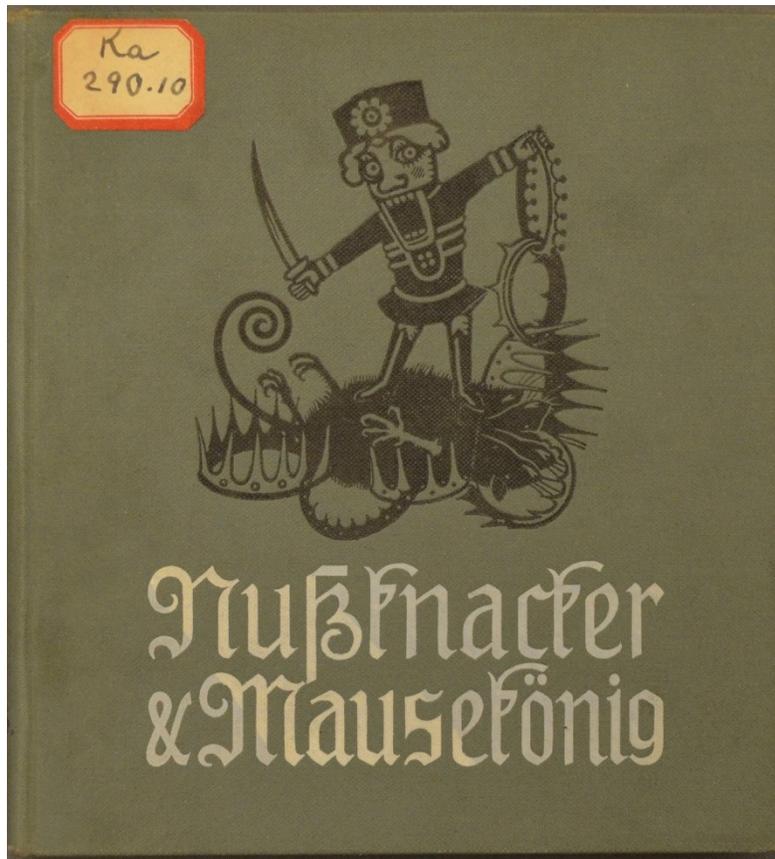


German Society of Pennsylvania Adopt a Rare Book



*The German Society of Pennsylvania Library's copy of
E.T.A. Hoffmann's The Nutcracker.*

Holiday Catalogue 2018

*An exclusive collection of adoptable books
for the gift-giving season.*

How the Program Works

In light of the success of the first phase of the Adopt a Book program, the German Society of Pennsylvania Library Committee is unveiling a special, holiday-themed book adoption opportunity. Adopt a book in honor of a family member or a loved one, or as a special Christmas gift for yourself!

Step 1: Choose a Book from the Catalogue.

Select a book from the following pages that you are interested in adopting, and then contact Library Committee Adoption Coordinator Dr. Alex Ames (alames@udel.edu) to confirm that the item is still available. **Once an item is reserved in your name**, send a check to Society Librarian Bettina Hess or pay via the GSP's website, <http://www.germansociety.org/donations/>. More details on payment are in the back of the catalogue. It is very important to guarantee a book's availability before paying.

Step 2: Receive a Certificate and Custom Greeting Card.

Once your donation is received, the Library Committee will send you a Certificate of Adoption in the name of the recipient of your gift, and a custom greeting card that you can then send to your friend or loved one in whose honor you adopted the book. The card will include a picture of a Library treasure and allow you the opportunity to explain the nature of your special holiday gift.

Step 3: Book Restored by Ruth Scott Blackson.

Book Restorer Ruth Scott Blackson will repair the adopted books in 2019. The Library Committee plans to host another rare book-themed library program soon, which you and the recipient of your gift will be welcome to attend.

Payment must be processed by Nov. 30 to receive certificate and card in time for Christmas.

No. 56

Christkindleins Wanderung.

Donauwörth: L. Auer, 1888

6" H x 4" W

Price: \$95



This little book is a real treasure. It has a beautiful cover and a richly illustrated frontispiece, pictured above. Unfortunately, the frontispiece has fallen out of the book, so it needs to be reattached.

