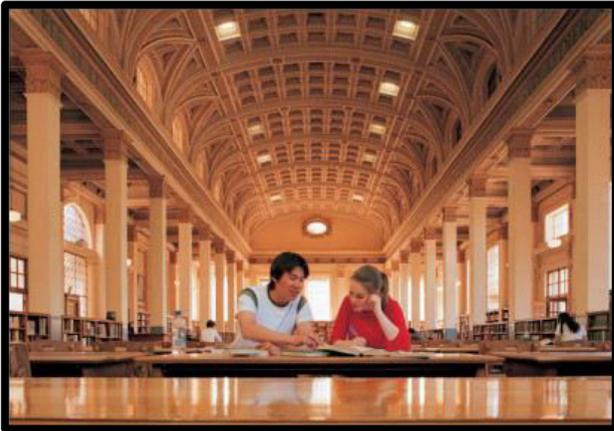


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Membership of the Friends is free and open to all. The purpose of the Friends is to promote and foster interest and support for the University libraries and their development, from alumni and the wider Community.



Friends' benefits & activities

- Library borrowing rights at a reduced annual rate (half the normal community borrowing rate)
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- joint functions with other libraries and cultural organisations
- reciprocal rights at some other cultural institutions in Australia and overseas through associated membership of the AFFM (Australian Federation of Friends of Museums)
- opportunities to support the restoration, preservation and digitisation of rare works
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## Gerard's Herbal

Gerard's *Herball*, first published 1597, is the best known of all English herbals and botanical books.

The Barr Smith copy is a 1636 reissue of the much enlarged and amended edition of 1633 by Thomas Johnson, a London apothecary and botanist. He was commissioned by the publishers to update the work under the threat of a rival publication. His work made it more popular than ever.

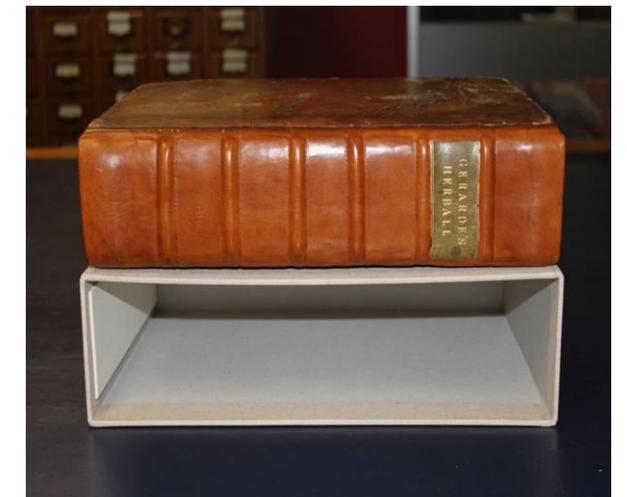
The large folio is illustrated with more than 2,200 hand-coloured woodcuts, including one of a banana-tree drawn by Johnson himself from a specimen brought from the Bermudas and presented to him by Dr. Argent, President of the London College of Physicians. Most of the wood blocks were imported, many previously used by the printer Plantin at Antwerp in other botanical works. Johnson's preface contains the first English survey of botanical history and was used by students of botany, including Sir Joseph Banks, up to the late 18th century.

The Barr Smith copy was received as part of the Sir Samuel James Way bequest.

As illustrated, the front cover had become detached and the centre gatherings split. Earlier rebacking of the spine needed to be removed and the text block resewn and front cover attached. This work was undertaken by Anthony Zammit Book Restoration in 2011.

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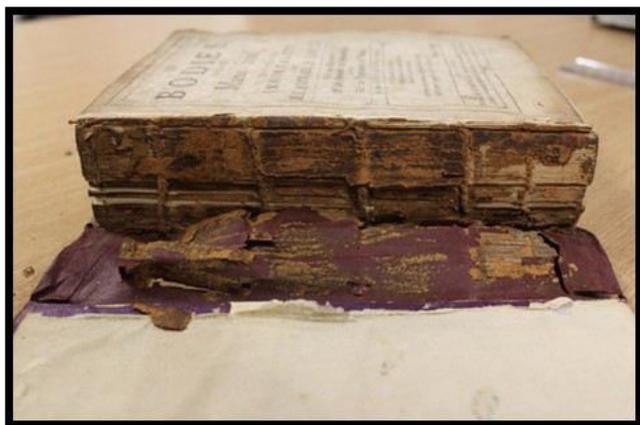
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**Gerard's Herbal 1636  
before and after  
repair and restoration**

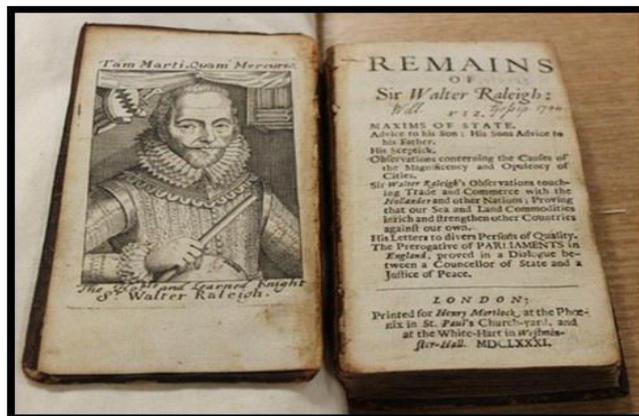
# Adopt-a-book

The Barr Smith Library holds many early printed and rare books collected largely through generous donation. This is a working collection and these unique and valuable resources support and stimulate the University's extensive and varied teaching and research programs. Many of these items, now housed in Rare Books and Special Collections, are in need of repair and restoration to ensure the works are available for the continued benefit of future generations of scholars.



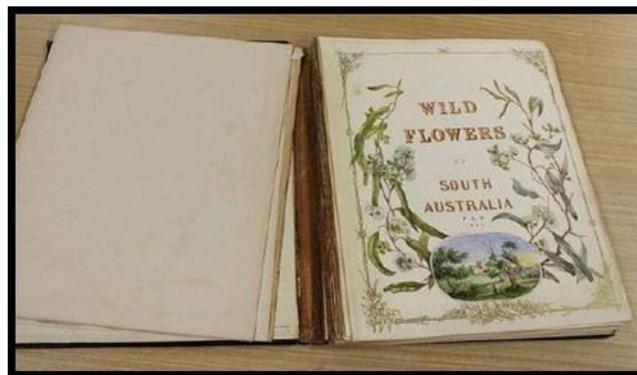
## *Of bodies and of man's soul* by Sir Kenelm Digby 1669

There is a wide range of titles in need of such repair and restoration. Some are illustrated here and information about others can be found on the Adopt-a-book webpage at:  
[www.adelaide.edu.au/library/special/adopt\\_a\\_book/](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/library/special/adopt_a_book/)



## *Remains of Sir Walter Raleigh 1681*

This body of work is beyond the means of regular Library funds but offers an opportunity for friends and supporters of the Library to support the program by donation.



## *Wild Flowers of South Australia* by Fanny Elizabeth De Mole 1861

The work required can vary from full rebinding to the making of a protective box. The cost can range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. As a guide - the median cost would be approximately \$500.

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