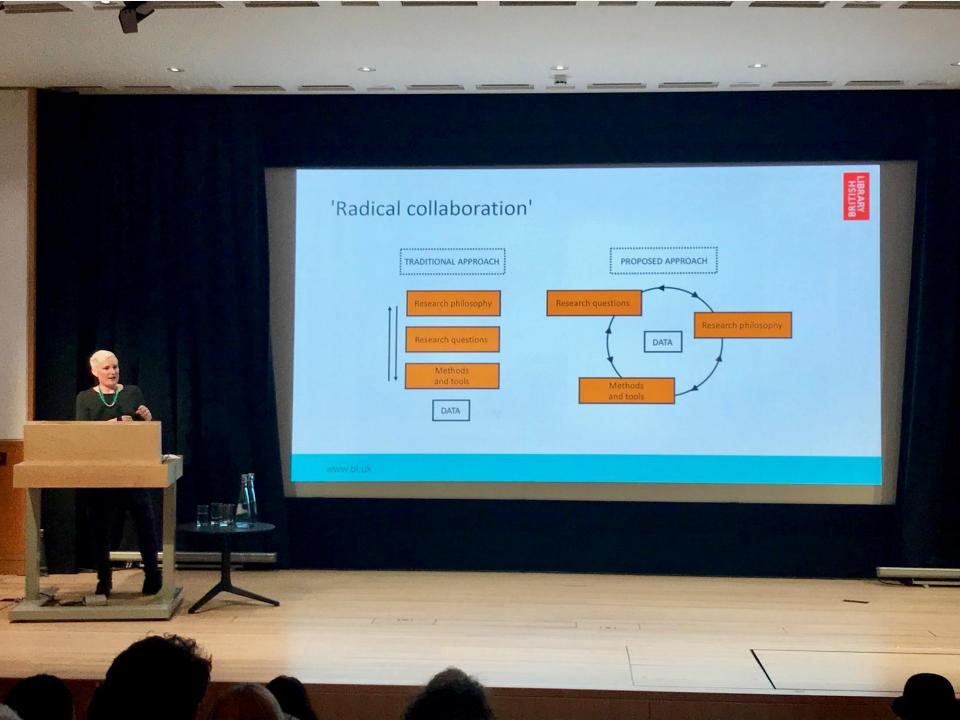
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### Living with Machines

Applying new methods to questions about the past to explore the future of collaboration between data science, history and digital humanities

Mia Ridge, Digital Curator for Western Heritage Collections @mia\_out



#### 3D at the British Library: 2015-2016

- Started in 2015: Hebrew manuscripts and Chinese oracle bones
- Method: photogrammetry, creating a 3D structure from a series of overlapping images
- Photography by Imaging Services, modelling using Agisoft PhotoScan







Oracle bone Or 7694/1595 rotating on turntable

Taking photos at the British Library Imaging Studio, prior to 3D modelling

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#### Staff Award

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David Sparling Head of Information Technology



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# **MORE INFO**

Website : <u>https://www.bl.uk/projects/british-library-labs</u>

Archive of BL Labs Awards, Competitions and Projects

Presentations (on Slideshare): <u>https://www.slideshare.net/labsbl/</u>

Samples of code (on Github) : <u>https://github.com/BL-Labs</u>

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