

Renaissance and Reformation Collection

Purpose and Program Description

1. Collection Development Objectives

The Renaissance and Reformation Collection developed from the Marco Heidner Collection of early printed books, acquired by Brigham Young University in 1966. Student and faculty expertise in Renaissance- and Reformation-related subjects prompted the library to collect material in this area.

The Renaissance and Reformation Collection is a collection of primary source works which document European scholarship, diplomacy, politics, and religion from 1450 to 1700. It supports teaching and research through the PhD level, with emphasis on supporting undergraduate education.

2. New and Expanding Areas of Interest

Spanish and Portuguese vernacular works (see section 3 under “General Selection Guidelines,” page 3)

Religious treaties and pamphlets dealing with topics of interest to the LDS community (see list on page 2)

General Selection Guidelines

1. Treatment of Subject Depth

The Renaissance and Reformation Collection is maintained at a level 4, or research level.

2. Specific Delimitations

A. Type and Physical Format

Printed works, especially association copies and texts with marginalia (see below).

B. Imprint Date

Collected extensively: 1450-1700.

C. Subject Emphases

I. Renaissance (Printed Works 1450-1700)

a. Travel and Voyage Literature (Collected selectively)

Accounts of the New World and selected accounts of travel to Africa and Asia that support faculty research.

b. Renaissance Literature (Collected selectively)

1. Translation and editions of Greek and Latin authors.
 2. Egyptology.
 3. Renaissance humanism.
 4. Vernacular dialogues.
- c. European Diplomacy, Political Treatises and Pamphlets (Collected selectively).
1. French political pamphlets (1550-1650).
 2. Political reform (Spain, Italy and German-speaking areas).

II. Reformation (Printed Works 1450-1700)

Materials to be acquired include texts in vernacular languages, especially association copies and texts with marginalia.

- a. Judeo-Christian Scriptures (Collected extensively)
1. Vernacular translation of scriptures into European languages (especially English).
 2. Tracts, pamphlets, treatises about translating scripture.
- b. Works of Major Religious Figures (Collected selectively)
- Including Luther, Melanchthon, Calvin, Savanarola, Erasmus.
- c. Religious Treatises and Pamphlets (collected extensively)

Reformation-era treatises and pamphlets that deal specifically with topics of particular interest to the LDS community such as:

Revelations	God's body
Visions of God, Christ & Angels	Three separate beings
Corruption of biblical texts	Plurality of Gods
Prophets and Prophecy	Mother in heaven
Liahona (spiritual compasses)	Temples
Tree of Life	Washings and anointings
Urim and Thummim; Seerstones	Eternal marriage
Elias, Elijah	Baptism for the dead
Enoch, Melchizedek	Plural marriage
False priesthoods, Priestcraft	Spirit matter
New Jerusalem, City of Zion	Spirit child of God
Consecration	Last Days/Second Coming/ Millennium/Judgment Day
Common property in the NT	Primitive Church
Patriarchal blessings	Apostasy
Lay priesthood and preaching	Restoration
Descent and basis of authority	Corruption of the churches
One true church	Infant baptism
Spirit world	Mode of baptism
Premortal existence	Plurality of Worlds
Three degrees of glory	

3. Languages

Materials in European vernacular languages are collected extensively, with a new focus on Spanish and Portuguese to support recent growth in the undergraduate curriculum. Materials in Latin and Greek collected selectively.

4. Overlap with Other Subjects or Collections

We collaborate with allied subject specialists throughout the Library.