

PASS IT ON... "A PAPAL BULL": MAKING ACCESSIBLE A 770 YEAR OLD DOCUMENT

PRESERVATION WEEK AT UBC LIBRARY | APRIL 27 - MAY 1

Preservation Week aims to unite our communities through events and exhibits that highlight what we can do — individually and together — to preserve our personal and shared collections. This year's focus is on the Papal Bull, a legal decree written in Latin by Pope Innocent IV in 1245 and that was acquired by UBC Library's Rare Books and Special Collections.

BROWN BAG TALKS & WORKSHOP

Feel free to bring your lunch.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

PARLIAMENTARY CLASSROOM (155), IRVING K. BARBER LEARNING CENTRE

11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

A Papal Bull at UBC Library (UBC History Professor, Dr. Richard Pollard)

With every document created having an intention, the historical circumstances surrounding the Papal Bull sheds light on the importance of such an artifact as a valuable teaching and research tool at UBC.

12:00 - 12:30 P.M.

Restoration of A Papal Bull (UBC Library Conservator, Anne Lama)

In order to understand how to properly preserve this medieval text for future generations, the goals of the Papal Bull restoration will be presented by the Library conservator.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

LILLOOET ROOM (301), IRVING K. BARBER LEARNING CENTRE

11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Cataloguing A Papal Bull (UBC Library Cataloguer, Susan Andrews)

The conservation work on the Papal Bull has been completed, but how do we go about describing this document in the Library's online catalogue, so that researchers may find it? Sue Andrews will give a cataloguer's perspective on approaching a manuscript that is hundreds of years old.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

PARLIAMENTARY CLASSROOM (155), IRVING K. BARBER LEARNING CENTRE

11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Digitizing A Papal Bull (Digital Projects Librarian, Robert Stibravy)

A look at how a Papal Bull issued by Pope Innocent IV in 1245, and acquired by UBC Library's Rare Books & Special Collections division in 2014, was digitized and made available online by UBC Library's Digitization Centre.

SHERRINGTON ROOM (LEVEL 1), WOODWARD LIBRARY

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Taking care of our beloved materials (Anne Lama)

Do you have an old diary or album, your grandparents' marriage certificate, or a bible at home that requires some care? Learn preservation basics so you may take care of it yourself. This workshop is open to Library staff only.

EXHIBITION

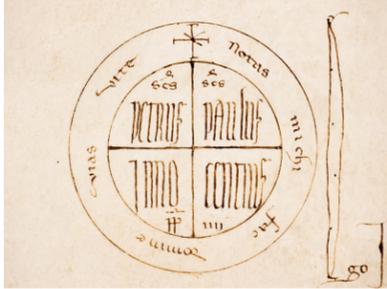
MAY 1 - MAY 31

RARE BOOKS AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

ROOM 110, IRVING K. BARBER LEARNING CENTRE, 1961 EAST MALL

Papal Parchments and Blackletter Books, 1245 AD to UBC: How the Middle Ages Shaped the Way we Read

The Middle Ages were not a time of illiteracy or ignorance, but a time when the written word was used extensively. The very shapes of the letters we know today, in fact, were created in the Middle Ages. Using some recent acquisitions by UBC's Rare Books (including the 13th-century Papal Bull), this exhibition will follow the development of Western writing, offering visitors a new appreciation of the words they read and write every day.



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