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About Collection 1

The first Early European Books collection is made possible by a partnership between ProQuest and the Kongelige Bibliotek Royal Library in Copenhagen.

This collection offers a comprehensive survey of the Royal Library's holdings listed in *Lauritz Nielsen's Dansk Bibliografi* 1482-1600 and its supplement (1919-1996). All the Royal Library's Danish and Icelandic imprints produced in the 15th and 16th centuries fall within its scope, from the earliest works printed in Denmark to works by the astronomer and alchemist Tycho Brahe (1546-1601) issued from his private press at Uranienborg before 1597.

Lauritz Nielsen's Dansk Bibliografi 1482-1600 includes material printed across Europe and works in many European languages, including Latin, Danish, German, English, Icelandic, Swedish and Ancient Greek. Authors whose works are represented among the Royal Library's collection of pre-1601 books include humanists such as Erasmus, Boccaccio and Petrarch, Protestant reformers such as Martin Luther, Philipp Melanchthon, Hans Tausen and Johann Bugenhagen, and classical authors such as Cicero, Demosthenes and Livy.

Among the landmark Latin texts included in this survey of the Royal Library's collections are copies of the three 16th-century printed editions of the *Gesta Danorum* of Saxo Grammaticus (13th century). Also included are several copies of *De Denscke Kroneke*, and an excerpt of the *Gesta Danorum* in Low German printed by Matthäus Brandis around 1502.

Although Collection 1 consists substantially of material printed before 1601, the Royal Library's holdings of 17th-century editions of works by Tycho Brahe and his follower Johannes Kepler (1571-1630) have also been included.

