

## Databases

The Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library has created two databases that are maintained and added to on a weekly basis.

### Printers' devices

[www.bib.ub.edu/fileadmin/impresors/home\\_eng.htm](http://www.bib.ub.edu/fileadmin/impresors/home_eng.htm)

### Former owners

[www.bib.ub.edu/fileadmin/posseidors/home\\_eng.htm](http://www.bib.ub.edu/fileadmin/posseidors/home_eng.htm)

*Printers' devices* details the printers' devices that appear in the cataloguing process. Each record contains different fields that provide information about the Printer himself and devices he used, alongside a series of illustrative images.

*Former owners* provides information about some of the former owners who appear in the Rare Book and Manuscript Collection, together with images.

The two databases are linked to bibliographic records in the general catalog that contain the searched entry.

## Practical classes using documents from the Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library

The Manuscript Room can be used for practical classes. Reservations are essential and can be made via the online form:

[www.ub.edu/usu/formacio/reserva/reserva\\_sessio.html](http://www.ub.edu/usu/formacio/reserva/reserva_sessio.html)

## Sponsor a document project

Items in the Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library collection can be sponsored, allowing users to take part in their restoration and digitization. For more information:

<http://crai.ub.edu/ca/apadrina-document>

### Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library

<http://crai.ub.edu/en/about-crai/libraries/rare-book>

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### Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library Blog

<http://blocbibreserva.ub.edu/>

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# RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT CRAI LIBRARY





### Brief history

The restoration of the University to Barcelona in 1836 and the ecclesiastical confiscations of Mendizábal are the two main events in the origins of the Rare book and Manuscript CRAI Library. The bibliographic collections of the expropriated convents of different religious orders in the Barcelona province, covering a wide range of themes and dating from distinct periods, account for more than 90% of the collection. The remainder comprises the ancient library collection of the University of Cervera, donations and acquisitions, and the former collection of the School of Medicine and Surgery, which later became the Faculty of Medicine.

### Collections

- Manuscripts: 2174 manuscripts, dating from the tenth to the nineteenth century and covering a wide range of subjects. The most emblematic item is the 1343 Chronicle of James I.
- Incunabula: 975 copies of 772 different editions. Particularly well represented is printing in Barcelona and Spain, as well as throughout Europe. Ninety-one of the items cannot be found in any other library, and four are the only surviving examples in the world.
- Printed books: More than 10,000 printed books from the sixteenth century, more than 45,000 from the seventeenth century, approximately 55,000 from the eighteenth century and some 1,000 from the period 1800-1820, with a significant presence of European printing, especially Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese and, to a lesser extent, Flemish, German and Swiss. Particularly noteworthy are the \*\*\*\*sermons\*\*\*\*, periodicals and works on legal sciences and medicine.

- Engravings: More than 8,000 engravings from the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries, representing all of the major techniques and trends. Of the total collection, 5,392 items are duplicates held by the National Library of Spain, donated to the University of Barcelona in 1887. The remainder come from the ecclesiastical confiscations.
- Parchments: There are 890 parchments from different monasteries, corresponding to documentation from different places, mainly from Empordà, the Col·legi de l'Assumpció of the ancient *Estudium Generale* of Lleida, and bachelor's degrees from the University of Cervera and other universities, dating from the eleventh to the seventeenth centuries.

### Consultation

Works belonging to the Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library can be viewed in the consultation room. The service is available to registered users only. Once users have registered and verified their id., the library staff will \*\*\*\*serve the requested material on your site reading\*\*\*\*. First-time users will be asked to read the rules and recommendations for the consultation and handling of ancient books.

### Catalogs

The main UB catalog can be consulted on line ([http://cataleg.ub.edu/\\*eng](http://cataleg.ub.edu/*eng)) and provides a specific search option for ancient books. There are two supplementary catalogs for printed books. \*\*\*\*It is a autor and anonym Works in cards and a title page photo inventory\*\*\*\*, which are in the corridor of the Torres Amat room in the Philology CRAI Library. There are specific materials which are not found in any online nor manual catalogs.

- Manuscripts. You must check the work of F. Miquel Rosell: F. Miquel Rosell. *Inventario general de manuscritos de la biblioteca de la Universidad de Barcelona*. Madrid, 1958-1969. 4 v. + 7 index folders for manuscripts 1 to 2030. Also accessible at:

<http://diposit.ub.edu/dspace/handle/2445/18347>

An inventory of manuscripts 2031 to 2169 is available on the web page of the Ancient Book and Manuscript CRAI Library:

<http://www.bib.ub.edu/fileadmin/bibs/reserva/mscat.pdf>

Indexes:

<http://diposit.ub.edu/dspace/handle/2445/25283>

<http://diposit.ub.edu/dspace/handle/2445/25282>

- Engravings. The foreign engravings and the Spanish series are not yet included in the online catalog. Users can consult the engravings register, available from the library staff on request.
- Parchments. You will must ask for the card inventory.

### Copy services

Users wishing to produce copies of material from the Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library must complete a request form (available on paper and on line). The library staff will send notification when the copies are ready to collect. This is a paid service. Current fees are published on the web page:

<http://crai.ub.edu/coneix-el-crai/estrategia-qualitat/marc-normatiu/tarifes-modalitats-pagament>

### Web page

The Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library web page (<http://http://crai.ub.edu/en/about-crai/libraries/rare-book>) provides details about each of the collections and the range of services available. It also features a blog (<http://blocbibreserva.ub.edu/>) that publishes weekly news related to the collections and activities.