

Application Form

To sponsor a book, contact the Librarian using the address below, or fill in these details and return it to the Librarian. We will only use your personal data to administer and process your request.

I would like to sponsor a book for:

☐ £300 ☐ £500 ☐ £600 or ☐ £ _____

☐ I enclose a cheque made payable to the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, or

☐ Please debit my Mastercard/Visa/Debit Card:

Card Number: _____

Start Date: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Issue No.(Switch only): _____

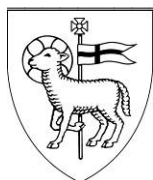
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Signature: _____

Full Name: _____

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Telephone and/or Email: _____



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Book Sponsorship

Help save a rare book or manuscript!



MIDDLE TEMPLE LIBRARY

Sponsor a book or manuscript

Middle Temple is unique amongst the Inns in that it has retained the majority of books it has collected since 1641. Over 300 years later, many have suffered wear-and-tear to the point where they are in urgent need of repair. As the restoration of rare books and manuscripts is both specialized and expensive, we are appealing to donors to sponsor a book or manuscript to pay for its repair.

Items in need of repair include a 1644 book by René Descartes and a 1603 manuscript of reports from the Court of Common Pleas

How does it work?

Books requiring restoration range in date and subject matter. Sponsors can choose the book they want to sponsor by paying for the total cost of restoration, or by contributing towards the general restoration fund. A list of candidate books (with estimated cost of repair) is available from the Librarian.

The cost of restoring an item ranges from £300 to £2000. Individuals as well as groups (i.e. a set of chambers) may sponsor an item. Sponsorship can be on someone's behalf, or made to commemorate a special event, such as an anniversary.

Donations of £300 and over will be commemorated with a personalized bookplate, letter of recognition, and before-and-after photos. Donations of less than £300 will go towards the general restoration fund, but the sponsor will still receive a letter of recognition and photos.

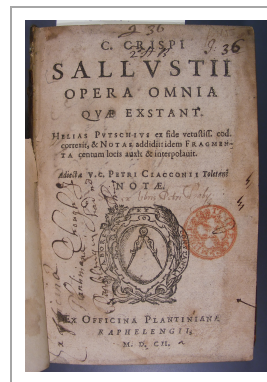
Examples of books in need of repair

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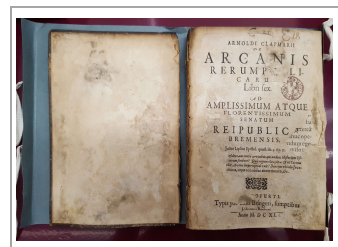
Conrad Gesner, Zurich, 1554. This book is missing its binding, its leaves are stuck together with mold and it requires multiple paper repairs. It belonged to Robert Ashley (1565-1641), the founder of the library.

Opera Omnia



This is a book printed in 1602 on the Roman Republic, compiled from the writings of the Roman historian Sallust. It originally belonged to a 'Peter Proby', as per his inscription on the title page. The binding is missing completely.

De arcanis rerum publicarum libri sex.



Arnoldus Clapmarius, 1611. An early work on public law and political science, this book has been damaged by water and subsequently become moldy. It requires rebinding and extensive paper repairs to render it usable once more.