

Accessing the Collections

We are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00-13:00 and from 14:00-16:00. As opening times may occasionally vary to facilitate classes and tours, please email specoll@ul.ie in advance of your visit. The collections held in the Special Collections and Archives Department are stored in environmentally controlled strongrooms, and can only be accessed in the department's reading room. However, the preservation of these items does not stop at the door of the strong room—it continues into every interaction staff and users have with an archival record or rare book. These simple measures, outlined in the *Reading Room Rules* below, help us to preserve this material for posterity, without additional damage.



Reading Room Rules

- Advance booking is essential so that staff have time to prepare the material for your visit
- Readers must sign-in on entry
- Current photographic identification must be provided, e.g. Student Card, Passport, Driving Licence etc.
- Coats, bags, etc. are not permitted in the reading room
- Only 2B pencils may be used for note taking - these are available at the desk
- Food or drinks are not permitted in the reading room
- Mobile phones and devices must be silent
- All requests for photocopying and imaging must be made to Special Collections and Archives staff
- Items held in Special Collections and Archives are for reference only and may not be taken outside the reading room
- Items must be handled with great care at all times, and must not be marked in any way



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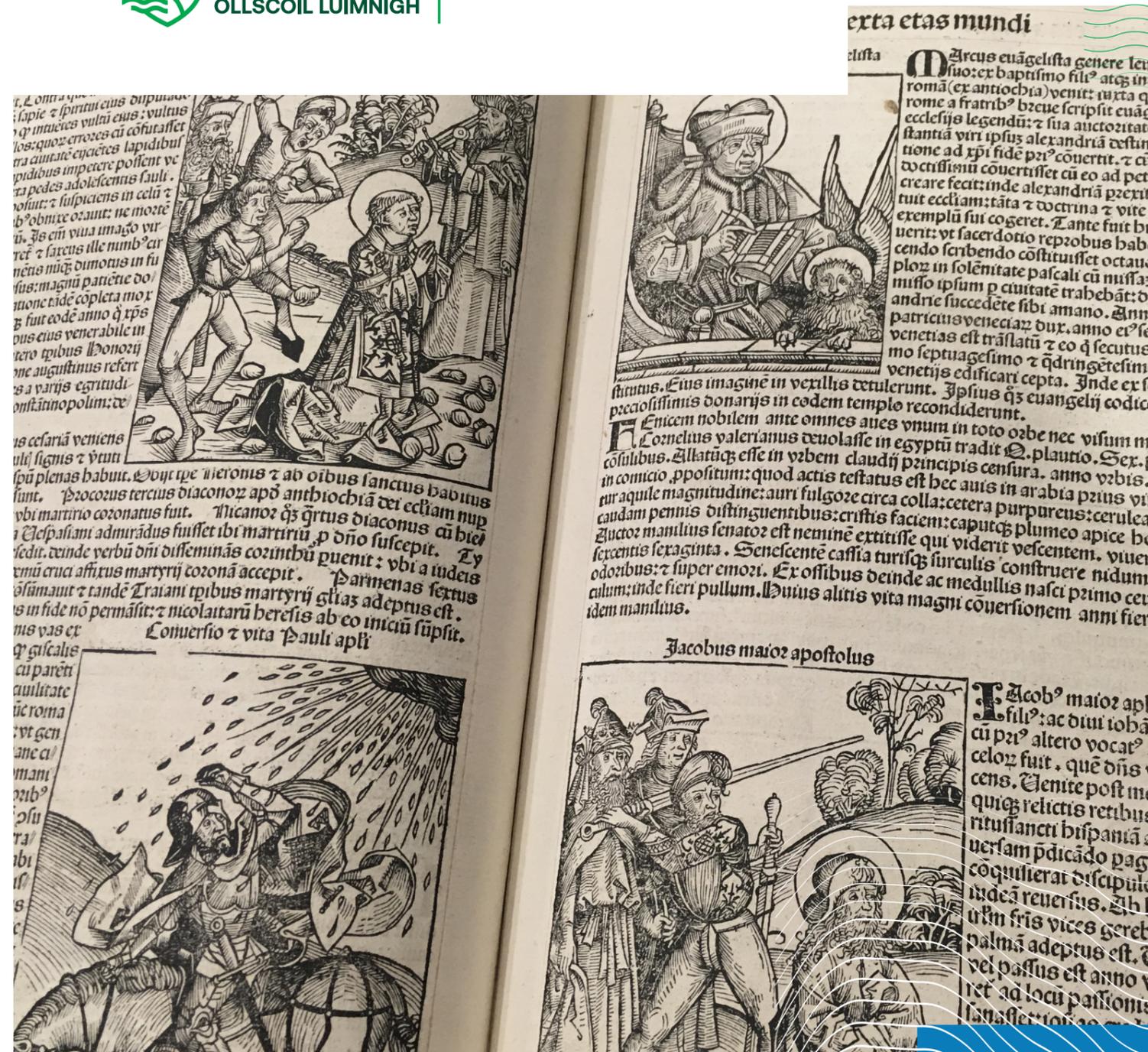
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Special Collections and Archives



