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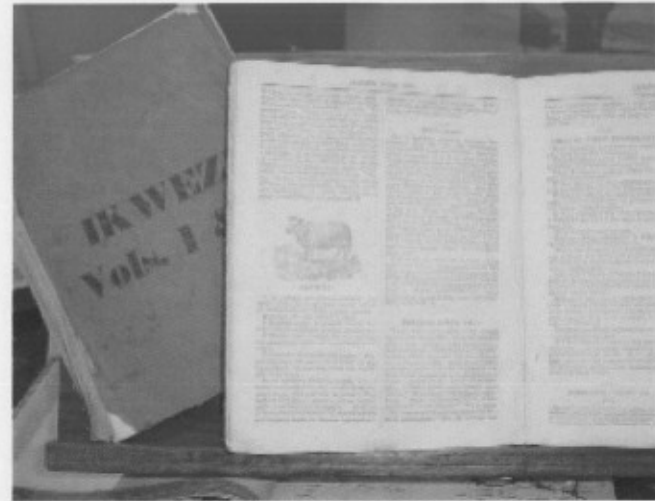
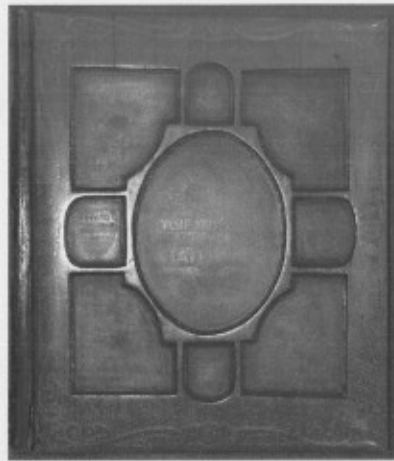
National Library of South Africa



The National Library has significant numbers of *donated private book collections*, some of which remain open and continue to grow as relevant material is acquired. These include, amongst others, the following:

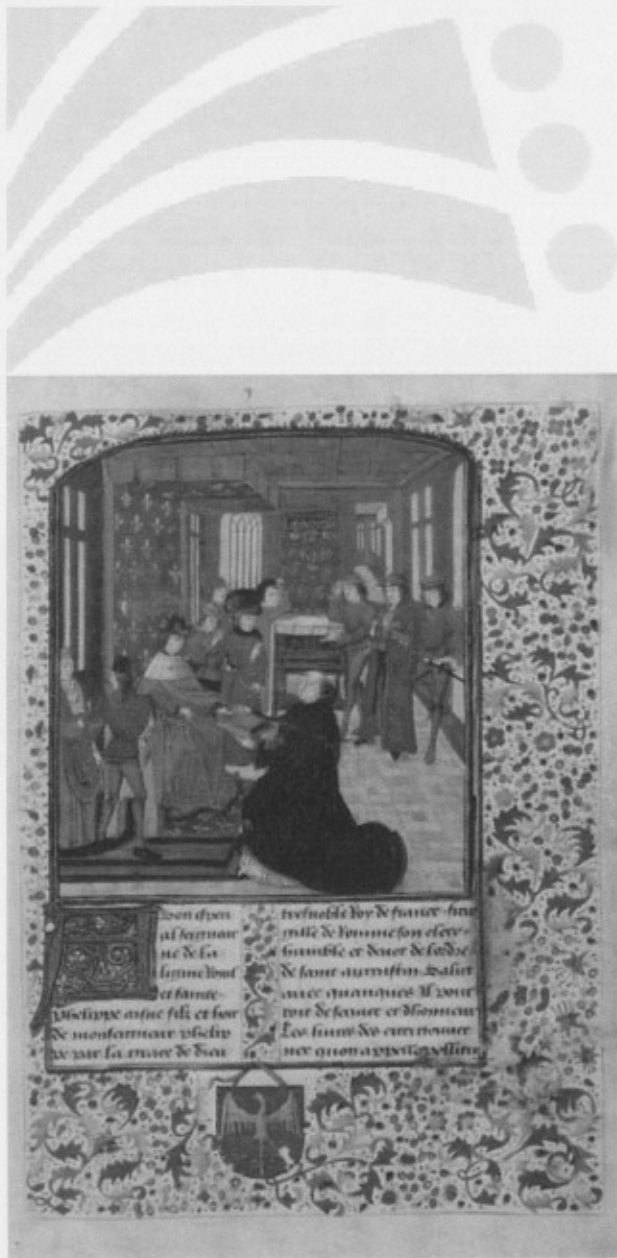
- *Grey Collection*
- *Fairbridge Collection*
- *Hofmeyr Collection*
- *Wessels Collection*
- *Churchill Collection*
- *Leipoldt Collection*
- *Muir Mathematical Collection*
- *Armstrong Collection of Vocal Music*
- *Nourse Collection*
- *Springbok Memorial Collection*
- *Pama Collection of Heraldry and Genealogy*
- *Heesom Cricket Collection*
- *Schapera Etiquette Collection*