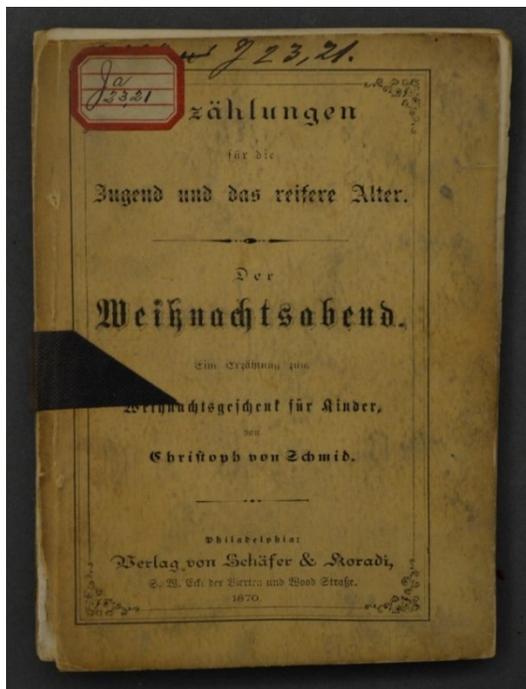
No. 57

Christoph von Schmid, *Der Weihnachtsabend.*

Philadelphia: Schäfer & Koradi, 1870

6" H x 4" W

Price: \$100



This Christmas tale intended for children comes complete with a beautiful frontispiece titled "Der Weihnachtsabend," depicting a festive scene including a harpist and a lovely Christmas tree. Published in Philadelphia by prominent former GSP members Schäfer & Koradi in 1870, the cover has fallen off and needs to be reattached.

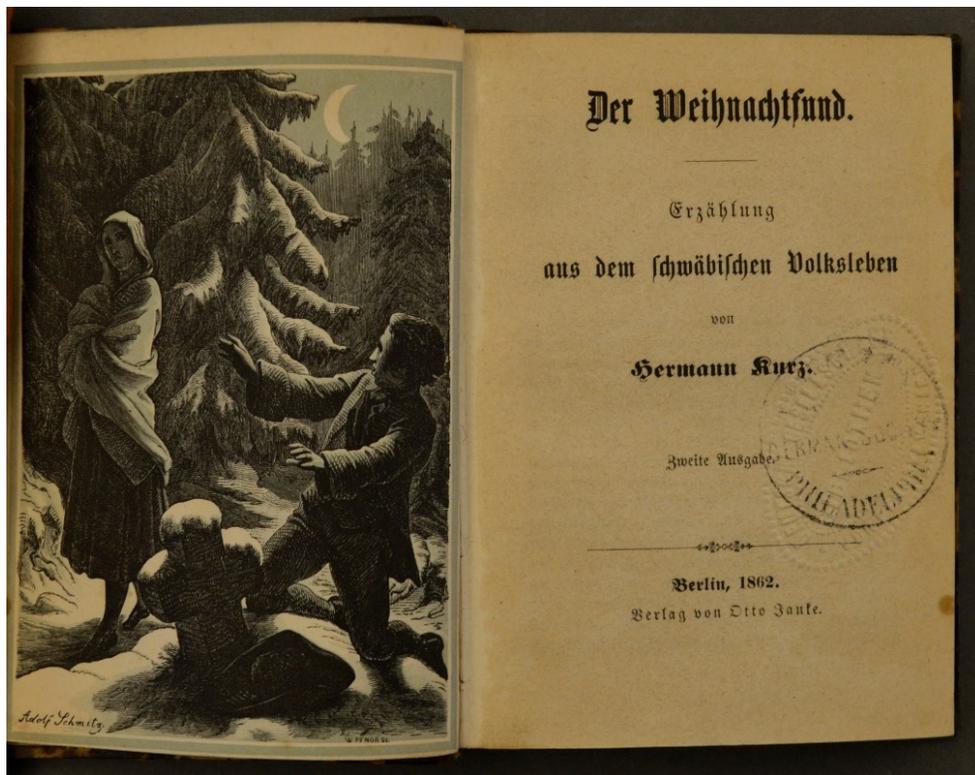
No. 58

Hermann Kurz, *Der Weihnachtsfund.*

Berlin: Otto Janke, 1862

6" H x 4" W

Price: \$115



The binding of this Christmas tale (a story which is derived from Swabian folklore) is in extremely poor condition. The leather spine has hardened and fallen off and needs to be reattached. Published in Berlin in 1862, the little book is an evocative artifact of Christmas tales of yore.

