Rare Books and Manuscripts – Treasures of the Old Library

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Welcome to HITS

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Introduction

• Research Collections:
  • Music – Ussher Library
  • Map Library – Ussher Library
  • Manuscripts & Archives
  • Dept. of Early Printed Books
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Location & Opening Hours

• Our joint Reading Room is located in the West End of the Old Library Building.

• Contact epbooks@tcd.ie to arrange an appointment to view printed (EPB) holdings

• Contact mscripts@tcd.ie to arrange an appointment to view Manuscript and Archive holdings
Initial emails should include (if possible)

- author/title/shelfmark details of the work you wish to consult.
- Your contact details (student number, mobile phone number)

We will then be in touch offering you a time slot to come and visit—along with some notes on our COVID 19 policy.
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 – via Library Homepage

• Printed Catalogue (Online) - via Library Homepage.

Now the good news ... Lockdown/Working From Home Developments
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<td>1872 Catalogue</td>
<td>A fully searchable version of the &quot;Printed&quot; Catalogue, items acquired by the Library before 1872.</td>
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<td>Accessions Catalogue</td>
<td>A digitised version of our catalogue for material received between 1872 and 1964.</td>
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<td>Classic Catalogue</td>
<td>Works like a traditional library catalogue, it does not include direct links to articles as Stella does.</td>
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<td>Databases &amp; E-Books</td>
<td>Allows access to 300+ bibliographic, journal and e-book databases subscribed to by the Library.</td>
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<td>Digital Collections</td>
<td>Searches our digitised books, maps, paintings, manuscripts and photographs.</td>
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<td>E-Journals Only</td>
<td>An alphabetical list of journals which are available online via the Library. Off campus access is via username and password.</td>
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<td>Electronic Legal Deposit (UK) Articles</td>
<td>Over a million full-text articles dating from 2013 onwards. Only available from PCs in Library Reading Rooms.</td>
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<td>ISE Catalogue</td>
<td>Material at Belfast for doctoral and M.Phil. in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation students.</td>
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<td>MARLOC</td>
<td>The Manuscripts &amp; Archives Research Library Online Catalogue, and is growing</td>
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<td>Other Libraries</td>
<td>Are useful to find material not held by the Library of Trinity College Dublin.</td>
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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!
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Access To The Collections in Pre/Post COVID-19 Restrictions

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

• Academics & Researchers from outside the college – visiting professors etc.
Treasures include ...

• 4,000 French Drama titles from 17\textsuperscript{th} and 18\textsuperscript{th} centuries.
• 18\textsuperscript{th} and 19\textsuperscript{th} century Swift and Swiftiana collection.
• Pollard Collection: 10,000 children’s literature items ranging from the 17th to the early 20th centuries.
• Ballads! We have them ...1000 Irish slip ballads in the White Collection.
• WW1 Recruiting Posters. Fantastic collection of 234 items available to view online.
• Private Press collections from Ireland, England and America.
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https://digitalcollections.tcd.ie/

Trinity College Library’s 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
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What’s In It?

– A rapidly growing digital content resource
– Special collections focus
  • Early Printed Books & Manuscripts
  • Many TCD Collections and Exhibitions
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Digital Collections on Social Media

- Facebook: Digital Collections Trinity College Library Dublin
- Twitter: @DigitalColl
Virtual Trinity Library

https://www.tcd.ie/virtual-trinity-library/

- Opening up of the unique and distinct collections of the Library
- Catalogue, conserve, digitise and research these unique collections
- Share national memory, enrich society and facilitate international links between collections and people.
- Accessible to all through our Digital Collections repository
Virtual Trinity Library: Themes

- Dublin for Children's Literature: Trinity's Collections of Children's Literature
- Europe's Diverse Heritage: From Ussher's Library to the Fagel Library
- Global Culture: Papyrus and Objects
- Ireland's Creative Legacy: Performance, Creative Arts and Architecture Archives
- Ireland's Experiments and Great Discoveries: Mathematical, Scientific and Map Collections
- Ireland's Literary Heritage: Literary Archives
- Ireland's Medieval History: Medieval Manuscripts
- Ireland's Religious and Political Evolution: Religious, Legal, Political and Military Collections
- Trinity's Scholarly Contribution to the World: Trinity Icons
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&A 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&A 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&A 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’

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<td>Ireland in 1916 – an account of the rising in Dublin by Miss Elsie Mahaffy, illustrated with many...</td>
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<td>A collection of items concerning Miss Eileen M. Corrigan taking her exam in Trinity College...</td>
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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&A 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 in post-Covid times

• It is always best to make contact in advance via mscripts@tcd.ie

• M&A is located in the Old Library, access is through the Old Library Shop

• Appointments only
Visiting the M&A Reading Room

- New researchers required to complete research application form
- No bags, coats, or food
- Laptops, pencils and notepaper, cameras/mobile phones allowed
- Instruction in the correct handling of original documents will be provided by the archivist
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News! The Old Library is being redeveloped and we will soon be on the move!

Keep up to date with changes to opening hours, delivery times and more here ...
The Library is open to all current students and staff. To ensure your safety when accessing the Library and Study Spaces, remember to wear a face mask and maintain 2-metre social distancing. Pre-booking is mandatory, with a limit of 1 hour 45 minutes per booking.

MORE DETAILS AND PLAN YOUR VISIT
Evaluation time

Thank you all for popping along to our HITS session.

Please complete our evaluation form via the URL link or by uploading the QRcode using the camera on your phone.

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