

## Application Form

To sponsor a book, contact the Librarian using the address below, or fill in these details and return it to the Librarian.

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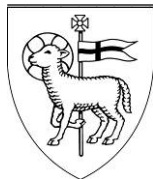
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# Book Sponsorship

## Help save a rare book or manuscript!



**MIDDLE TEMPLE LIBRARY**

## Sponsor a book or manuscript

Middle Temple is unique amongst the Inns in that it has retained the majority of books it has collected since 1641. Over 300 years later, many have suffered wear-and-tear to the point where they are in urgent need of repair. As the restoration of rare books and manuscripts is both specialized and expensive, we are appealing to donors to sponsor a book or manuscript to pay for its repair.

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*Items in need of repair include a 1644 book by René Descartes and a 1603 manuscript of reports from the Court of Common Pleas*

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### How does it work?

Books requiring restoration range in date and subject matter. Sponsors can choose the book they want to sponsor by paying for the total cost of restoration, or by contributing towards the general restoration fund. A list of candidate books (with estimated cost of repair) is available from the Senior Librarian.

The cost of restoring an item ranges from £200 to £1500. Individuals as well as groups (i.e. a set of chambers) may sponsor an item. Sponsorship can be on someone's behalf, or made to commemorate a special event, such as an anniversary.

Donations of £200 and over will be commemorated with a personalized bookplate, letter of recognition, and before-and-after photos. Donations of less than £175 will go towards the general restoration fund, but the sponsor will still receive a letter of recognition.

## Examples of books in need of repair

### ***Thesaurus Euonymi Philiatri, de remediis secretis***



Conrad Gesner, Zurich, 1554. This book is missing its binding, its leaves are stuck together with mold and it requires multiple paper repairs. It belonged to Robert Ashley (1565-1641), the founder of the library.

### ***Opera Omnia***



This is a book printed in 1602 on the Roman Republic, compiled from the writings of the Roman historian Sallust. It originally belonged to a 'Peter Proby', as per his inscription on the title page. The binding is missing completely.

### ***Tractatus de Probanda Negativa & Tractatus, Mors Omnia Soluit***



F. Ercolani, 1592 & S. Medici, 1585. This volume consists of two works bound together- the first a procedural manual on Roman law, and the second a treatise on death. Part of the binding is missing, the spine is falling apart and the paper is brittle and tears easily.