No. 59

*Blumen und Sterne. Unser Weihnachtsjunge
von M. Frohmüt, und andere Erzählungen.*

St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1905

7" H x 5" W

Price: \$150



This Christmas book features an artful, colorful binding as well as a beautiful frontispiece. Many full-page illustrations appear in the volume, which contains numerous festive stories by a wide range of authors. Printed in Missouri for a German-American audience, the book needs to have some of its pages reattached and the binding tightened.

No. 60

*Christ ist erschienen. Weihnachts-Erzählungen
für jung und alt.*

New York: Ernst Kaufmann, 19th century

8" H x 5" W

Price: \$150



This volume of short Christmas stories for all ages by various authors is beautifully bound and features lovely endpapers and a fine frontispiece. The stories contained within it are often beautifully illustrated. The book's spine is frayed and some of its pages are falling out, leaving it in need of adoption.

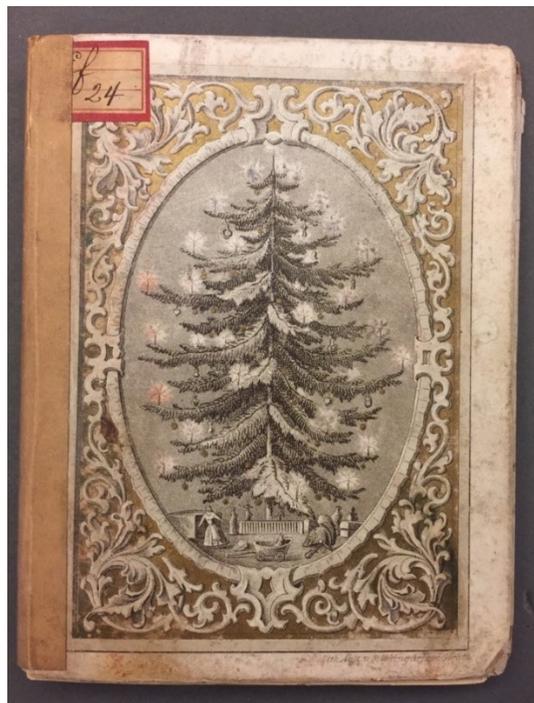
No. 61

*Weihnachten. Interessante und lehrreiche Mittheilungen
über die Entstehung, Bedeutung und
Feier der Weihnachten.*

Görlitz: Carl Doulin, 1876

6" H x 5" W

Price: \$175



This book is the ideal gift for the history buff in your life. It offers an overview of the origins of Christmas traditions and customs and comes complete with a beautiful cover depicting a Christmas tree. The book's binding needs to be repaired.

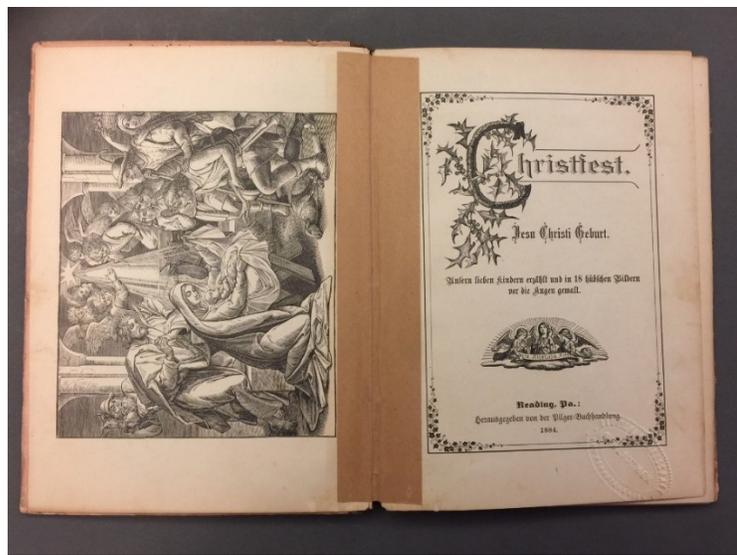
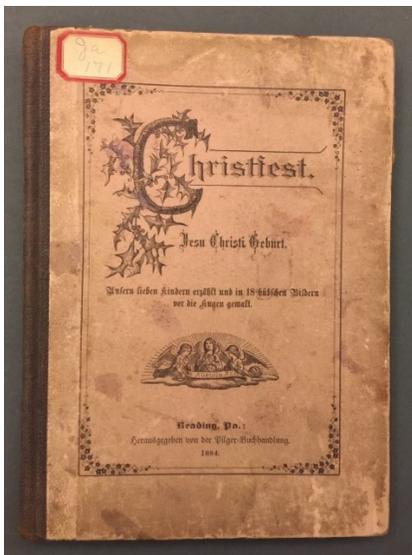
No. 62

