

Rare Wheeling Book Donation Moved to New Wheeling Room Display Cases

The recently donated collection of over 30 unusual, uncommon or rare publications relating to authorship, printing and publishing in Wheeling and the Upper Ohio Valley have been moved upstairs to the Wheeling Room and placed inside new display cases constructed to house them (see photos).

The publications range from the works of local poets and literary people (the oldest dated 1816) to tracts on religious affairs, the abolition of slavery, and the arrival of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. There are also early city directories, including the city's first one (published in 1839), as well as works of pure eccentricity.

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