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Nearly one-fourth of the University of Michigan Library's 6 million books are in imminent danger of destruction: books that represent the flowering of civilization, from the first inscriptions on papyrus to the prose and poetry of the 20th century. We can't save them without you.

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More than 1.5 million of these precious books are in danger of literally disappearing within the next five years — going the way of the brontosaurus and the carrier pigeon.

The culprit? Time and its devastating effect on fragile,

One of our treasures: a first edition copy of "Leaves of Grass" — the copy that Walt Whitman gave to Ralph Waldo Emerson.



The first single book purchased for the University of Michigan Library was a full set of the original edition of Audubon's The Birds of America in the double-elephant folio size. Originally costing \$970, these volumes are now valued at approximately \$6 million.



acid-based paper.

The loss would be an incalculable tragedy.

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We can save these books. All it takes is will, skill . . . and money

We know how to save these books. In fact, we have one of the country's most sophisticated preservation programs and a superb lab for book and manuscript restoration. Staffing

our program is a small group of highly trained librarians and technicians. The preservation of these materials is time consuming, costly, and well worth every dollar we can put into it.

Unfortunately, we have a very small budget — a budget that

amounts

to less than five percent of the total amount needed to save all books now at risk in the Michigan Library collections.

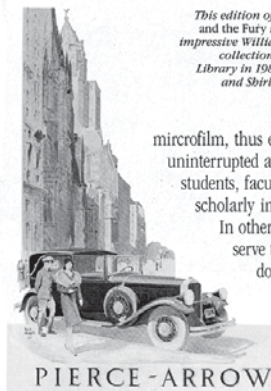
You can help keep civilization on the shelves.

You are our only hope: you and your contribution to the University of Michigan Library Preservation Fund.

Every gift to the fund goes directly to the work of preserving books. In some cases, we will transfer the material to another media such as



Thanks to anarchist Jo Labadie and an enterprising curator, Agnes Inglis, the University of Michigan Library can claim to have one of the nation's strongest collections of social protest literature comprised of posters, pamphlets, books, magazines, postcards, and the letters of activists such as Emma Goldman.



PIERCE-ARROW

The Library's History of Transportation collection includes originals of the now famous Pierce-Arrow advertising posters as well as reports, maps, plans, photos and drawings relating to railroads, bridges, canals, ships, airplanes and highways.



In 1609, Galileo drafted a letter to the Doge of Venice recommending his newest creation, the telescope. On the bottom, the paper-thin inventor jotted down his first sightings of the moons of Jupiter.

This edition of The Sound and the Fury is part of an impressive William Faulkner collection given to the Library in 1989 by Irwin T. and Shirley Holtzman.



microfilm, thus ensuring its uninterrupted availability to students, faculty and other scholarly investigators.

In other cases, we will conserve the actual book or document, treating it page by page.

Another way you can help is by joining the Friends of the University of Michigan Library — a group of people who love books and recognize the treasures

that make up the U of M Library collections.

What will you get in return?

Not much. And a great deal. As a contributor to the University of Michigan Library Preservation Fund, you'll receive a receipt for tax purposes and an "I SAVED CIVILIZATION" decal and bookmark as a small token of our thanks. You will also have the (unspoken) gratitude of generations of readers and

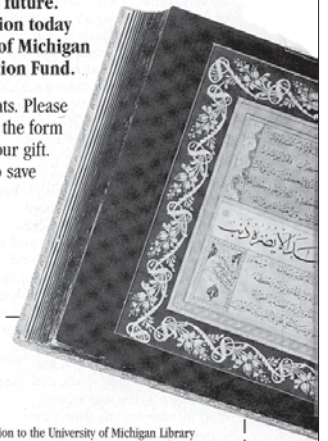
scholars, and the knowledge that you have made a contribution to the future of one of the great library collections in the world.

Please: Help us preserve the best of the past

with a gift for the future. Make a contribution today to the University of Michigan Library Preservation Fund.

Every moment counts. Please don't delay. Send in the form below along with your gift. And do your part to save civilization.

The Library's extensive Islamic collection — actually four separate collections — includes volumes on mathematics, law, astronomy, and many copies of the Koran dating from 800 A.D. to 1700 A.D.



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