

Who can use it?

The Centre for Irish-German Studies book collection serves as a valuable resource for readers, students, and scholars from various academic disciplines. It is a testament to the dedication to promoting Irish-German friendship and scholarship. We also have an emphasis on Austrian books, thanks to the Otto Glaser Collection, donated in 2022. We thank all publishers for kindly donating relevant publications, The Swiss, German and Austrian Embassys in Dublin, and many individuals, including Monica Schefold, Marguerite Kummin-Sterchi, Brigitte Weiser and Peter and Eliza Williams.



The beginning of the book collection in 1999

Discover the hidden gems and unique items of the Irish-German Book Collection at the University of Limerick!



WHERE TO FIND IT

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The Centre for Irish-German Studies Book Collection



The Books

The Centre for Irish-German Studies book collection is located on the second floor of the Glucksman Library. This collection offers a rich resource for those interested in Irish-German literature and culture. It includes a wide range of materials, from books by famous writers to travel guides and journals.

The collection also features a significant portion of children's literature, with Irish fairy tales, legends, and beautifully illustrated books. Additionally, it includes artist's books, which are limited editions with illustrations by renowned artists, and older, rare leather-bound books that are no longer in print.



The Gottschalk Collection



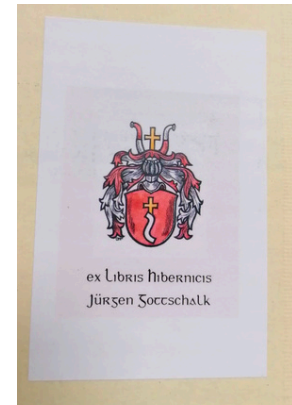
The Gottschalk Collection, housed in the Special Collections and Archives Department at the Glucksman Library since 2019, comprises several thousand items of printed material and is the heart of our book collection. Donated by Celtic scholar Jürgen Gottschalk, who founded the Würzburg Irish-German Society in 1986, this collection reflects his lifelong dedication to promoting Irish-German friendship and scholarship.

Although Jürgen Gottschalk passed away in October 2019, his extensive collection, one of the largest private book collections on Ireland, continues to serve readers, students, and scholars from various academic disciplines.

The Gottschalk Collection features a carefully selected range of artist's books, combining literature and fine art, with limited editions showcasing contemporary art in exquisitely bound volumes.

Rare finds

For literary and editorial scholars, the Gottschalk Collection offers various editions, including those with original texts and German translations, as well as multiple editions of works like Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* and James Joyce's *Ulysses*, for which we have the first edition of the German translation.



For the curious explorer, the collection offers rarities, curiosities, and hidden oddities, such as unique works, mischievous dedications, annotations, ex libris, and booksellers' and printers' stamps and labels. We are especially proud to have the only known copy of *Venenum* (1518) in Ireland. The collection is a wonderful testament to the multi-faceted relationship between Ireland and the German-speaking countries.