

The Girolamini Thefts in the Press: August 2013 to January 2014

August 2013

Le nouvel observateur (July 12, 2013)

« La Divine Comédie » a disparu... (French)

<http://bibliobs.nouvelobs.com/actualites/20120814.OBS9579/la-divine-comedie-a-disparu.html>

ActuaLitté. Les univers u livre (August 12, 2013)

Démantèlement d'un trafic de livres rares à la bibliothèque Girolamini de Naples

<http://m.actualitte.com/n/35963>

Börsenblatt Online (August 13, 2013)

"Vorwürfe ungeheuerlich, absurd und völlig haltlos" (German)

<http://www.boersenblatt.net/632884/>

Süddeutsche Zeitung (August 22, 2013)

Münchner Antiquar unter Hehlereiverdacht (German)

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/r5K38h/1489589/Muenchner-Antiquar-unter-Hehlereiverdacht.html> (no longer online)

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (August 23, 2013)

Unter Verdacht – Ermittlungen gegen Auktionator (German)

<http://www.faz.net/aktuell/2.1995/ermittlungen-gegen-auktionator-unter-verdacht-12544271.html>

La Gazzetta di Mezzogiorno (August 27, 2013)

German auction house owner nabbed in Girolamini library case (English)

<http://www.lagazzettadelmezzogiorno.it/english/german-auction-house-owner-nabbed-in-girolamini-library-case-no648186/>

Gazetta del Sud (August 27, 2013)

German auction house owner nabbed in Girolamini library case (English)

<http://www.gazzettadelsud.it/news/english/59308/German-auction-house-owner-nabbed-in-Girolamini-library-case.html>

The Telegraph (August 28, 2013)

Head of German auction house arrested over theft of Italian antique books (English)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/10271458/Head-of-German-auction-house-arrested-over-theft-of-Italian-antique-books.html>

The Local (August 28, 2013)

Outcry over arrest of German 'book thief' (English)

<http://www.thelocal.de/national/20130828-51635.html>

American Hard Assets (August 28, 2013)

Director of German Auction House Arrested for Stealing Italian Antique Books (English)

<http://www.ahametals.com/head-german-auction-arrested/>

Information Today (August 28, 2013)

German auctioneer arrested as 'book thief' (English)

<http://www.infotoday.eu/Articles/ReadArticle.aspx?ArticleID=91616>

Il Fatto Terza Pagina (August 28, 2013)

Saccheggio dei Girolamini, nessuno è intoccabile (Italian)

<http://www.ilfattoquotidiano.it/2013/08/28/saccheggio-dei-girolamini/694655/>

Sheppard's Confidential (August 30, 2013)

International: Girolamini library in Naples - auction house director arrested (English, no web link)

September 2013

The Art Newspaper (September 2, 2013)

Munich auctioneer arrested over historic library thefts in Naples. By Julia Michalska (English)

<http://www.theartnewspaper.com/articles/Munich-auctioneer-arrested-over-historic-library-thefts-in-Naples/30386>

Verband Deutscher Antiquare e.V. (September 9, 2013)

"Vorwürfe ungeheuerlich, absurd und völlig haltlos" - Pressestimmen zur Verhaftung von Herbert Schauer (German, English, Italian)

[http://www.antiquare.de/aktuelles.html?&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=96](http://www.antiquare.de/aktuelles.html?&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=96)

October 2013

Plume. Le magazine du patrimoine écrit (October 2013)

Le pillage de la Girolamini (French)

<http://www.plume-mag.com/magazine/66/le-pillage-de-la-girolamini>

The Art Newspaper (October 21, 2013)

Italy's culture ministry takes over management of plundered Girolamini church. By Tina Lepri and Ermanno Rivetti (English)

www.theartnewspaper.com/articles/Italys-culture-ministry-takes-over-management-of-plundered-Girolamini-church/30791

L'Espresso (October 25, 2013)

007 a caccia dei libri rubati. Si cercano da Londra a New York e in Argentina le migliaia di opere saccheggiate alla Biblioteca dei Girolamini da una banda. Guidata da un protetto di Dell'Utri. By Claudio Pappaianni and Luca Piana (Italian)

espresso.repubblica.it/attualita/2013/10/24/news/saccheggio-biblioteca-dei-girolamini-continua-la-caccia-ai-libri-rubati-1.138956

November 2013

L'Espresso (November 6, 2013)

Estradato in Italia il libraio dei Girolamini. Herbert Schauer, titolare di una nota libreria antiquaria di Monaco, è stato portato nel carcere di Rebibbia. E' accusato di aver messo all'asta 543 volumi rubati nella biblioteca napoletana (Italian)

