

# Early American Imprints: Evans, Shaw-Shoemaker and Supplements, 1639-1819

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## Quick Facts

The foundation of all research on early America and the most widely held materials of their kind  
Nearly 80,000 items: books, pamphlets, broadsides and other scarce printed materials  
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**“I can turn my students loose in this collection  
and let their historical imaginations run wild.”**

— John Fea, Professor and Chair, Department of History, Messiah College

## Overview

Critical to the study of every aspect of early America, *Early American Imprints* contains virtually every known book, pamphlet and broadside published in America between 1640 and the first two decades of the 19th century—nearly 80,000 printed items in all. This remarkable collection is based on renowned bibliographies by Charles Evans and Roger Bristol and by Ralph R. Shaw and Richard H. Shoemaker; it recently has been expanded with newly discovered items from the holdings of the Library Company of Philadelphia and the American Antiquarian Society. Each imprint is expertly indexed and may be browsed by genre, subject, author, history of printing, place of publication, and language. Subjects include:

- economics and trade
- law and crime
- peoples
- society
- government
- literature
- politics
- manners and customs
- historic events
- military
- religion
- and others

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