**Sir George Grey** donated his 5,000-volume collection to the Library in 1863. Many examples of early South and Southern African *mission press* publications can be found in the **Grey Collection**.



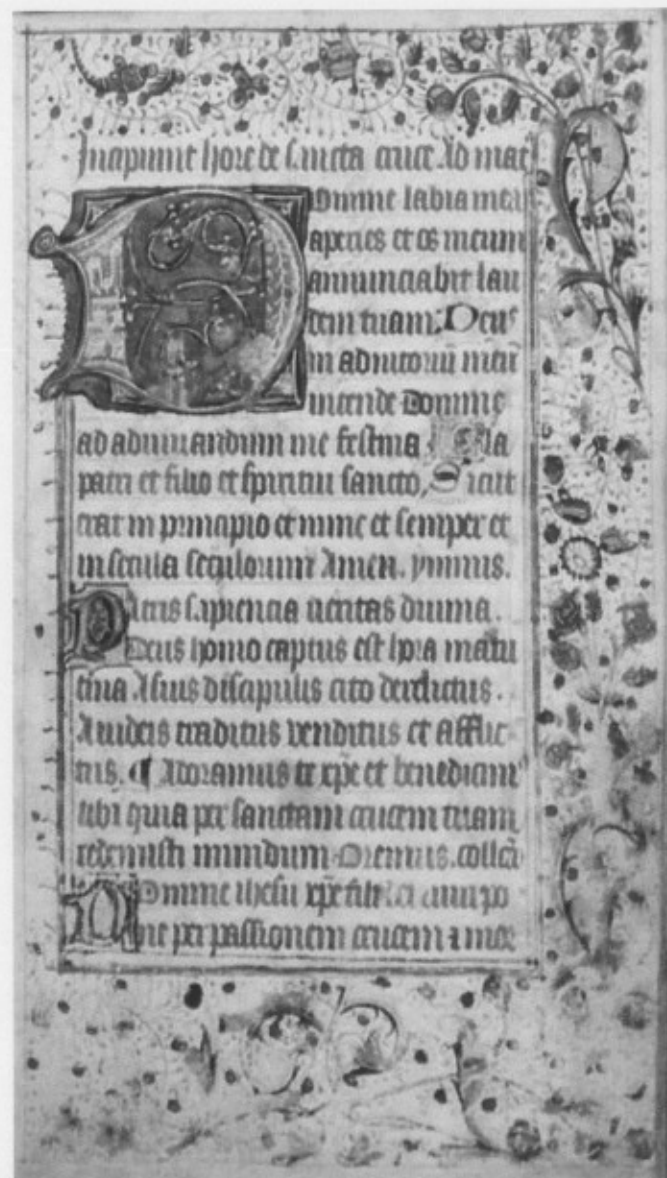
In this collection are examples of rare pamphlets published at stations such as **Lovedale, Beersheba** and **Kuruman**. These publications are the earliest printed texts in many Southern African languages.

