

## The Hand Press Book Database

The Hand Press Book Database is a unique and growing catalog of European printing in the early modern era—or “hand-press period” (15<sup>th</sup> century to the 1830s). Available only from OCLC, this resource integrates descriptive records for major European national, university and research library holdings. It is especially valuable for research in intellectual history, social history and transmission of thought—as well as the history of printing and the history of the book.

### Key features

**An easy-to-use interface:** The OCLC® FirstSearch® interface accommodates searchers of all skill levels—basic, advanced and expert. The interface is available in many languages (English, French, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, and traditional and simplified Chinese, and it displays the accents and diacritics in non-English records.

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### Key advantages

**Content from trusted sources:** The Hand Press Book Database, available only from OCLC, is comprised of more than 2.7 million records contributed by members of the Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL). CERL’s primary objective is to record all books printed in Europe during the hand-press period; the Hand Press Book Database is the repository for those records.

**Essential for serious research:** The Hand Press Book Database is an essential resource for anyone interested in Europe’s multilingual print culture during the “hand-press” period.