Rare Book Room Policies

Our Rare Book Room contains books that are over 500 years old. To ensure they are with us for another 500, please observe the following:



No food or liquid of any kind--including water.



Only a laptop computer, phone, pencils and paper are permitted. No pens or markers of any sort.



Do not touch or handle the books. If you wish to see a book more closely, consult a librarian.



You may take pictures with the flash turned off.



Do not bring bags, coats or other personal items into the Rare Book Room.



Outlets are needed for fans and air purifiers—please charge your computer battery beforehand or use paper for notes.



Books prefer a cool environment with plenty of air flow. People may prefer an extra sweater.

Access during regular business hours is by appointment with 24-hour notice. Contact: noelle-sinclair@uiowa.edu



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