

# Adopt a Rare Book

## At the German Society of Pennsylvania Library

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Dear Friends and Supporters of the German Society of Pennsylvania Library:

Greetings from the German Society of Pennsylvania's Library Committee! The Library celebrated its bicentennial in 2017. This landmark anniversary turned the attention of the Library Committee toward making sure our valuable collections survive for centuries to come. Caring for books and manuscripts is expensive. We know you care as much as we do about the precious books and documents housed in our beautiful reading room, so we would like to invite you to "adopt" one of our artifacts as part of our new Adopt a Rare Book or Manuscript program.

When you adopt one of the Library's rare books or manuscripts, you will pay for a worn and damaged item to take a trip to the Philadelphia workshop of book conservator Ruth Scott Blackson, where it will receive careful repair work. Adoption of one of our rare materials will guarantee its survival and use by library patrons for generations to come. What is more, you (or whomever you designate as the item's adoptive "parent") will be honored with a digital bookplate in the Library's online catalogue and invited to attend an exclusive Library lecture and reception to learn more about the process of book conservation, and our rich collection.

**The Library Committee has put 40 books and manuscripts up for adoption in the first phase of this project. They will soon be on exhibit in the Library. Please review the enclosed catalogue and make your selection today!** Prices were assigned by the Library Committee in consultation with Ruth Scott Blackson. You will find items available at every price point. You may make your adoption official by paying via credit card at <https://www.germansociety.org/donations/> to reserve an item. If your book of choice has already been adopted, contact Adoption Coordinator Dr. Alex Ames ([alames@udel.edu](mailto:alames@udel.edu)), who can help pair you with a similar item to love and care for. Refer to the enclosed instruction sheet for more details about making payment. Thank you for your support!

Kind regards,

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