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Life and Times of J.K. Rowling

You know J.K. Rowling as the author of the successful Harry Potter series, but what do you know about Joanne Rowling as a person? This exhibit examines Rowling's life before and after the fantasy series launched her to stardom. Discover the life experiences that lead her to create the world of Harry Potter. Understand how she juggles the everyday demands of work, family and fame. Explore what projects lie ahead for this author now that the Harry Potter series has come to its planned end.

Jocelyn Tipton, Booth Library, curator (North Lobby)



The Renaissance World of Harry Potter

Although a work of fiction, the books in the Harry Potter series draw on Renaissance traditions of magic, science, and medicine. This exhibit invites the viewer to venture into that world and discover the roots of modern science in the 15th and 16th centuries. Learn more about prominent alchemists, botanists, and physicians from the Renaissance period and see excerpts from their works.

Stacey Knight-Davis and Jocelyn Tipton, Booth Library, curators (North Lobby)

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Houses of Hogwarts

The Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is divided into four houses: Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw, and Hufflepuff. This exhibit showcases each house by highlighting its founders, history, values, symbols, current members, and prominent alumni.

Johna Shackles, Booth Library, curator (Marvin Foyer)



Judging a Book by its Cover: The International Cover Art of Harry Potter

The Harry Potter series is well known around the world. The titles may be the same and the stories may be similar, but the book covers are as different as the cultures and people reading them. This exhibit provides replicas of the various international editions and invites viewers to explore the differences. Are you able to tell which title it is based on the artwork? Using biographical sketches, meet the artists who are responsible for bringing the essence of each story to life on the covers.

Jocelyn Tipton, Booth Library, curator (Marvin Foyer)



Nutrition in Harry Potter's World

Students enrolled in Nutrition Therapy through the School of Family and Consumer Sciences at Eastern Illinois University will demonstrate the importance of nutrition. Learn about the importance of portion sizes and healthy eating habits. Recipes inspired by the food from Hogwarts, Hogsmeade, and beyond are also featured.

Students from Dr. Carla Honselman's Nutrition Therapy class, curators (Marvin Foyer)

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Quidditch, Anyone?

Quidditch is a fictional game created by J. K. Rowling that is featured in the Harry Potter series. In the books, the game inspires the same level of fervor as American or European football. Learn more about the equipment and playing field for Quidditch, and read about real-life Quidditch leagues.

Jeanne Goble and Johna Shackles, Booth Library, curators (Marvin Foyer)



The Harry Potter Library

Covers from books about the Harry Potter phenomenon are highlighted in this exhibit. Topics include science, philosophy, morality, and criticism.

Johna Shackles, Booth Library, curator (Marvin Foyer)



What to Read Next

Loved Harry Potter and not sure what to read next? A group of books, that have been carefully selected to appeal to Potter fans, is on display in the Ballenger Teachers Center.

Jeanne Goble, Booth Library, curator (Ballenger Teachers Center)

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