

# Basic Detail Report

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## Title

Traveling Library

## Date

1600-1647

## Dimensions

Case: 16 1/8 x 10 5/8 x 3 1/4 in. Volumes: 4 5/8 x approx. 2 3/8 in.

## Medium

Leather and board case with books bound in vellum with gold tooling

## Classifications

Books

## Credit Line

Frederick B. and Kate L. Shoemaker Fund

## Object number

1938.32

## Exhibition History

Richmond, VA, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, 1963.

Toledo Museum of Art, *Looks Good on Paper: Masterworks and Favorites*, Oct. 10, 2014-Jan. 11, 2015.

## Collections

Works on Paper

## Label Text

This elaborate book box contains 30 miniature volumes of philosophy, theology, history, and poetry. The page ribbons are color-coded (philosophy and theology are blue, history is green, and poetry is pink). It is believed to have belonged to the Bacon family, probably Sir Nicolas Bacon (about 1540–1624), half-brother of philosopher Sir Francis Bacon. The set is one of only a handful of similar traveling libraries prepared for distinguished lawyers during the reign of James I (ruled 1603–1625). Each vellum-bound volume is stamped in gold in the center of the cover with an angel holding aloft an open book and carrying a hand-roll inscribed “Gloria Deo” (Glory to God). The Bacon family seal is impressed upon each book.

## Not On View