

Introduction to Rare Books Cataloguing – Bibliography (Nov 19)

Please note that all the websites listed below were accessed in May 2019.

I. Book History

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Carter, John. *ABC for book collectors*. 8th ed. London: Oak Knoll Press and British Library, 2006.

<https://www.ilab.org/articles/john-carter-abc-book-collectors>

Gaskell, Philip. *A new introduction to bibliography*. Winchester: St Paul's Bibliographies; New Castle, DE: Oak Knoll Press, 2009.

National Diet Library, Japan. Dawn of Western Printing: Incunabula

<https://www.ndl.go.jp/incunabula/e/index.html>

(specially their glossary page <https://www.ndl.go.jp/incunabula/e/glossary/index.html> with a list of abbreviations and contractions)

Pearson, David. *Books as history: the importance of books beyond their texts*. 3rd ed. London: The British Library; New Castle, DE: Oak Knoll Press, 2012.

Werner, Sarah. *Studying early printed books, 1450-1800: a practical guide*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2019 <http://www.earlyprintedbooks.com/>

II. Cataloguing

Reference works

Anglo-American cataloging rules. 2nd ed. (AACR2) Chicago: ALA, 2002. (Available online via RDA Toolkit <http://access.rdatoolkit.org/>)

Cataloger's Desktop <http://desktop.loc.gov/search>

MARC 21 format for bibliographic data, 1999 edition by Library of Congress, Update No. 28 (May 2019) <http://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/>

OCLC Bibliographic format and standards <http://www.oclc.org/bibformats/en/default.shtm>

RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee. *Descriptive cataloging of rare materials, books* (DCRM(B). Washington, D.C.: Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, 2011.

<http://rbms.info/files/dcrm/dcrmb/DCRMB3.pdf>

Union catalogues

Jisc Library Hub Discover <https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/>

Karlsruhe Virtual Catalog (KVK) http://www.ubka.uni-karlsruhe.de/kvk_en.html

Worldcat <https://www.worldcat.org/>

Authorities

A Cambridge Alumni Database (ACAD) <http://venn.lib.cam.ac.uk/Documents/acad/2018/search-2018.html>

Clergy of the Church of England Database 1540-1835 (CCEd) <http://theclergydatabase.org.uk/>

Library of Congress Authorities <http://authorities.loc.gov/webvoy.htm>

Virtual International Authority File (VIAF) <https://viaf.org/>

Controlled vocabularies

Art and Architecture Thesaurus (AAT) <http://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabulary/aat/>

MARC code list for countries http://www.loc.gov/marc/countries/countries_name.html

MARC code list for geographic areas http://www.loc.gov/marc/geoareas/gacs_name.html

MARC code list for languages http://www.loc.gov/marc/languages/language_name.html

MARC Code list for relator terms: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/relators/relaterm.html>

Rare book and manuscript section (RBMS) Controlled vocabularies
http://www.rbms.info/committees/bibliographic_standards/controlled_vocabularies/index.shtml

Latin

Latin words for Rare Books Librarians <https://www.nls.uk/media/778068/latin-words-list.pdf>

Lewis & Short Latin dictionary <http://logeion.uchicago.edu/>

Nominative of Latin personal names
<http://beinecke1.library.yale.edu/info/bookcataloging/latinnames.htm>

Orbis Latinus online <http://www.columbia.edu/acis/ets/Graesse/contents.html>

RBMS Latin place names <http://rbms.info/lpn/>

Roman numerals converter http://www.novaroma.org/via_romana/numbers.html

Citation forms

Standard Citation Forms for Rare Materials Cataloging <https://rbms.info/scf/>

Signatures

Yale University Library, Rare book team. Signature-pagination table
<http://www.library.yale.edu/cataloging/rarebookteam/sigtable.htm>

Also see Gaskell and Bowers in section I.

