



Library of Trinity College, Dublin

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- Highlights the diverse holdings of the Library of Trinity College Dublin and illuminates their fascinating history, through a personal tour given by the Library's Director
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The Library of Trinity College Dublin dates back to the establishment of the College in 1592 and is the largest library in Ireland. Its extensive collection of journals, manuscripts, maps and music reflects over 400 years of academic development and amounts to over 6 million volumes. A Legal Deposit Library since 1801, it receives copies of all material published in the United Kingdom and Ireland. The most famous of its treasures is the *Book of Kells*, whose rich illuminations are one of the finest examples of medieval art. Together with the *Book of Durrow*, also in the collection, they represent Ireland's greatest cultural treasure. The Library also bears testament to more recent history, counting letters from Irish WWI soldiers and various artefacts from the Easter Rising – including a bullet fired through the Library roof – among its collection. This selection of objects highlights the diversity of the holdings and illuminates their fascinating history.

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