

History of the Book
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Welcome to the History of the Book class!

Before we meet I urge you to get the following library cards. You will have access to thousands of items including e-resources, all for free!

1. Get a library card from your local public library. This gives you access to not only items in that library but other libraries in the library network it belongs to. For example residents of Poughkeepsie have access to the MidHudson Library System, a consortium of 66 libraries, through their public library card! For more information and to apply for a local library card go to <https://midhudson.org/get-a-library-card/>
2. Obtain a FREE Vassar College Library Guest Borrowing card. For more information and a link to the application go to <https://library.vassar.edu/circulation/guest-borrowers>
3. Residents of New York State are eligible for a free digital New York Public Library Card. And, if you visit a NYPL branch in person, you can convert it to a physical card which has other benefits. For more information and to apply go to <https://www.nypl.org/help/library-card#adults-teens>

Become familiar with these book sites to help you find a book online:

Internet Archive: <http://archive.org>

HathiTrust: <https://www.hathitrust.org>

Google Books: <https://books.google.com>

Project Gutenberg: <https://www.gutenberg.org>

WorldCat: <https://search.worldcat.org>

All offer access to full image/text depending on the item and copyright restrictions. You can browse and create a free account if needed.

If you want to purchase a book used in the class, check out BookFinder which searches multiple websites selling books. <https://www.bookfinder.com>

Familiarize yourself with the vocabulary I will be using by becoming familiar with the following book -

Carter, John. *ABC for Book Collectors*. 8th edition, revised by Nicolas Barker. New Castle, DE: Oak Knoll Press, 2004.

Here is a link to a virtual edition:

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