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Johannes Gutenberg in a 16th-century fantasy portrait created after his death.

Johannes Gutenberg

Gutenberg, the inventor of movable type printing, is considered the father of mass communication. Born in Mainz around 1400, he developed his pioneering technology there and in Strasbourg. From around 1452 to 1454, he printed the voluminous 42-line Bible in Mainz, which became known as the Gutenberg Bible.

From there, the art of letterpress printing spread across the continent at lightning speed, becoming available in around 300 cities within just 50 years. As a mediator of knowledge, information and entertainment, the printing press became the driving force of cultural and intellectual development. Gutenberg's legacy lives on in every digital medium, database and even artificial intelligence, making knowledge accessible in new ways.



Internationale Gutenberg-Gesellschaft in Mainz e.V.



The largest Bible page in the world, printed in Mainz in 2025

The Internationale Gutenberg-Gesellschaft

The Gutenberg-Gesellschaft is an international research association focusing on the history and development of printing technology and writing-oriented media. It also provides non-material and material support for the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz.

Founded on 23 June 1901, the day the associated Gutenberg Museum opened, the Gutenberg-Gesellschaft is one of the most traditional scientific societies in Mainz. Its board comprises representatives of public institutions (city, state and university) and individuals elected by the general members' meeting. The president is the Lord Mayor of the City of Mainz by virtue of his office.

Today, the Gutenberg-Gesellschaft has around 600 members in approximately 30 countries. As a scientific association, our society brings together like-minded people from all over the world. It offers new members the opportunity to join this network and benefit from it. These include joint excursions in Germany and abroad, specialist lectures and conferences, the monthly Treffpunkt Gutenberg event series and the regular general meetings, at which the Gutenberg Prize is awarded every two years.

The Gutenberg Prize

Since 1968, the Gutenberg-Gesellschaft and the City of Mainz have alternated annually with the printing city of Leipzig to award the Gutenberg Prize. Endowed with 10,000 euros, this prize is awarded for an outstanding artistic, technical or scientific achievement in the field of printing that is directly related to Gutenberg's invention.

Winners of this award have set the standard in fields such as book illustration, production and art, as well as typography.

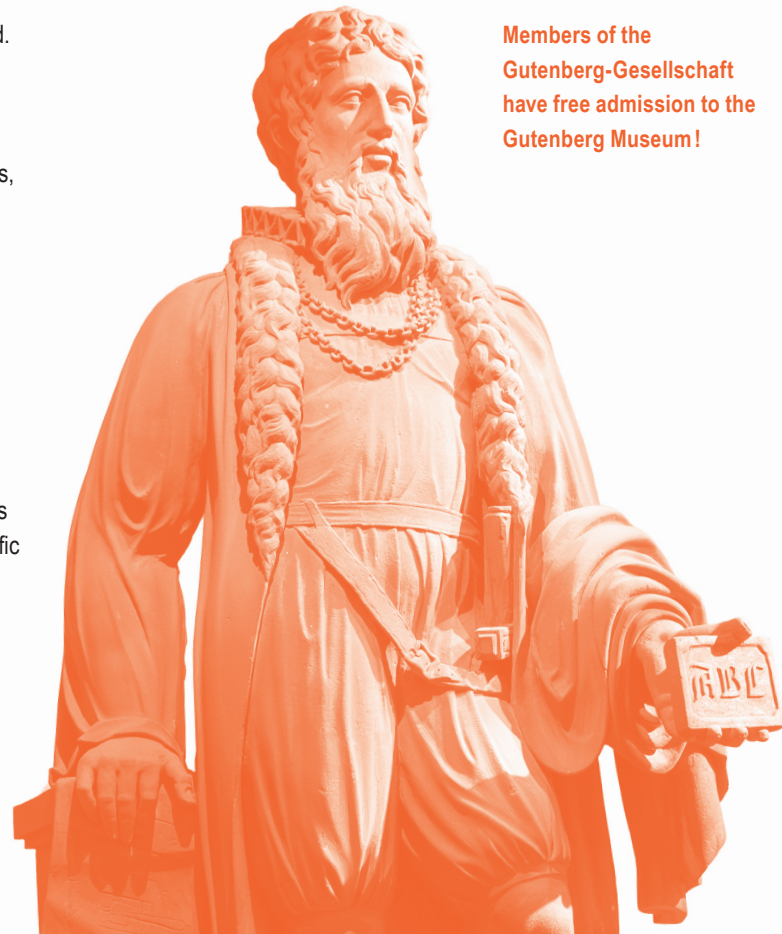
Oldest monument to Gutenberg, by Joseph Scholl, 1827,
on display at the Gutenberg Museum, Mainz

The Gutenberg Museum

The Gutenberg Museum, one of the world's oldest printing museums, is currently undergoing architectural renewal. The interim exhibition, 'Gutenberg Museum MOVED', displays key highlights from four millennia of book, printing and writing culture. Historical artefacts are presented alongside contemporary social and media topics. The focus is on the life, work and influence of Johannes Gutenberg.

The centrepiece is the walk-in treasure chamber housing two copies of the 42-line Gutenberg Bible. The exhibition is complemented by two Gutenberg workshops and a printing shop, where visitors can experience the art of printing firsthand.

**Members of the
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Gutenberg Museum!**



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First visualisation of the immersive opening display in the new Gutenberg Museum
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The mission of the Internationale Gutenberg-Gesellschaft is to support schoolchildren and students interested in the history and present of the art of printing. Instead of paying the annual membership fee of 90 euros, pupils and students only pay 36 euros.

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