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Wisdom. The National Art Library at the Victoria and Albert Museum was gorgeous, and filled with eclectic s collections that ranged from handwritten Keats and Dickens manuscripts to books that were pieces of art themselves. A Museum was incredibly quirky and fun. The Shakespeare Centre Library and Arden Shakespeare small, but full of treasures, like a Shakespeare First Folio (one of three I got to see!). The public libraries we visited, the Library in London and the Central Lending Library in Edinburgh, were exemplary, with rich collections, excellent programming, and award-winning librarians. The sole academic library we visited as a group, the Bodleian in Oxford, intimidating, beautiful, and steeped in history. Our visits to the British Museum and the Museum of London overwhelming, but they were full of incredible artifacts and stories. The National Archives of Scotland was such an i resource that I was determined to find my Scottish ancestors and look them up in the Archives during my next Edinburgh. Though each information centre captivated me, the British Library felt like my mothership. Halfway thro visit, I thrBT 1 of