

THE TYPOGRAPHIA HOMEPAGE

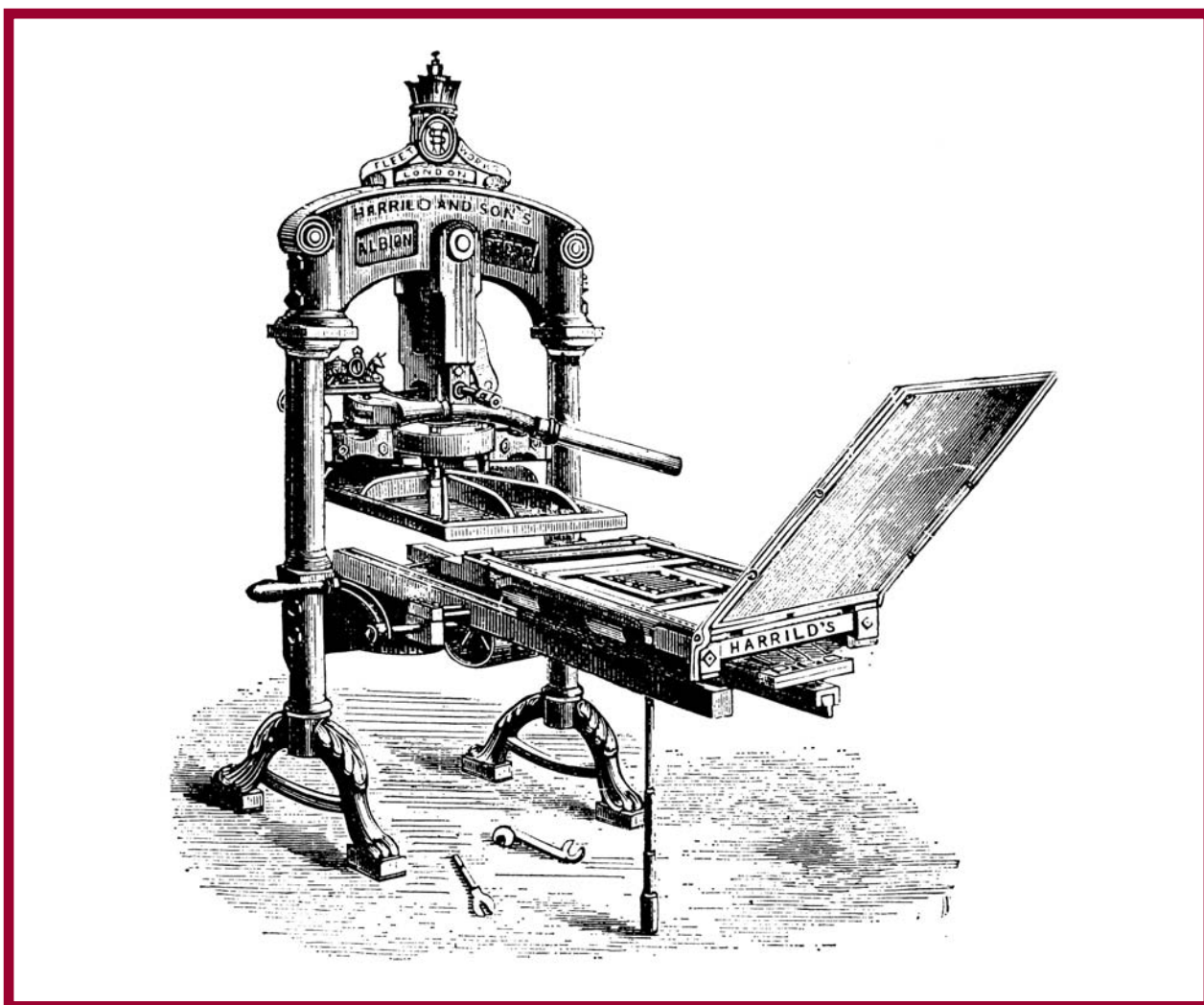


The National Széchényi Library launched the service in 2008 with two main purposes. One was to help librarians' acquisition and processing and the other was to give a guide to Hungarian printers', publishers' and booksellers' operations. Designers of the webpage intend to inform wider professional audiences and the general public of the latest findings of book history research in NSZL. The **Typographia homepage** contains the printers' database for the whole of the Carpathian basin, the **Clavis Typographorum Regionis Carpathicae** for the period 1473–1948. In addition, the data of printers and printing shops active in the first century of printing in the form of text and illustrations is displayed on the website under the title **The Hand-press Period**.

We hope that this database of printers and printing places, easily accessible through the internet together with the informative and spectacular, richly illustrated website of Hungarian printers and printing history, will provide information on the subject to libraries in Hungary and abroad as well as to experts and the public.

CLAVIS TYPOGRAPHORUM REGIONIS CARPATHICAE 1473–1948 Database of printers

The database of the National Széchényi Library (**Clavis Typographorum Regionis Carpathicae**) con-



tains data for all printers from the beginning of printing in Hungary in 1473 to nationalisation in 1948. In the case of publications whose particulars are missing, it tries to supply the missing data and contributes to deciding whether the given document should be part of the collection scope of the Hungarian retrospective national bibliography. The database assisting the basic activity of the national library also supplies more



information about Hungarian printing houses, publishers and booksellers, adding to our knowledge about printing, education, economic history and history.

Data about printing houses, people and bodies managing them are taken from the NSZL's deposit copy registers and from special books and journals dealing with book production. The critical evaluation of data was beyond our scope. Their analysis on the basis of archival and other sources is to be conducted by scholars. Nevertheless, even in its present state the database incorporating more than 55 thousand printing houses that operated over 460 years may be a useful tool to research.

THE HAND-PRESS PERIOD

The web-site of Printers and Printing History in the Carpathian Basin

The National Széchényi Library's intention is to make the most recent findings and the fully mapped out data of the early centuries of Hungarian printing accessible to the general public through this website. The first step is to cover the one hundred years of printing from the very beginnings to the last third of the 16th century. The activity and history of the individual printing shops is completed with their ornaments, series of decorated initials and printing types. The homepage also features the latest literature on the subject.

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