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Subseries 4D. Catalogs and Inventories, 1741-1984, undated**Scope and Contents**

This subseries includes the published catalogs of the Library Company's holdings and founding documents, as well as the periodic supplements and printed bulletins listing titles added since the last published catalog.

The Library Company published its first catalog in 1741 and its last full catalog in 1856. In 1876, the Library's directors considered printing another full catalog, but decided that the costs would be too high. Instead, staff created the Library Company's first card catalog, writing out 69,460 cards representing all of the additions since the 1856 catalog was published.

The published catalogs typically also include the text of the Library Company's charter, its rules and regulations, and a brief history of the institution.

Title/Description	Instances
Books belonging to the Library Company of Philadelphia (3159.D.1, gift of Joseph Parker Norris Feb. 1827), 1741	volume 1 (3159.D.1)
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Oldest surviving catalog of the Library Company of Philadelphia, printed by Benjamin Franklin and bound at a later date. Includes a short account of the Library Company on the final page, likely written by Franklin.	
The charter of the Library Company of Philadelphia. And books added to the library since the year 1741. (14512.D), 1746	volume 6 (14512.D)
The charter, laws, and catalogue of books, of the Library Company of Philadelphia. (66647.O (Taylor); gift of C. Newbold Taylor, 1955), 1757	volume 8 (66647.O (Taylor))
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Loose text block with some detached pages.	
The charter, laws, and catalogue of books, of the Library Company of Philadelphia. (93804.D), 1757	volume 9 (93804.D)