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Collection Detail

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Collection	Content From	Number of Titles	Number of Pages
COLLECTION 1: A survey of the items in Lauritz Nielsen's Dansk Bibliografi 1482–1600 and its supplement. Included are the Royal Library's Danish and Icelandic imprints from the 15th and 16th centuries.	Det Kongelige Bibliotek - The Royal Library, Copenhagen (KBDK)	2,596	514,732
COLLECTION 2: Early printed volumes focus on four collections of historic and bibliographic importance within the library's holdings from this period.	Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (BNCF)	2,752	615,222
COLLECTION 3: Three million pages from more than 10,000 works encompass works in major European languages, printed in the cities that led the explosion of the print industry.	Det Kongelige Bibliotek - The Royal Library, Copenhagen (KBDK)	698	105,588
	Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (BNCF)	2,541	652,449
	Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Nationale Bibliotheek van Nederland, Den Haag (KBNL)	5,255	1,360,923
	The Wellcome Library	1,752	709,113
	Total	10,246	2,828,073
COLLECTION 4: Almost three million pages feature the rites and ceremonies of religious life, such as the first inclusion of volumes (c.1700) from the Bibliothèque nationale de France, and the first Protestant Bible in French, as well as translations of Fathers of the Church.	Det Kongelige Bibliotek - The Royal Library, Copenhagen (KBDK)	1,771	482,014
	Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (BNCF)	1,401	582,017
	Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Nationale Bibliotheek van Nederland, Den Haag (KBNL)	2,458	599,153
	The Wellcome Library, London	1,554	595,970
	Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris (BnF)	2,089	641,431
	Total	9,273	2,900,585
COLLECTION 5: Period works by Nostradamus, physician Thomas Bartholin and alchemist George Riley are joined by classical texts by Aesop, Juvenal, Hippocrates and Catullus.	Det Kongelige Bibliotek - The Royal Library, Copenhagen (KBDK)	2,189	554,999
	Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Nationale Bibliotheek van Nederland, Den Haag (KBNL)	2,085	557,699
	The Wellcome Library, London	1,421	552,712
	Total	5,695	1,665,410
COLLECTION 6: A wealth of French-language content includes original works and translations from Homer, Herodotus, Plato and Aristotle, as well as Virgil, Horace, Ovid, Cicero and Julius Caesar.	Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)	3,759	1,400,005
COLLECTION 7: With subject matter ranging from theology and science to mathematics, natural history and more, this final selection concludes the content from Denmark's Royal Library.	Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Nationale Bibliotheek van Nederland, Den Haag (KBNL)	2,592	791,743
	The Wellcome Library	2,211	795,914
	Det Kongelige Bibliotek - The Royal Library, Copenhagen (KBDK)	2,704	378,111
	Total	7,507	1,965,768
COLLECTION 8: Founding or otherwise notable works include literary, philosophical, theological and technical texts, plus historical, geographical, legal, political and economic content.	Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)	5,358	1,724,206
COLLECTION 9: Rare incunabula (pre-1501 works from the earliest era of moveable type) spotlight the acclaimed Wellcome Library materials on the History of Medicine.	Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Nationale Bibliotheek van Nederland, Den Haag (KBNL)	1,356	719,260
	The Wellcome Library	1,974	687,678
	Total	3,330	1,406,938

