

### The Austrian National Library

As the central academic library of the Republic of Austria, the Austrian National Library looks back to a history rich in tradition going as far as the 14th century. It is a living bridge between the rich heritage of the past and the future-oriented demands of a modern information society. Its holdings of approximately 12 million objects are part of the cultural heritage of Austria.

In its eight Departments, the Austrian National Library, heir to the Habsburg court library, conserves a significant part of the world's documentary heritage, like manuscripts, music autographs, incunabula, old printed works, historical maps, posters, bookplates and, of no less importance, the literary estates of Austrian writers.

In its State Hall and four museums – the Literature, Papyrus, Globe, and Esperanto Museums – the Austrian National Library presents its permanent collections and a colourful programme of temporary exhibitions.

The historical State Hall is one of the most impressive baroque library halls in the world.

The Austrian National Library regards itself as a centre of information and research oriented toward serving the public, as an outstanding national memory institution and as a multi-faceted centre of education and culture.

### 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 Book Adoption Campaign

Not only celebrities and business corporations around the globe, but also numerous private book lovers have adopted books, maps, globes, drawings, music manuscripts, papyri, posters, photos, and other objects preserved by the Austrian National Library, thereby accepting responsibility for our cultural heritage.

The occasions are manifold – for example anniversaries or conferences, a gift for a birthday or a wedding, or a lasting memory of a visit to Vienna.

### 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 storage of valuable books and manuscripts in state of the art 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.

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.

For further information please contact

#### **Austrian National Library**

#### **Sponsoring and Event Management**

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### Become a book sponsor

With your donation you help preserve the unique historic objects and assure the cultural heritage for following generations. Send this card per mail, call or sign up online for a book adoption.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

### Where to send your donation

Österreichische Nationalbibliothek

BANK ACCOUNT: BAWAG P.S.K. Bank für Arbeit und Wirtschaft  
und Österreichische Postsparkasse AG  
Georg-Coch-Platz 2 | 1018 Vienna

INTENDED PURPOSE: Book Conservation

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 96.050.710

IBAN: AT38-6000-0000-9605-0710

BIC: BAWAATWW

Please send me a cash inpayment form.

I will transfer my donation.



### Your interests

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

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

### Your Adoption

Please indicate your preferred kind of object.

- Book
- Globe
- Map
- Papyrus
- Photo
- Poster
  
- 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.

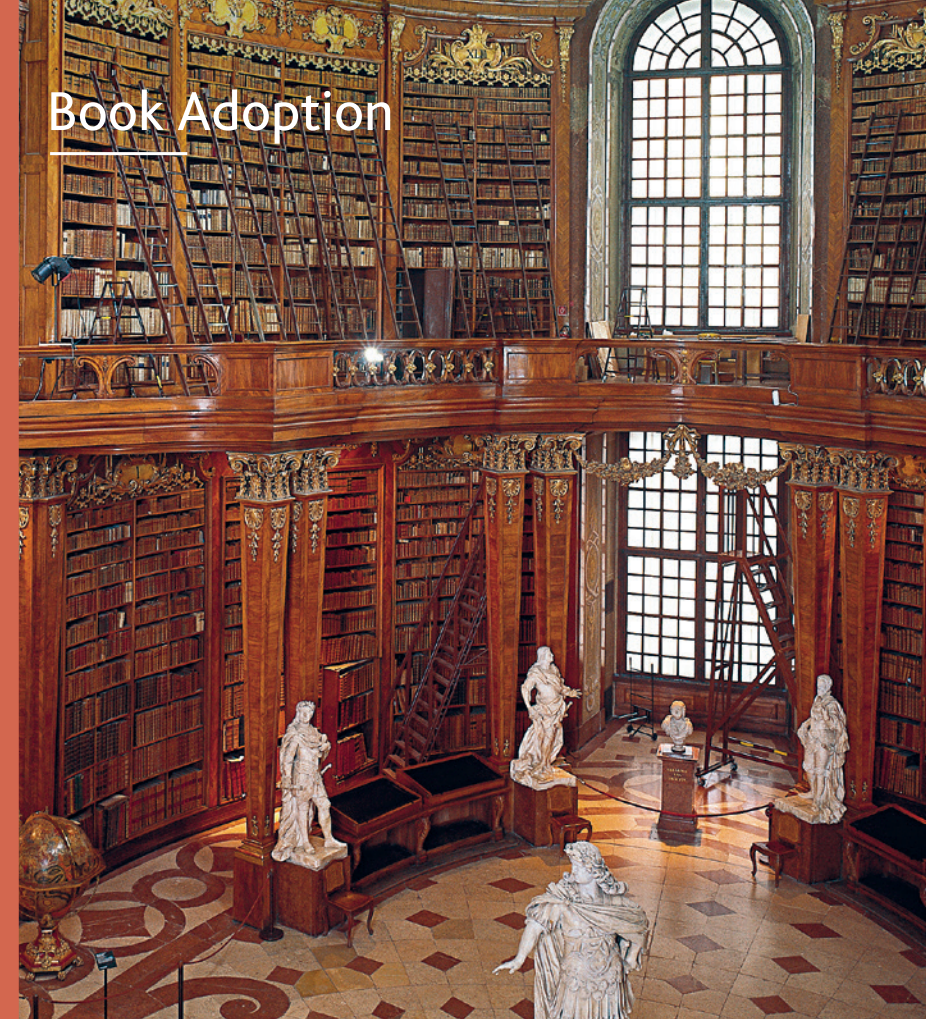


»The conservation of historic artefacts is expensive and time-consuming. But it is the only way for knowledge to be preserved and passed on to future generations. For me, cultural responsibility is very important, and so I hope that many more people “adopt a book” at the Austrian National Library.«

Cardinal Christoph Schönborn,  
Archbishop of Vienna

## Book Adoption

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