Celebrating National Poetry Month

@ The Sutro Library

Shakespeare’s First Folio and other rare books on exhibit during April

In honor of National Poetry Month, the Sutro Library is exhibiting rare works from the original collection of Adolph Sutro. On display are Shakespeare’s First Folio, an original King James Bible, a sixteenth century book of Petrarch’s sonnets, and other beautifully bound works of art. The exhibit runs through April 30.

While the Sutro Library is well known for having one of the premier genealogy and local history collections in the United States, it also houses a truly world-class and unique special collection that was once the private library of Adolph Sutro. With the intent to build a public research library for the city of San Francisco, Sutro traveled the world buying rare books, archival collections, maps, pamphlets, and scientific & engineering journals.

Its stellar collection includes approximately 80 incunabula, Adolph Sutro & Joseph Banks manuscripts, Hebrew scrolls, botanical illustrated books, Asian art collection, pre-1900 maps, over 10,000 English pamphlets (1600s-1800s), and the Mexicana collection, which contains over 12,000 pamphlets (1605-1888), the largest collection of its kind in the world.

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