THE LIBRARY OF TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN
LEABHARLANN CHOLÁISTE NA TRÍONÓIDE, OLLSCOIL ÁTHA CLIATH

Special Collections: EPB and M&ARL

Shane Mawe & Estelle Gittins
05/10/17
Welcome to HITS:

Early Printed Books and Manuscripts 2017

• Shane Mawe, Assistant Librarian, EPB
• Estelle Gittins, Assistant Librarian, Manuscripts
Introduction

What is an ‘Early Printed Book’?

Early developments of the printing trade.

EPB Reading Room – a few rules.
HITS: Early Printed Books & Special Collections

Location & Opening Hours

Find us via the Berkeley Library tunnel.

Remember to use the online library maps http://www.tcd.ie/Library/maps-floorplans/old-library/epb.php

10 am - 5 pm plus “Late opening for early printed” on Tuesday & Wednesday ‘till 8 pm and Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm.
Holdings

What Has To Be Consulted In EPB?

All the material in the Long Room.
Pre-1950 material in Santry.
Modern Irish fiction and poetry.
Limited editions, vulnerable items and privately printed material.
18th -20th c. Irish Newspapers.
Sourcing Material

Three Main Catalogues

Online Library ‘Stella’ Catalogue.

Accessions Catalogue – currently mounted in Flickr.

Printed Catalogue (Online)- via Library Homepage.
Tips For Using Our Catalogues

All books with a prefix of OL or OLS are in EPB – think ‘Old Library’ and ‘Old Library Stacks’.

Other call numbers/locations include FAG., Papyrus Case, Long Room material e.g. F.a.12, Gall. and pre-1950 material located in Santry.
Tips For Using Our Catalogues

Remember: The catalogue can guide you. Look for notices such as:

Early Printed Books Stacks (use call slip)

Also, if in doubt just ask!
Access To The Collections

• The College Community (Staff, Post-Graduates, Under-Graduates etc.)

• Academics & Researchers from outside the college – visiting professors etc.
HITS: Early Printed Books & Special Collections

www.digitalcollections.tcd.ie

Trinity College Library’s Newest Digital Resource

– Online Digital Library
  • FREE FREE FREE !!!
  • Accessible by anyone anywhere with an internet connection

– What Does it Do?
  • Digital Library Collections access with zoom tools
  • Direct download of pages as JPEGs
  • Direct Download of whole volumes as PDF
  • QR codes to provide PDF downloads to mobile devices
What’s In It?

- A rapidly growing digital content resource
- Special collections focus
  - Early Printed Books & Manuscripts
  - Many TCD Collections and Exhibitions
HITS: Early Printed Books & Special Collections

Come and take a look and let us know what you think

- Email: digitalcollections.tcd.ie
- Facebook: Digital Collections Trinity College Library Dublin
Why Go To Early Printed Books & Special Collections?

No choice! Your books will automatically be redirected and delivered.

Nice quiet reading room.

Opportunity! Your chance to view collections of great importance.
What are manuscripts and archives?

- Primary source material - unique and irreplaceable records
- Created by individuals, families, institutions, businesses
- Many physical formats – papyrus, skin (vellum/parchment), paper, photographs, maps, objects etc.
- Other archival terms include: muniments, repository, collection, record etc.
What is in the M&ARL Collection?

The Book of Kells and beyond...

Over 400 years of collecting has resulted in over 20,000 collections of manuscripts and archives dating from the 13th century BC to the present day

Collections can range from a single fragment of papyri to hundreds of boxes of estate papers

Collections can be in many languages
What is in the M&ARL collection?

• Pre-medieval – Egyptian and Greek papyri, cuneiform tablets

• Medieval – Latin, Irish, Middle English, Icelandic and Romance language manuscripts

• Arabic, Middle Eastern and Ethiopic manuscripts

• Roman Inquisition papers

• Rebellion papers – 1641 depositions, 1798 papers, 1916 material
What is in the M&ARL collection?

- Genealogy and local history
- Music
- Family and estate papers
- Irish political papers – Dillon, Davitt
- Literary papers – JM Synge, Beckett
- Medical collections
- Science and exploration
- World Wars
- Trinity College Archives
How do I search the collection?

• MARLOC online catalogue available from Library home page
Using the search term ‘1916 rising’
Remember that the web can only provide a starting point for your research and you will need to use other finding aids to fully explore archives


- Un-published catalogues – available in the M&ARL Reading Room

- Copies of some manuscripts are available in a digital format via digitalcollections@tcd.ie, and others are available on microfilm in the multi-media area

- Ask an Archivist – email us on mscripts@tcd.ie
Planning your research visit

- It is always best to make contact in advance via mscripts@tcd.ie
- M&ARL is located in the Old Library, access is through the Old Library Shop
- Opening hours 10.00-16.00 Monday-Friday, 10.00-13.00 Saturdays during term time.
- There is one retrieval of manuscripts a day, at 11.00, excluding Saturday. Material ordered in advance will be available from 10.00
Visiting the M&ARL Reading Room

- New researchers required to complete research application form
- No bags, coats, food, cameras or mobile phones
- Only laptops, pencils and notepaper
- Instruction in the correct handling of original documents will be provided by the archivist
The Library of Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin

Manuscripts & Archives Research Library

mscripts@tcd.ie
http://www.tcd.ie/Library/manuscripts

Blog: https://manuscriptsattrinity.wordpress.com/

Early Printed Books

epbooks@tcd.ie
http://www.tcd.ie/Library/epb

Blog: https://mysterypagination.wordpress.com/

Follow us on Twitter: @ResearchColls
Thank You!