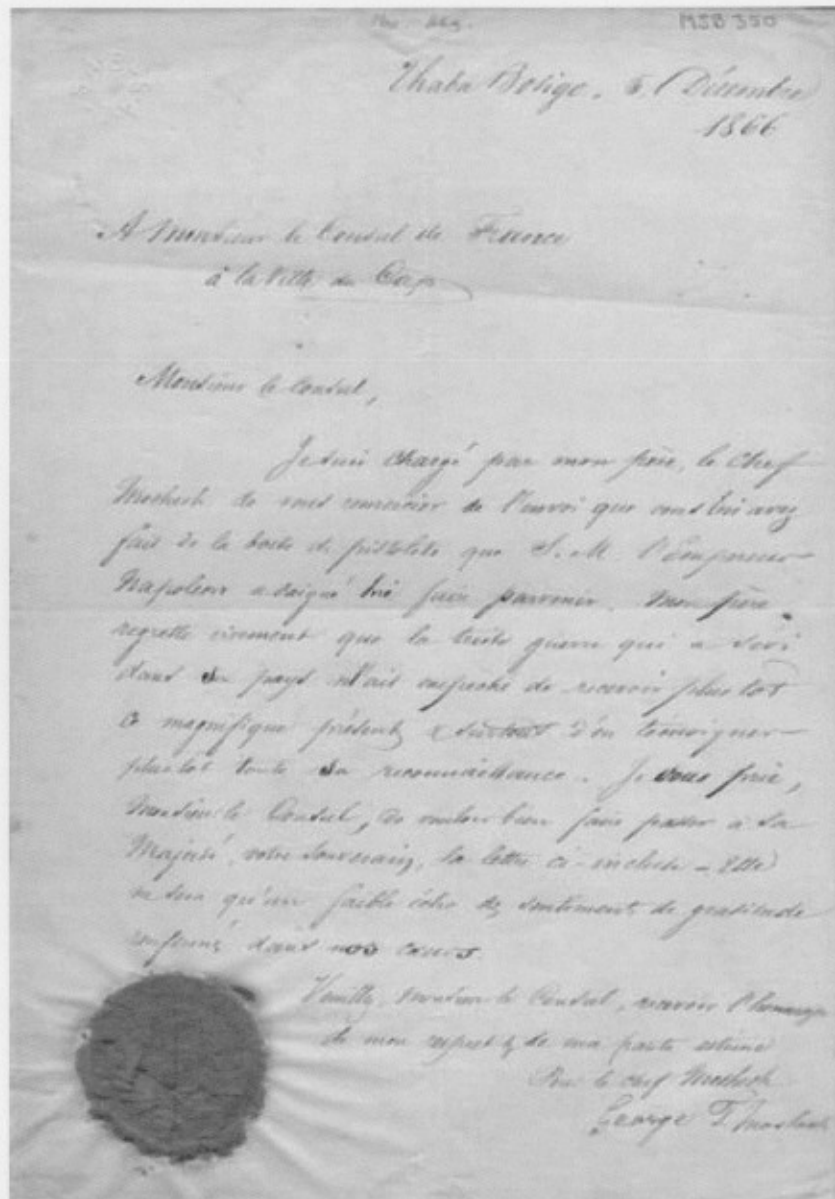




Included in the Grey Collection are **117 medieval manuscripts** and **119 incunabula** (early printed books).

There are also examples of the work of early European printers such as **Caxton**, **Nicolas Jenson**, and **Peter Schoeffer**, as well as the First and Second Folio of **Shakespeare**.

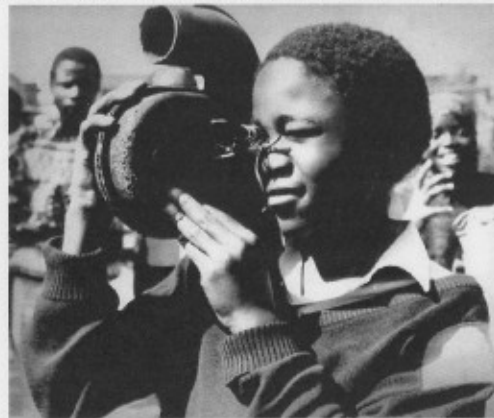




The National Library has over the years accumulated over 1,000 collections of **manuscript** material that provide a far-reaching documentary record of the social, cultural, political and economic development of South Africa. Collections of personal papers include those of Jan Hendrik Hofmeyr, John X. Merriman, J.C. Molteno, W.P. Schreiner, Olive Schreiner, C.P. Hoogenhout, C. Louis Leipoldt, Ruth Prowse and John Knox Bokwe.

