How to Adopt-a-book

Choose a book that you would like to support from the list enclosed with this leaflet.

Decide how much you wish to contribute towards the restoration. Minimum donation £25.00

Indicate here which book you would like to support.

I would like to support: 

I would like the bookplate to:

☐ Show my name as donor:

☐ Show that the book has been restored in memory of:

I wish to make a donation of: £

First Name

Surname

Address

Post code

Telephone

Email

Method of Payment  Please tick one below

☐ I enclose a cheque payable to The Society of Apothecaries (mark Book Scheme on reverse of cheque)

☐ I will make a bank transfer to A/c No 05959640 Sort Code 18-00-02 Quoting: Book Scheme your surname and initials

☐ Please tick if eligible for Gift Aid.

Please return this form to: Adopt-a-Book Scheme, The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, Apothecaries' Hall, Black Friars Lane, London, EC4V 6EJ
The Library of the Society of Apothecaries was founded in 1633 with the donation to the Society of a Gerrard’s Herbal. Over the years the Library suffered mixed fortunes with many volumes remaining in the Library of Chelsea Physic Garden after the Society relinquished control of the Garden, while others were sold in the early part of the 20th Century to raise funds for the treatment of death watch beetle in the Hall. However a strong nucleus of books remains, some dating back to the 16th century.

All those with an interest in the Society’s Library are invited to make a contribution towards the restoration of this unique and valuable collection. A list of books selected for restoration is enclosed some with indicative costs. If you would like to support a particular volume, please indicate your selection on the form overleaf and a costing can be estimated. The minimum donation is £25.

Donors can either make a contribution covering the total cost of a particular restoration, join with others to jointly sponsor a book restoration, or make a general donation to the Adopt-a-Book scheme. For those who choose to jointly sponsor a book, please note that any monies pledged towards items that have insufficient sponsors or have already been sponsored, may be used to support other books.

Donations can be recorded on an inscription plate with or in the chosen book, and a dedication may be made on a sole funded project. Books that have received a new lease of life as a result of donations from the scheme will be displayed at a suitable Society event.

As a general guide smaller books needing simple restoration and conservation might cost £100, while £200 or more would pay for more damaged volumes. £800 and upwards might be needed to conserve and repair larger works. See the list for more guidance.