# CLASSICS AT THE INNER TEMPLE LIBRARY





Sir William Hamilton, Collection of Etruscan, Greek and Roman antiquities, 1766-1767

# **About the Display**

Books with classical connections have long been a significant part of the Inner Temple Library. The Library's collection includes copies of texts written in the ancient world, a rich range of reference sources, Latin language resources and a Roman Law collection.

This display explores the resources in the collection today, highlighting some of our authoritative reference materials, bringing to light some of the Library's non-law material, and displaying some of the most treasured rare materials held by the Inn.

The material featured in this display covers the whole date range of the Inner Temple Library's holdings, from what is believed to be our earliest item, the 12th-century illuminated manuscript of Macrobius, to the texts of the Loeb Classical Library, new editions of which continue to be published regularly.

# **Non-Law Loans**

Some of the material featured in this display forms part of our non-law collection. Non-law books may be borrowed by Inner Temple barristers and students based in London and by Inner Temple tenants. The loan period is 3 weeks. Please see the catalogue for full listings and see the display in the centre of Room A for details about the scheme.



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# SELECTED CLASSICAL MATERIAL

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- Latham, R.E. Revised medieval Latin word-list from British and Irish sources. London: Published for the British Academy by O.U.P., 1965.
- Riley, H.T. A dictionary of Latin and Greek quotations, proverbs, maxims and mottos classical and medieval, including law terms and phrases. London: Bell and Daldy, 1871.

### Roman Law

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- Lesaffer, R. European legal history: a cultural and political perspective. Trans. J. Arriens. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009.
- Metzger, E. A new outline of the Roman civil trial. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997.
- Watson, A. Law making in the later Roman Republic. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1974.

## **Ancient History**

- The Cambridge ancient history. 2nd ed., 14 vols. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1970-2005.
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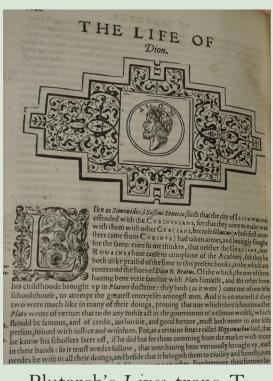


### **Macrobius**

This finely illuminated manuscript of the mid-12th century is believed to be the oldest manuscript in the Inn's possession.

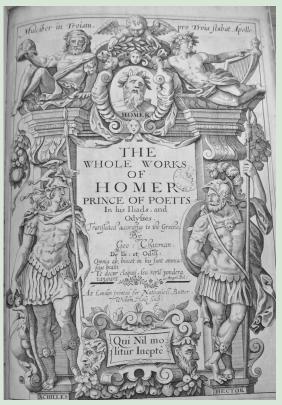
The work is a commentary on **Somnium Scipionis** (The Dream of Scipio) from book VI of Cicero's **De Republica**.

Macrobius: Petyt MS 511 vol. 10



Plutarch's *Lives*, trans. T. North, 1595

Edward Gibbon, The history of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. 1st ed. Vol. 2, 1781



The whole works of Homer, prince of poetts in his Iliads, and Odysses, trans G.
Chapman, 1616.