What is the Special Collections and Archives Department?

The Special Collections and Archives Department seeks to acquire, preserve and provide access to unique and distinctive materials including rare books, manuscripts, archives and other primary sources, as well as collections of supporting published materials.

Our resources offer boundless opportunities for discovery and original research and are open to all those who are interested. Our material dates from around 400AD to present – we hold almost 2,000 years of history contained in over 2,000 boxes of archival material and 40,000 printed works. We have material relating to Limerick and the wider Munster region, as well as some items of national interest.

Archival collections are made up of unpublished material that cannot be found anywhere else. Archives contain primary sources – original and unique source material that provide evidence of past events and the activities of past people and institutions.

Our printed collections include rare, limited or first editions of books, locally printed journals and other rare printed material. Some of our collections also feature a number of 'incunabla,' which are books printed before 1501.

Our website, specialcollections.ul.ie, offers more information and content such as exhibitions, blogs, introductory videos, and research guides.



Rare Books

The principal antiquarian book collections include:

- Dr. Eamon Norton Collection of Irish Books
- The Fr. John Leonard Limerick Collection
- The Ciarán McAnally Travel Collection
- The Patrick Lysaght Kerry Collection
- The Bolton Library



Archives

We hold over 100 archival collections. Highlights include:

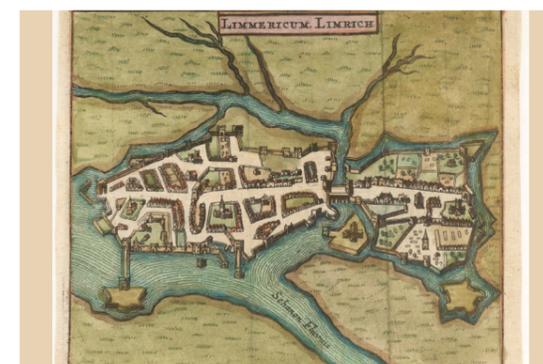
- Estate collections, including Dunraven, Glin, Armstrong and Eyre-Coote
- Literary papers, including Maurice Walsh, Kate O'Brien, J.M. O'Neill, Michael Curtin, Seán Lysaght and Gerald Gallivan
- Republican history including the Daly family of Limerick
- The Robert Stradling Spanish Civil War Collection
- The Tiede Herrema papers



Print, Philatelic and Numismatics Collections

Other collections held in the archive include:

- Postcard Collection numbering some 15,000 postcards
- Prints, drawings, engravings and maps
- The Fr. Patrick Conlan Coin Collection
- The Eoin O'Kelly Bank Note Collection



National Dance Archive of Ireland

The National Dance Archive of Ireland (Cartlann Náisiúnta Damhsa na hÉireann) is committed to collecting, preserving, digitizing and providing access to multimedia dance material covering all major dance genres.

