



The Abbey Library of St Gallen

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- Includes important items and objects from one of the world's oldest libraries
- The library and its collection are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites

The Abbey Library of St Gallen is one of the oldest libraries still surviving today. It can be traced back to the Irish missionary Gall, who established the first community of monks in St Gallen in 612. As the 'healing-place of the soul', the library has a collection that is unique in the world for its quality and completeness, illustrates the part played by the monasteries in the development of western culture and contains many treasures. Its Baroque Hall is one of the most beautiful library spaces imaginable.

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The members of the management team of the Abbey Library present a personal choice of the most important items in the library and a few other objects that are worth seeing.

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