‘Illuminating Cambridge Libraries’ visits the Heong Gallery! Photographer Sara Rawlinson presents the latest installment of her photographic series, exhibiting images from more than 24 College libraries. On display from 11-17 February 2019, 10:30am-6pm each day; private view Mon 11 Feb 6:30-8:30pm.

Honouring features that enable the dissemination and preservation of knowledge, photographer Sara Rawlinson captures the aesthetic environment in which books and documents are displayed and preserved. She showcases the tangible materials, genuine textures, and ephemeral light that all work together to create the contemplative spaces in which knowledge circulates and thrives. The ‘Illuminating Cambridge Libraries’ series aims to photograph one library from each of the 31 Colleges of the University of Cambridge. This exhibition shows images from 25 Colleges.

The exhibition will also feature several historic lecterns designed in the late 17th century by Christopher Wren, on loan from (and with thanks to) the Wren Library at Trinity College. The Private View will include readings by Cambridge-based poet Michael Brown of poetry that he wrote within the library at Pembroke College. The poetry and the lecterns are both designed to further the experience as the viewer enjoys, ponders, meditates on the fabric of libraries.

Rawlinson grew up in her grandma’s darkroom in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After a short stint in academic science, she now runs a full-time fine art photography studio from her home in Cambridge, UK. The complete ‘Illuminating Cambridge Libraries’ series thus far includes nearly 1500 photographs from 25 libraries. Her other concurrent fine art photography series is a visual meditation on searching for serenity within the hidden delights of King’s College Chapel. She recently had three images shortlisted for Historic Photographer of the Year 2018.

Throughout the exhibition, fine art giclee prints will be available for sale or to order in custom sizes. Sara herself will be on site during all opening hours, so take a few minutes to stop by and say hello. To learn more or register for the Private View, visit www.sararawlinson.com.

Figure captions are as follows: 20180911 = Sara's bio photo (from up in the cherry picker in King’s College Chapel); ChC = Churchill College Library; JC = Jesus College's Old Library; KC = King’s College Library; KCC = King’s College Chapel; NC = Newnham College Library; PC = Pembroke College Library. Note: two of the three HPOTY award winning images are KC_NIK4093 and JC_NIK0684.