

Treasures of the NOAA Central Library

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POSTER ABSTRACT: Although the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is only 24 years old, the oldest book in its library collection dates back to 1485. Described as the largest, most comprehensive, meteorological collection in the Western Hemisphere, the NOAA Central Library makes available to the public irreplaceable major scientific works that relate to the history of science and the development of meteorology. Notable examples include Latin translations from the 15th and 16th century, publications on weather by Hippocrates, Aristotle, Ptolemy, and Euclid. More contemporary are some original editions by Sir Francis Bacon, Robert Boyle, Johannes Kepler, Torricelli, Sir Isaac Newton, and Michael Faraday.