Authors’ Libraries at the Harry Ransom Center

Note:
To locate listings of individual titles in libraries, go to http://catalog.lib.utexas.edu/search/x (Advanced Search page) and search author’s name (lastname, firstname). Generally, search results will include books signed or inscribed by the author (presentation copies) and limited editions signed by the author, which are not part of an author’s library. The same is true for the holdings figures below.

This listing was compiled in 2010-11. Holdings of fewer than 50 books owned by an author were generally omitted except for a few exceptional figures (e.g., Poe, Twain, Shaw). Thanks to Molly Schwartzburg for her assistance.

Richard W. Oram

Anderson, Maxwell

Holdings: 145 titles.

Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973

Holdings: 320 titles
Note: These derived from the estate of his companion Chester Kallmann; others were sold by the Phoenix Bookshop (see below) and appear with some frequency on the market.
Other holdings: Berg Collection, NYPL.

Auerbach, Erich

Note: A portion of the library (580 titles of some 1,600) was sold to the University of Texas at Austin in the 1960s and dispersed into the general collections. A listing of the books in the original library is available from the Harry Ransom Center.

Banks, Russell

Holdings: 1,000 titles

Bax, Clifford

Holdings: 191 titles.

Beecher, John

Holdings: 359 titles.
Blakeston, Oswell
  Holdings: 259 titles.

Bowen, Elizabeth
  Holdings: approx. 25 titles.

Bowles, Paul
  Holdings: approx. 100 titles.

Burgess, Anthony
  Holdings: 95 titles

Burnshaw, Stanley
  Holdings: >1,000 titles.(partly searchable in catalog)
  Note: About half the collection is uncataloged.

Cather, Willa
  Holdings: 138 titles

Church, Richard
  Holdings: 1,230 titles.

Coleridge Family
  Holdings: approx. 325 titles
  Note: Includes books owned by various members of the family, principally Hartley Coleridge, Derwent Coleridge, and Sara Fricker Coleridge.

Coppard, A. E.
  Holdings: 239 titles.

Cousins, Margaret
  Holdings: >1,000 titles.

Croft-Cooke, Rupert
  Holdings: 121 titles
Crosby, Harry and Caresse

Holdings: 923 titles

Cummings, E. E.

Holdings: 2,725 titles

Dannay, Frederic (Ellery Queen)

Holdings: >5,000 titles
Note: Consists of Dannay’s library of detective and crime fiction. The bibliography Queen’s Quorum was based on this collection.

Davenport, Guy

Holdings: 2,000 titles (uncataloged)

Dobie, J. Frank

Holdings: 9,517 titles

Doyle, Arthur Conan

Holdings: 1,050 titles
Note: Holdings include books from Doyle’s “True Crime” and Spiritualism libraries.
Other holdings: Toronto Public Library

Field, Eugene

Holdings: 78 titles

Gardner, Erle Stanley

Holdings: approx. >1,000 titles. (uncataloged)
Note: These volumes (including a large number of law books) were removed from the reconstruction of Gardner’s writing cabin at his home in Temecula, California.

Gawsworth, John

Holdings: 680 titles

Gosse, Edmund

Holdings: 70 titles

**Goyen, William**

Holdings: 140 titles

**Hardy, Thomas,**

Holdings: 290 titles


**Heath-Stubbs, John**

Holdings: 90 titles

**Henderson, Alice Corbin**

Holdings: 780 titles

**Hergesheimer, Joseph**

Holdings: 110 titles

**Hurst, Fannie**

Holdings: 200 titles

**Jacobson, Dan**

Holdings: 140 titles

**Joyce, James**

Holdings: 564 titles


Other holdings: University of Buffalo
Kenner, Hugh

Holdings: > 5,000 titles (uncataloged)

Knopf, Alfred A. and Blanche W.

Holdings: > 15,000 titles.
Note: The collection of Knopf, Inc. books, many inscribed to the Knopfs, fine printing, and literature, was originally kept at their home, known as “The Hovel.”

LaFarge, Oliver

Holdings: 527 titles

Lawrence, D. H.

Note: “D. H. Lawrence was known for not collecting or keeping books; generally he bought cheap reading books and gave them away or disposed of them after reading.” (John Windle, Catalogue 48 [2011], p. 64). The Harry Ransom Center owns three books that belonged to Lawrence, and a handful have appeared on the market.

Lawrence, T. E.

Holdings: ca. 15
Reference: T. E. Lawrence by his Friends (London. Jonathan Cape, 1937) contains a list of books owned by the author at the time of his death.

Lewis, Wyndham

Holdings: 560 titles

Lively, Penelope

Holdings: 128 titles

Lucie-Smith, Edward

Holdings: 128 titles
Other location: Emory University
Maas, Willard
Holdings: 50 titles

MacBeth, George
Holdings: 526 titles (uncataloged)

McCullers, Carson
Holdings: 450 titles

Machen, Arthur
Holdings: 160 titles

Mackenzie, Sir Compton
Holdings: 9,432 titles

Mailer, Norman
Holdings: approx. 800 titles
Note: Most of Mailer’s library is in the possession of his estate.

Masters, Edgar Lee
Holdings: over 1,000 titles (most searchable in online catalog; some holdings uncataloged)

Masefield, John
Holdings: 50 titles (most searchable in online catalog)

Maugham, Somerset
Holdings: 90 titles

Miller, Henry
Holdings: 75 titles
Other location: University of Southern California

Mitford, Jessica
Holdings: 166 titles and >500 uncataloged serials
Note: For the most part, these are works Mitford used to research Kind and Usual Punishment: The American Prison Business.
Moore, Marianne

Holdings: 90 titles
Other holdings: Rosenbach Museum and Library, Philadelphia

Morley, Christopher

Holdings: 7,000 titles

Poe, Edgar Allan


Note: Poe never accumulated a large library and sold or gave away most of his books. A handful of his books are at the Harry Ransom Center (8), the University of Virginia, and a few other locations.

Pound, Ezra, 1885-1972

Holdings: 650 titles

Note: In 1980 the Ransom Center acquired a portion of Pound’s personal library from his son Omar. Among the 650 volumes are 38 heavily annotated by Pound; 130 with notes, inscriptions, or signatures by Ezra, Dorothy, or Homer Pound and many works inscribed to Pound, notably the first (American) edition of T.S. Eliot’s The Waste Land (1922).
Other holdings: Beinecke Library, Yale University

Purdy, James

Holdings: 200 titles

Ross, Nancy Wilson (see also Young, Stanley)

Holdings: 1,200 titles
Note: Ross was married to Stanley Young.

Scott, Paul

Holdings: 188 titles
Sexton, Anne
   Holdings: 768 titles

Shaw, George Bernard
   Holdings: 25 titles
   Other holdings: British Library

Sitwell, Edith
   Holdings: 898 titles

Sitwell Family
   Holdings: 50 titles
   Note: books belonging to Osbert and Sacheverell Sitwell (see also entry for Edith Sitwell)

Sukenick, Ron
   Holdings: 1,650 titles

Twain, Mark
   Holdings: 27 titles

Wallace, David Foster, 1962-2008
   Holdings: 302 titles

Waugh, Evelyn
   Holdings: approx. 2,750 titles

White, T. H. (Terence Hanbury), 1906-1964
   Holdings: 451 titles
Woolf, Virginia and Leonard

Holdings: approx. 100 titles
Other location: Washington State University

Young, Stark

Holdings: approx. 700 titles (uncataloged)

Zukofsky, Louis

Holdings: 367 titles