In "British Airways*: Dreams of Britain: My Top 10 London To Do's - My London Traditions. As I countdown to our trip to London in November, it's time to start making lists of things to do in order to make the most of my time there. So, I thought it'd be cool to share my list of things that I do in London every time I… The British Library is not just the largest library in terms of number of items catalogued in London, but the world. Though you need to be a resident of the UK to be able to access the reading rooms, once you are eligible the membership is free to the 150 million items, sourced from across the world. A copy of everything ever published in the UK is held by the library which was created in 1973 and the institution plays host to many groundbreaking exhibitions and research projects conducted throughout the year. More info. Open In Google Maps. The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom and one of the world’s greatest libraries. We hold over 13 million books, 920,000 journal and newspaper titles, 57 million patents and 3 million sound recordings. Open to everyone, the Library also offers exhibitions, events and a Treasures Gallery that displays over 200 items, including The Lindisfarne Gospel, Leonardo da Vinci’s notebook, Shakespeare’s First Folio, lyrics by The Beatles and the world’s earliest dated printed book, Diamond Sutra. British Library 96 Euston Road London NW1 2DB. Tues â€“ Sat â€“. Galleries, Reading Rooms, shop and catering opening times vary. Nearly 350 libraries in Britain have shut their doors over the past six years, with many more facing the threat of closure. These spectacular images underline their worth, with many breathtaking book collections located in stunning rooms, both new and old. From university rooms in Oxford that have housed literary works for centuries, to vast modern buildings costing Â£35 million featuring criss-cross Hogwarts-style staircases, MailOnline Travel presents the libraries worth writing home about. Scroll down for video. The Codrington Library was completed in 1851 and features white marble statues th