Bibliographic Description of Pictures: an introduction to

Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Graphics)

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“The Yellow Book”
Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials

DCRM(__)

- Books (B)
- Cartographic (C)
- Graphics (G)
- Manuscripts (MSS)
- Music (M)
- Serials (S)
Bibliographic description

Library context
1. Transcription
2. Physical description
3. Illustrations in books
4. Groups of pictures
Title: Les vierges sages

Note: Title from item

Image source: http://luna.folger.edu/luna/servlet/s/8bi72p
Transcription

Title: Kath. McGirr, deaf, dumb & blind

Note: Title from caption within image
Dum illusq humilisq animus Pacem edit, et atras
Invidia extinguit dissidique faces.
Appendix G. Early letterforms and symbols

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When y is used to represent the Old English/Icelandic character ã [thorn], enclose th plus additional letters in square brackets.

Superscript; a similar character at baseline represents “[con]”
Demissus[que] humilis[que] animus pacem edit, et atras inuidiae extinguit dissidijque faces.
Nothing to transcribe?
Nothing to transcribe?

Title:  [A jay]

Note:

Title from Pennington, A descriptive catalogue of the etched work of Wenceslaus Hollar, 1607-1677
Title:
[View of part of the South Water Street Illinois Central Railroad freight terminal, Chicago, Illinois, with Pabst Blue Ribbon sign]

Note: Title devised by cataloger
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What *is* it?

- drawing
- painting
- photograph
- print

Or, as a last resort...

- item
- picture

1 print

Image source: [http://luna.folger.edu/luna/servlet/s/05uwf6](http://luna.folger.edu/luna/servlet/s/05uwf6)
Physical Description

What kind of...

- drawing
- painting
- photograph
- print
- item
- picture

...is it?

1 print: hand-colored lithograph

Image source: http://luna.folger.edu/luna/servlet/s/05uwf8
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1 unnumbered leaf, 12 leaves : illustrations vs.
13 prints in 1 volume : engravings

Image source: http://luna.folger.edu/luna/servlet/s/1a0wv
Related title:
Droeshout, Martin, b. 1601, printmaker. [Droeshout portrait of Shakespeare]
To the Reader.
This Figure, that thou here seest put,
It was for gentle Shakespeare cut;
Wherein the Grauer had a strife
with Nature, to out-do the life:
O, could he but have drawn his wit
As well in brasse, as he hath his
His face, the Priest would then for-passe
All, that was writ in brasse.
But, since he cannot, Reader, looke
Not on his Picture, but his Booke.
B. I.

LONDON
Printed by Ilse Legg, and Ed. Blount. 1623
[Droeshout portrait of Shakespeare] [graphic] / Martin Droeshout sculpsit London.
[State 1 of 4].
[London] : [Printed by Isaac Iaggard, and Ed. Blount], [1623]
1 print : engraving ; image 190 x 159 mm

Image source: http://luna.folger.edu/luna/servlet/s/8f368y
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Percy Anderson costume designs for Romeo and Juliet
Gladstone collection of African American photographs

Image source: https://www.loc.gov/collections/gladstone-african-american-photographs/
Free download:
http://rbms.info/dcrm/dcrmg/

Cataloger’s Desktop
http://desktop.loc.gov/

DCRM-L
listserver.lib.byu.edu/mailman/listinfo/dcrm-l