George Mason University Libraries’ Millionth Volume, which is a collection of rare books, photographs, and manuscripts donated by Dean of Arts and Sciences, Daniele C. Struppa, began in fall 2002 and concluded in spring 2003. Commemorative activities included faculty readings, book donations by many of the university’s academic units, and public lectures. The capstone event, on April 2, 2003 included the official presentation, and exhibit of the Daniele C. Struppa Collection of Rare Books and Manuscripts. Here you will find selected photographs from throughout the celebratory year. Inside images are from the collection itself mixed with pictures of the restoration team at work.

Dr. Struppa formally presents University Librarian John G. Zenelis with George Mason University’s millionth volume.

Dean Struppa lectures on the more personal aspects of book collecting. (Full text of the lecture is available at library.gmu.edu/mv/presentation.html)

Mason faculty and staff at the exhibition reception.

President Merten and Diane Coppage ’02, view the Struppa Collection at the reception.
Donated book before restoration. Sheet after surface dirt and environmental acids were removed. Clamshell box awaiting addition of stamped morocco leather spine.
You can read more about the Millionth Volume Collection in the catalog available online at http://library.gmu.edu/mv.

Conservation and Restoration

Conservator sewing new binding.

Tools and materials used to prepare clamshell book boxes.

Completion of the stamped morocco bindings for the clamshell boxes.
Dr. Robert P. Clark, Public and International Affairs, reminisces about the first book he wrote.

Provost Peter Stearns introduces the fall faculty authors’ reception by remarking on the important role books and libraries play in the academic life of the university.

Robinson Professors James S. Trefil (left) and Roger W. Wilkins, speakers at the faculty authors reception, listen to their colleagues’ comments.

University Librarian John G. Zenelis cuts the cake for the library staff’s Millionth-Volume celebration.