Christfest. Jesu Christi Geburt.

Reading, PA: Pilger-Buchhandlung, 1884

8" H x 6" W

Price: \$200



Are you looking for a Christmas book full of beautiful religious illustrations? Then this is the perfect choice for you. It depicts all sorts of biblical scenes, as well as scenes from the life of Luther. The book was published nearby, in Reading, Pennsylvania, in 1884. As the photos above suggest, the volume is in need of some serious restoration work. The binding is all but destroyed, and at some point in the past, someone attempted to repair the book using tape, which now needs to be removed. Your donation will help make this volume stable and beautiful again.

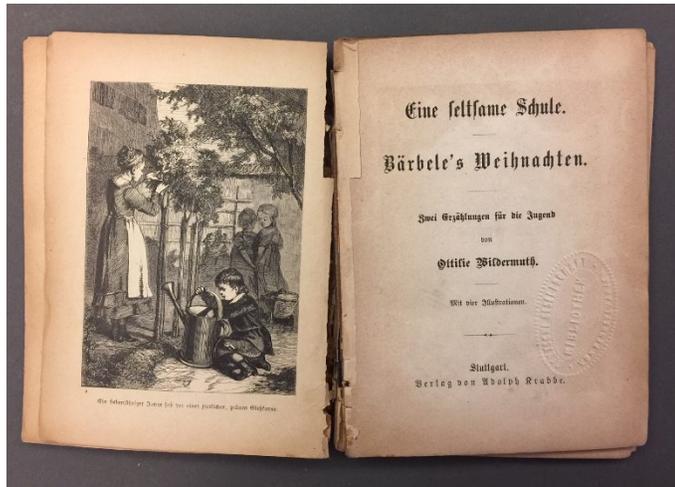
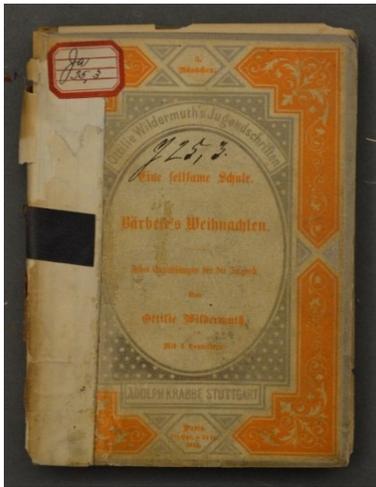
No. 63

Otilie Wildermuth, *Bärbele's Weihnachten.*

Stuttgart: Adolph Krabbe, 1871?

6" H x 5" W

Price: \$250



This volume by a popular female author features two children's stories, one of which is a Christmas tale. Wildermuth's works are well-represented in the German Society's library, making this little book a valuable part of our collection. The binding on the volume has completely disintegrated and needs to be repaired. The black tape currently holding the book together needs to be removed, and its frontispiece (pictured above) must be reattached.

