

### The Austrian National Library

As one of Europe's oldest libraries, the Austrian National Library today has more than 8 million books and other objects and is known as the *Cultural Treasure-House of Austria*. The outstanding holdings of its nine special collections make it one of the five most important libraries in the world. The former Imperial Court Library – today the State Hall – was built under Emperor Charles VI and designed by the famous baroque architect Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach. It is considered to be the most beautiful library hall in the world. Parts of the collections of the Austrian National Library are on UNESCO's *Memory of the World* list.

### The challenges

It is our responsibility to preserve this *cultural heritage* and to care for it. The Library's aim is to make it accessible for its readers and for international scientific research and to maintain it for future generations.

Many objects need to be conserved. The preservation of these large holdings of valuable objects represents a great challenge. Long term conservation is needed to protect the Library's objects against damage caused by the natural ageing of these valuable items and their frequent use.

For conservation treatment – the measures necessary to repair damage and take precautions for the future – we need your help. The Library's books and other objects contain the knowledge of centuries. To preserve this knowledge, we ask for your financial support.

### The Adoption Campaign

The Austrian National Library's Book Adoption Campaign was founded in 1990. Private individuals and corporations all over the world, and also many celebrities who have an interest in preserving our cultural heritage have adopted books, maps, globes, drawings, music manuscripts, papyri, posters, photos and other objects of the Austrian National Library.

The reasons vary – possibly an anniversary, a conference, a birthday, a memory of a visit to Vienna or simply the idea of responding to one's cultural responsibility in a very special way.

### Your help

As a book sponsor you help preserve the valuable holdings of the Austrian National Library and to care for the future of the Library's extensive collections.

Your donation helps us in rescuing badly damaged books and other objects, which urgently need conservation treatment. Also, the Book Adoption Campaign financially supports the rehousing of valuable books and manuscripts in acid-free archival boxes and other long term preservation activities.

### Make your decision

With a donation of € 500 or more, you can become a book sponsor of the Austrian National Library. You decide whether it should be an item that needs conserving or an object you choose based on your interests or for a special occasion – in any case, the donation will be used for the conservation of our collections.

You will receive a certificate with your name and the objects title on it. A book plate inscribed with your name will be attached to your book or item (map, poster, music manuscript ...). Additionally, you will be invited to the Director General's annual reception.

If you donate € 1,000 or more, we also invite you to a behind-the-scenes-tour of the Library. Furthermore, you will be honoured at the Director General's annual reception.

We are grateful for any amount donated to the campaign. Amounts less than € 500 are used for the long term conservation of the Library's holdings.

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Donations to the Austrian National Library's Book Adoption Campaign are tax deductible.

### Your interests

Please let us know your field of interest for the item to be adopted

- Medicine
- Science
- Music
- Botany
- Theology
- Literature
- Law
- Economics & Finance
- Media & Communications
- Children's literature
- Feminist literature
- Country specific objects – please name the country

Other

### Your Adoption

Please indicate your preferred kind of object

- Book
- Map
- Globe
- Papyrus
- Poster
- Photo
- I have no specifications – my donation should support long term preservation activities

### Dedication/Gift

If the adoption is to be a dedication or a gift please give us the name you want to be on the certificate and the plate.

### How you become a book sponsor of the Austrian National Library

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to take on a book sponsorship. I have marked my fields of interests.

I would like to make a donation to the Book Adoption Campaign. The donation should be used to support long term conservation activities.

Where to send your donation

Österreichische Nationalbibliothek  
Bank account:  
BAWAG P.S.K. AG (bank code 60.000)  
Account Number: 96.050.710  
Intended purpose: Book Conservation  
IBAN: AT38-6000-0000-9605-0710  
BIC: OPSKATWW

Please send me a cash inpayment form

I will transfer my donation



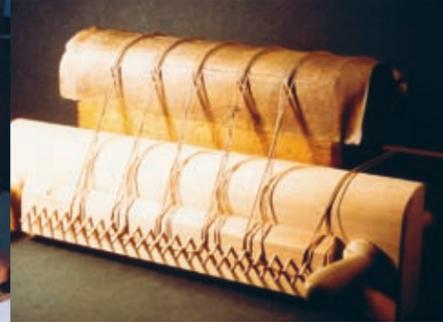
**Reply card**

Please send me further information  
about other possibilities to support the  
Austrian National Library:

- Membership programme
- Other kinds of donations
- Planned gifts



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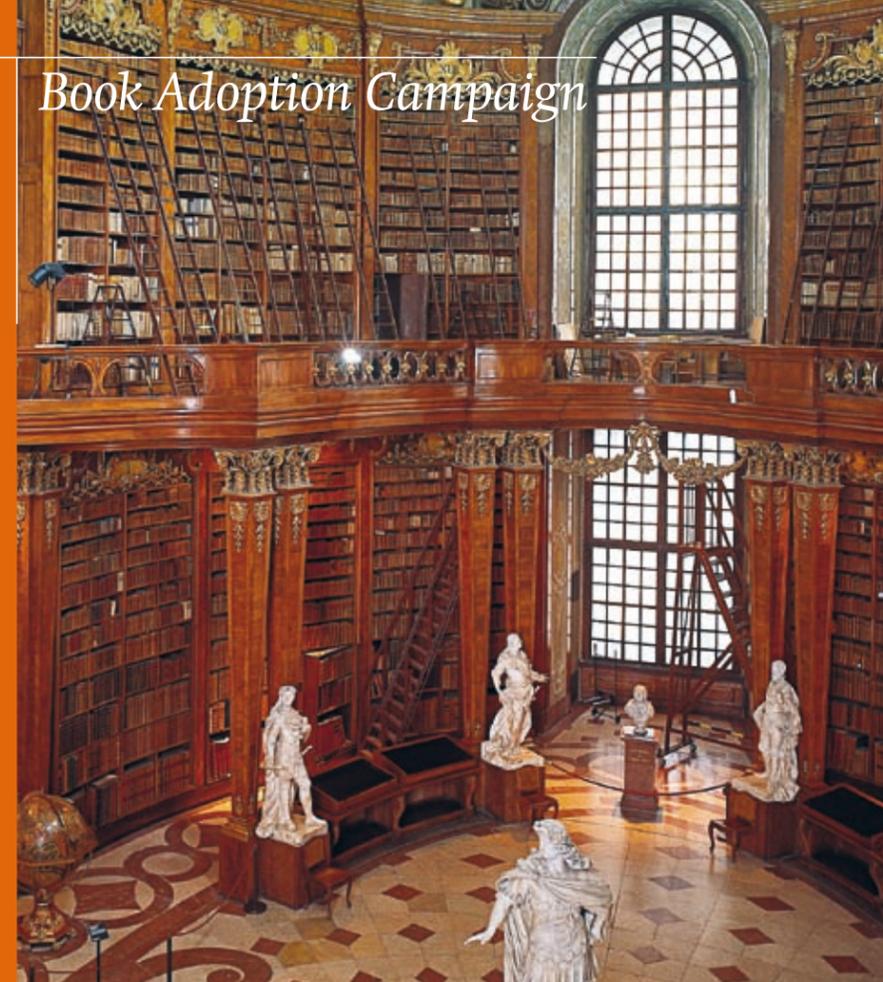


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