

Broadside prints in the collections of the Moravian Library

At the turn of 2015 and 2016, the Moravian Library acquired approximately 40,000 broadside printed items, some 30,000 of which, particularly those contained in the binder's volumes, have been processed to date. The collection of individually preserved prints has been processed only partially so far. Before this acquisition, the Moravian Library's collection comprised around 750 broadside printed items.

The paper will mainly discuss the way the broadside print collection is processed and made available to the public, but it will also present the collection itself, i.e. its composition in terms of form and content. It will comment on the proportion of domestic and foreign prints, the percentage of manuscripts and prints and provenance statistics. We will also describe the manner in which the individual acquisitions for the Moravian Library collection were made. An additional point of interest will concern the physical condition of the prints, which is related to the aforementioned issues of their public availability.