Printers, publishers, booksellers, engravers

Benezit Dictionary of Artists <https://www.oxfordartonline.com/benezit/>

British Book Trade Index (BBTI) <http://bbti.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/> (Advanced search offers better results)

CERL Thesaurus <http://thesaurus.cerl.org/cgi-bin/search.pl>

McKerrow, Ronald B. *Printers' & Publishers' Devices in England & Scotland 1485–1640*. London: Printed for the Bibliographical Society at the Chiswick Press, 1913. <http://www2.kb.dk/elib/bhs/mckerrow/intro.htm> or <https://archive.org/details/b24749722/page/n8> (also available via CERL Thesaurus)

Plomer, H.R. *Dictionaries of the printers and booksellers who were at work in England, Scotland and Ireland 1557-1775*. London: Bibliographic Society, 1977. (Used in BBTI and CERL Thesaurus)

Pollard, Mary. *A dictionary of members of the Dublin book trade 1550-1800: based on the records of the Guild of St Luke the Evangelist, Dublin*. London: Bibliographical Society, 2000.

Provenance

Andriolo, Azzurra Elena and Reynolds, Suzanne, *Illuminated manuscripts in Cambridge: a catalogue of Western book illumination in the Fitzwilliam Museum and the Cambridge colleges*. Part five, Illuminated incunabula, volume one, Books printed in Italy. London: Harvey Miller, 2017.

The Bookplate Society. An Overview of Principal Styles of Bookplates in Britain 1600-2000
<http://www.bookplatesociety.org/styles.html>

Material Evidence in Incunabula (MEI) https://data.cerl.org/mei/_search

National Archives, *Palaeography: reading old handwriting 1500–1800: A practical online tutorial*
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography/default.htm>
(specially their reference page on dating, numbers, money, measurements and counties:
http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography/quick_reference.htm)

Pearson, David. *Provenance research in book history: a handbook*. Oxford: Bodleian Library, 2019.

Queens' Old Library Provenance & Bindings Database
<https://www.queensoldlibrary.org/Provenance-Bindings>

retroReveal project <http://retroreveal.org/>

Bookbinding

Bookbinding and the conservation of books, A dictionary of descriptive terminology by Matt Roberts and Don Etherington <http://cool.conservation-us.org/don/don.html>

British Armorial Bindings <https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/>

British Library Database of Bookbindings www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings

Care for bookbindings by the British Library Preservation Advisory Centre
<https://www.bl.uk/britishlibrary/~media/bl/global/conservation/pdf-guides/bookbindings-preservation-guide.pdf>

Decorated and Decorative Paper Collection by the University of Washington
<https://content.lib.washington.edu/dpweb/index.html>

Greenfield, Jane. *ABC of bookbinding: an unique glossary with over 700 illustrations for collectors & librarians*. New Castle, DE: Oak Knoll Press; New York, NY: Lyons Press, 1998.

Ker, Neil Ripley. *Fragments of medieval manuscripts used as pastedowns in Oxford bindings: with a survey of Oxford binding c. 1515-1620*. Oxford: Printed for the Oxford Bibliographical Society, 2004.

Oldham, J. Basil. *Blind panels of English binders*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1958 (2010 printing).

Oldham, J. Basil. *English blind-stamped bindings*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1952 (2010 printing).

Pearson, David. 'Bookbinding in Cambridge in the second half of the sixteenth century', in *For Love of the Binding: Studies in Bookbinding History Presented to Mirjam Foot*, ed. David Pearson. London and New Castle, DE: British Library and Oak Knoll Press, 2000, p. 169-196.

Pearson, David. *English bookbinding styles 1450-1800*. London: British Library & Oak Knoll Press, 2005.

Prints and illustration techniques

Gascoigne, Bamber. *How to identify prints*, 2nd ed. London: Thames & Hudson, 2004.

Graphics Atlas <http://www.graphicsatlas.org/identification/>

More examples and useful sites

DCRM(B) examples <http://rbms.info/digress/>

Lucille's diigo: <https://www.diigo.com/user/lucillemunoz>

RBMS web resources <http://lib.nmsu.edu/rarecat/>

Yale University Library, Rare Book Team
<http://beinecke1.library.yale.edu/info/bookcataloging/home.htm>

Google Translate Mobile App (scan the text and the translation will pop up immediately)