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Book Making and the Making of the Book: Selections from Lovejoy Library’s Special Collections

This exhibit, scheduled to run from April 8 through April 26, 2013 in the Lovejoy Library, will gather together books drawn from our library’s impressive collection of early printed texts. The exhibit will also include educational materials such as posters, page reprints and possibly video to educate viewers on the process and art of early printing. We will focus our exhibit on some of the earliest printed books from the 15th and 16th centuries and highlight topics such as typeface, binding methods, and book format. Part of our work, beyond selecting the books for display, will also include tracing the history of the books and researching the literary or cultural background for them. We hope to not only inform the SIUE community and colloquium participants but additionally to reach out to the larger community by providing a rare opportunity to view these remarkable (and extremely rare) treasures.