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Press Release

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Explore the World of Miniature Books at the Main Library May 6



As part of its exhibit *Special Collections in Special Collections*, the Rare Books & Special Collections Department of the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, will present **Eentsy-Weentsy: Exploring Miniature Books**, on Saturday, May 6th at 3:00 p.m.

Miniature books, most of which are less than three inches tall and some of which are smaller than a penny, have delighted readers for centuries. Popular because they were easily carried or concealed, these historic books range from tiny "Thumb Bibles" to illustrated nursery rhymes. The earliest piece of block printing to which an accurate date can be ascribed--a Japanese wooden block print from about 770 AD--is a miniature scroll and part of the Lilly Library's collections.

Gems from the department's various special collections are being showcased, including dictionaries, Bibles, Americana, Cincinnati and Ohio history, modern private press books, artists' books, author collections, material from the Inland Rivers Library, and an interesting display case of miniature books. The exhibit will continue through June 30.

EXHIBIT HOURS:
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.:
Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.: Saturday
1:00-5:00 p.m.: Sunday
Information: (513) 369-6957

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