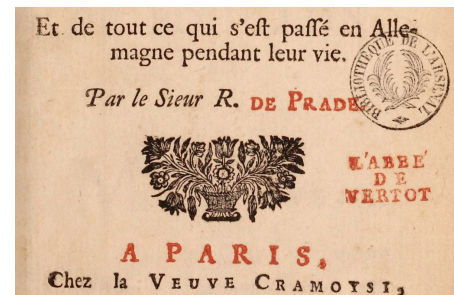
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COLLECTION 10: From the Department of Philosophy, History and Human Sciences comes encyclopedic collections covering more than a dozen topics, from education to prehistory.	Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)	2,628	1,356,741
COLLECTION 11: Religion and Religious thought from Northern Europe as part of the anniversary of Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses of 1517 which heralded the Protestant Reformation.	Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Nationale Bibliotheek van Nederland, Den Haag (KBNL)	1,821	375,307
	The Wellcome Library	148	58,570
	Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (BNCF)	22	7,204
	Det Kongelige Bibliotek - The Royal Library, Copenhagen (KBDK)	292	39,004
	Total	2,283	480,085
COLLECTION 12: A selection of titles on history and governance drawn from works published across France and beyond, covering classical times, histories of Europe, of the Middle East and accounts of the New World as well as studies in military history, antiquities and numismatics.	Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)	1,236	568,831
COLLECTION 13: A vast selection of works around literature, drama, poetry and education. Content varies from theatrical and literary pieces from the classical period to writings in the early modern period in Europe.	Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (BNCF)	189	63,652
	Det Kongelige Bibliotek – The Royal Library, Copenhagen	1,661	96,928
	Koninklijke Bibliotheek, National Bibliotheek van Nederland, Den Haag (KBNL)	2,990	219,424
	Wellcome Library	226	78,700
	Total	5,066	458,704
COLLECTION 14: A selection of titles strongly focused on philosophy, medicine and science . An assortment of items on thematic topics are offered while simultaneously delivering access to an in-depth array of French titles from a time that saw crucial changes in the development of western science and philosophy.	Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)	1,100	490,000
COLLECTION 15: Featuring selections from four partner libraries and including items from across Europe, Collection 15 provides an enlightening insight into how religion and scientific enquiry developed in parallel through the early modern period, often in relative accord but sometimes in alarming opposition.	Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (BNCF)	127	35,978
	Det Kongelige Bibliotek - The Royal Library, Copenhagen (KBDK)	191	36,993
	Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Nationale Bibliotheek van Nederland, Den Haag (KBNL)	1,671	134,768
	The Wellcome Library, London	1,121	477,926
	Total	3,110	685,665
COLLECTION 16: A rich survey of the many facets of early modern French culture highlighting several subject areas, with the inclusion of items from the <i>Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal</i> , a treasured part of the national library.	Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)	837	319,300
	Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal	513	195,700
	Total	1,350	515,000
COLLECTION 17: A focus on Law and Politics , with discourses on government and political theory. Materials in this collection includes ordinances, edicts, proclamations and political tracts on topics of jurisprudence.	Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF), Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal	2,000 (estimate)	500,000 (estimate)
COLLECTION 18: This collection encompasses history chronicles from the Early Modern Period.	Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF), Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal	1,500 (estimate)	500,000 (estimate)

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Leading European research libraries trust ProQuest to safely digitize their irreplaceable historic material for inclusion in Early European Books. Partner institutions include:

- **Det Kongelige Bibliotek (KBDK)/The Royal Library, Copenhagen** – Early European Books' first partner library, the KBDK is Denmark's national library and holds an almost complete collection of all Danish books printed since 1482. Collection 1 of Early European Books was made up of volumes from the KBDK in its entirety and, to date, KBDK material is a component of Collection 3, 4 and 5. Digitization was carried out at the library.
- **Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (BNCF)/National Central Library, Florence** – Early European Books' second partner library, the BNCF is one of the two central libraries of Italy. Originally founded in 1714 when the scholar Antonio Magliabechi bequeathed 30,000 books, the library quickly became a repository for all published works in Tuscany. Its holdings combined with those of the Biblioteca Palatina in 1861, by 1870 it had become a repository for the whole of Italy and in 1885 it became officially known as the National Central Library of Florence. The entirety of Collection 2 is material from the BNCF while further volumes from the BNCF form components of Collection 3 and 4. Digitization was carried out at the library.
- **Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KBNL)/ National Library of the Netherlands, The Hague** – Founded in 1798, the library has a collection that contains almost the entire literature of the Netherlands, from early manuscripts to the most recent publications. Publication of material from the KBNL began with Collection 3, initially with an agreement to digitize the entire KBNL collection of material printed in the Netherlands before 1700 (approximately 28,500 items), with an option to extend this program to the digitization of the library's holdings of books printed outside the Netherlands before 1700.
- **Wellcome Library, London** – Founded on the private collection of Sir Henry Wellcome (1853-1936), the library's rich holdings encompass the history of medicine and include works on alchemy, anthropology and ethnology. Henry Wellcome began collecting books in the late 1890s, searching the world for a diverse range of books and buying collections such as William Morris's library and the library of Joseph Frank Payne, librarian to the Royal College of Physicians. As with the KBNL, material from the Wellcome begins with Collection 3.
- **Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)/National Library of France, Paris** – Intended as the national repository of everything published in France, the origins of the library go back to 1368 and the royal collection established by Charles V. First opened to the public in 1692, over the centuries the collection grew in size and shifted location on numerous occasions. During the French Revolution, the collection swelled to over 300,000 volumes and, later, under Napoleon's reign, became established as France's national repository. The first material from the library was released as part of Collection 4 in 2013. Further material will be in stand-alone collections; the first of such is Collection 6, released in 2014; followed by Collection 8 released in 2015; Collection 10 released in 2016; Collection 12 released in 2017; Collection 14 released in 2018; Collection 16 released in 2019, and Collections 17-18 to be released in 2020.



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