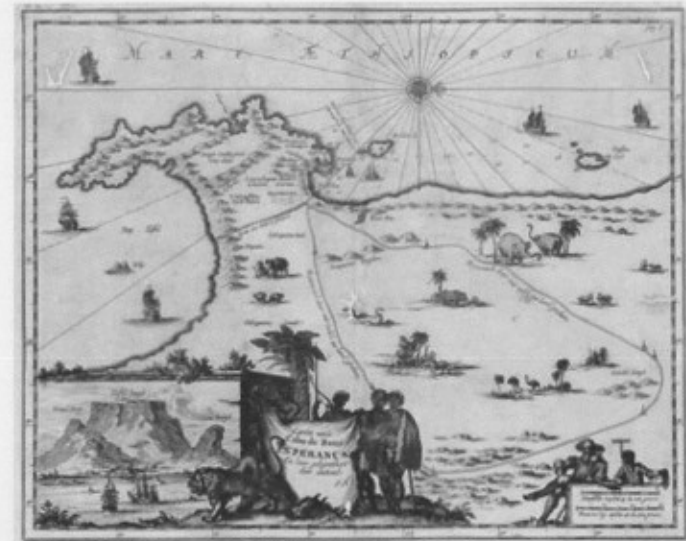


The National Library has extensive holdings of press images, including 50,000 negatives donated by the ***Cape Times*** newspaper, as well as 80,000+ photographic prints from ***Die Burger*** newspaper.





Sheet **MAPS** by early cartographers such as Ortelius, De Wit, Hondius, Moll, Blaeu, De l'Isle and Ottens are to be found at both campuses of the National Library. Maps produced by the British War Office during the South African War (1899-1902) are also held in the library's collections.





# Preservation Services Programme

- The Preservation Services Programme strives to ensure the long-term availability and accessibility of South African knowledge resources through preservation of our collections.
- Reformatting of sources to minimize handling of fragile materials is done by copying material onto microfilm and microfiche, different electronic formats as well as duplicating photographs. Services include:

Reprographic services

Digitization services

Conservation services





# Centre for the Book

The National Library's Centre for the Book, in partnership with the Book Development Foundation promotes writing, publishing, reading, marketing and distribution of South African books in all South African languages. The Centre's First Words in Print project specifically speaks to the vision of a "multicultural and multilingual celebration of home-grown books" by publishing local stories in many South African languages, contributing to a truly South African literary culture.

*[www.centreforthebook.org.za](http://www.centreforthebook.org.za)*

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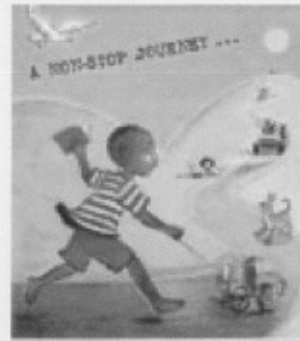
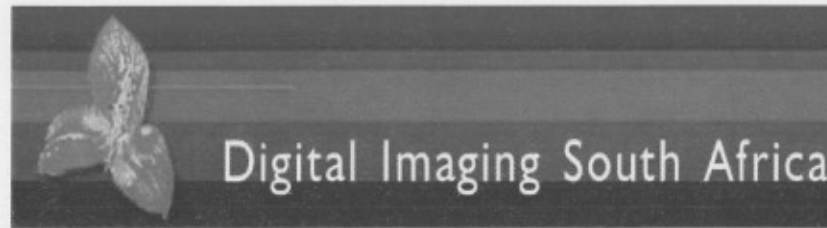
# The Legal Deposit Act