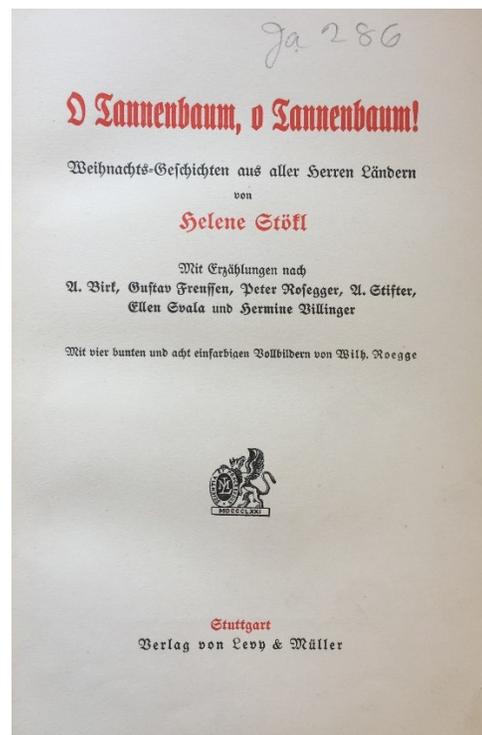
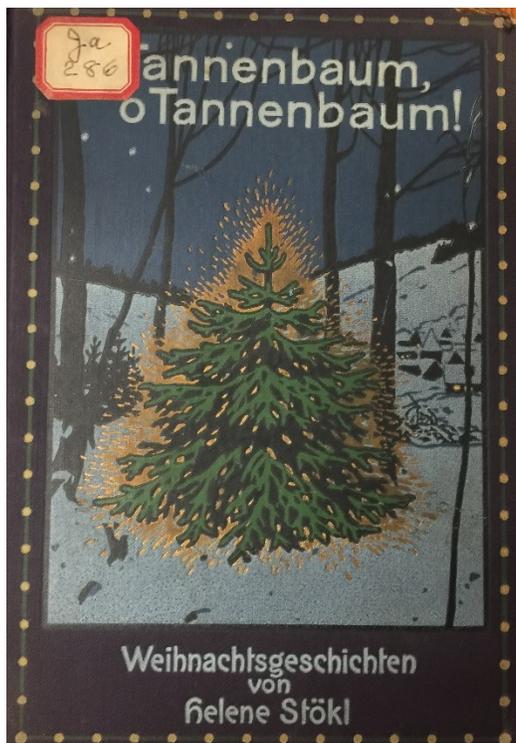
No. 64

Helene Stökl, *O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum!*

Stuttgart: Levy & Müller, 1871

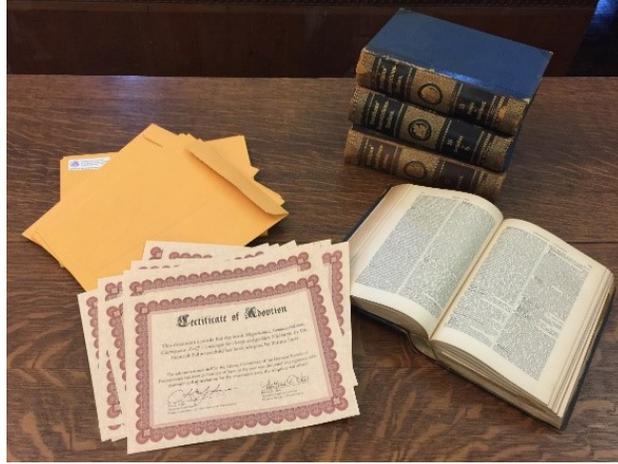
6" H x 5" W

Price: \$275



The charming forest scene on the cover of this Christmas book hints at the wonderful contents inside: holiday tales by famous children's author Helene Stökl. Unfortunately, the binding is in very poor condition. It needs a new spine, and some of its pages need to be reattached.

Payment Methods



If you wish to adopt your book via credit card...

It is required that you call or e-mail Adoption Coordinator Dr. Alex Ames (alames@udel.edu) to assure that your book of choice is still available, and so that he can reserve it for you. Once your item is reserved, visit <https://www.germansociety.org/donations/>. Click on the yellow "Donate" button at the bottom of the page. Enter the full amount of your book of choice in the "Other Amount" button. Then click the "Add special instructions to the seller" button and type in the number of the book you wish to adopt. Provide all of your billing information in the boxes provided, and click "Donate Now."

If you wish to adopt your book by mailing a check...

It is required that you call or e-mail Adoption Coordinator Dr. Alex Ames (alames@udel.edu) to assure that your book of choice is still available, and so that he can reserve it for you. Once your item is reserved, mail a personal check, made out to the German Society of Pennsylvania, to:

Bettina Hess, Librarian
German Society of Pennsylvania
611 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123

Please indicate in the memo line of the check the number of the book you have adopted.