## In terms of the Legal Deposit Act:

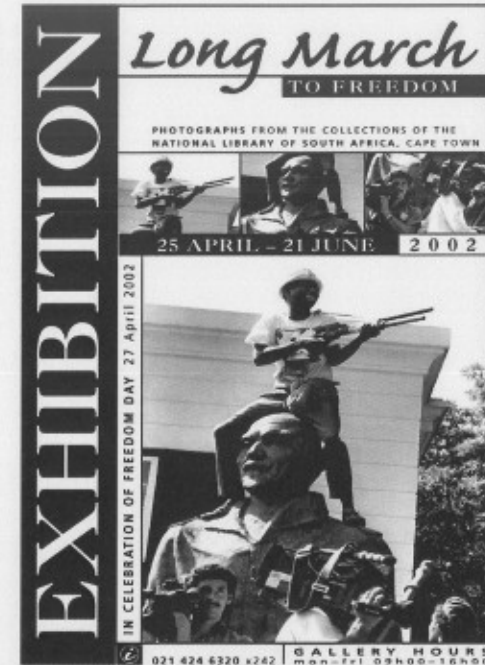
- South African publishers must supply to the National Library one copy of every book, serial, newspaper and other print and electronic items published in South Africa. The National Library collects, records, makes available (globally and locally) and preserves these national documentary heritage materials. It ensures that knowledge and information is not lost, and that it is available for future research.
- The National Library's collections contain a wealth of information sources. These national documentary heritage materials include rare manuscripts, books published in South Africa, periodicals, government publications, foreign official publications, maps, technical reports, books on specialized interests (including Africana material, newspapers, Photos and pamphlets). These are also available on CD, microfilm, in digital format or on the web.

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**WORLD BOOK DAY  
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## National Library partners

The National Library actively builds partnerships in support of key information and book development initiatives. Among the National Library's many current partners are the National Library of Malaysia, National Archives of South Africa, the University of Cape Town's *Centre for African Studies*, the Digital Imaging South Africa project, and the Friends of the National Library of South Africa.

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# Partners in African Librarianship

- SCECSAL (Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Librarians)
- SCANUL-ECS (Standing Conference of African National and University Librarians in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa )
- COMLA (Commonwealth Library Association )



# IFLA 2007

- **The International Federation of Library Associations and Federations (IFLA) believes that everyone has the right to universal and equitable access to information, ideas and works of imagination for their social, educational, cultural, democratic and economic well-being. (from IFLA's core values – [www.ifla.org/III/intro00.htm](http://www.ifla.org/III/intro00.htm) )**
- **In August 2007 the 73rd IFLA World Library and Information Conference is being hosted by the Library and Information Association of South Africa, and being held in Durban. Information and library professionals worldwide will converge on South Africa for the first time. THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SA FULLY SUPPORTS IFLA 2007 IN DURBAN.**

The logo for NCLIS (National Council for Libraries and Information Services) features a stylized graphic of three curved, overlapping bands in shades of grey and white, resembling a flag or a signal. To the right of this graphic, the acronym 'NCLIS' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

# **NCLIS**

**The National Library of South Africa plays a significant role in the National Council for Libraries and Information Services, with the National Librarian serving as an ex-officio member of the Council. A Consultative workshop on the review of six National Heritage Acts pertaining to LIS, Archives and Heraldry Legislation was jointly hosted by the Department of Arts and Culture (DAC) and the National Council for Libraries and Information Services. The purpose of the workshop was to align several related Acts with each other, as well as with Government policy. THE NATIONAL LIBRARY SA FULLY SUPPORTS THE DAC AND NCLIS INITIATIVES**





# AFRICAN RENNAISSANCE

The National Library of SA hosted a highly successful International workshop in March 2005 on “Information as a strategic Resource for Africa’s Development. All Southern African Development Cooperation (SADC) Counties were represented. THE NATIONAL LIBRARY SA PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN LIS SECTOR NATIONALLY AND AFRICAN CONTINENT, AND CONTRIBUTES ACTIVELY TO THE GOALS OF NEPAD.

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at the National Library of South Africa:**

- You can see some of the earliest printed books in the world or you can peruse today's news online.
- If you need information on any South African publication, you can ask for South Africa's National Bibliography, consult our online catalogue, or contact one of our Reference Librarians. You can find information via our website at [www.nlsa.ac.za](http://www.nlsa.ac.za) or at either of our two campuses in Pretoria and Cape Town.

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