<http://espresso.repubblica.it/attualita/2013/11/06/news/estradato-in-italia-il-libraio-dei-girolamini-1.140227>

The New York Times (November 29, 2013)

Rare Books Vanish, With a Librarian in the Plot. Unraveling Huge Thefts From Girolamini Library in Naples. By Rachel Donadio (English)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/30/books/unraveling-huge-thefts-from-girolamini-library-in-naples.html>

NewsDiffs (November 30, 2013)

Corrections to: Rare Books Vanish, With a Librarian in the Plot. Unraveling Huge Thefts From Girolamini Library in Naples (English)

<http://www.newsdiffs.org/diff/367339/367366/www.nytimes.com/2013/11/30/books/unraveling-huge-thefts-from-girolamini-library-in-naples.html>

Context (November 30, 2013)

By the book (English)

<http://jchatoff.wordpress.com/tag/marino-de-caro/>

LIS News (November 30, 2013)

Huge Thefts from Girolamini Library with a Librarian in the Plot (English)

http://lisnews.org/huge_thefts_from_girolamini_library_with_a_librarian_in_the_plot

CUA CHIM (November 30, 2013)

Theft of Centuries - Old Texts from the Girolamini Library. By Joseph Koivisto (English)

<http://cuachim.wordpress.com/2013/11/30/theft-of-centuries-old-texts-from-the-girolamini-library/>

December 2013

Off the Shelf (December 3, 2013)

The Book Thief, Italian Style (English)

<http://evanstonpubliclibrary.wordpress.com/2013/12/03/the-book-thief-italian-style/>

Tele Read (December 3, 2013)

Rare Books? See Naples and Die. Whoops! By Paul St. John Mackintosh (English)

<http://www.teleread.com/library/rare-books-see-naples-and-die-whoops/>

The Indian Express (December 7, 2013)

A forger, thief, library director (English)

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/a-forger-thief--library-director/1204760/>

The Sunday Times (December 8, 2013)

Tome raider brought to book. By John Follain (English)

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/world_news/Europe/article1350082.ece

All Things About Albrecht Durer (December 8, 2013)

The Apoclyypse has started - Who's watching the book dealers? No one! And the Germans are involved too! (English)

<http://www.albrechtdurerblog.com/apocalypse-started-whos-watching-book-dealers-one-germans-involved/>

Examiner (December 9, 2013)

Nick Schmidle Interviews Book Thief, Forger M.M. De Caro for The New Yorker (English)

<http://www.examiner.com/article/nick-schmidle-interviews-book-thief-forger-m-m-de-caro-for-the-new-yorker>

Cand.Com (December 12, 2013)

Một cựu Giám đốc Thư viện đánh cắp hàng ngàn cổ thư (Vietnamese)

<http://antg.cand.com.vn/vi-VN/hosointepol/2014/1/82203.cand>

Le Devoir. Libre de penser (December 14, 2013)

Bibliothèques - Le club des voleurs de livres napolitain. By Stéphane Baillargeon (French)

<http://www.ledevoir.com/culture/livres/395070/le-club-des-voleurs-de-livres-napolitain>

The E-Sylum (December 15, 2013)

Girolamini Library Book Thefts (English)

http://www.coinbooks.org/esylum_v16n51a13.html

The New Yorker (December 16, 2013)

A Very Rare Book. The mystery surrounding a copy of Galileo's pivotal treatise. By Nicholas Schmidle (English)

http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2013/12/16/131216fa_fact_schmidle

Zauber der Sterne (December 18, 2013)

"Sidereus Nuncius" und der größte Fälschungsskandal seit 200 Jahren (German)

<http://zauberdersterne.wordpress.com/2013/12/18/sidereus-nuncius-und-der-groeste-falschungsskandal-seit-200-jahren/>

BBC News, Italy (December 19, 2013)

Naples' Girolamini: The looting of a 16th Century library. By Alan Johnston (English)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-25403595>

Newsbeast.gr (December 19, 2013)

Ληλατήθηκε βιβλιοθήκη του 16ου αιώνα (Greek)

<http://www.newsbeast.gr/world/arthro/622793/leilatithike-vivliothiki-tou-16ou-aiona/>

Kristeligt Dagblad (December 20, 2013)

De stjålne bøger fra Girolamini-biblioteket (Danish)

<http://www.kristeligt-dagblad.dk/artikel/538486:Udland--De-stjaalne-boeger-fra-Girolamini-biblioteket>

New York Times (December 22, 2013)

Book Theft in Italy, With a Hint of Politics. By Rachel Donadio (English)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/23/books/book-theft-in-italy-with-a-hint-of-politics.html>

also in: The Sydney Morning Herald (December 25, 2013)

<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/books/book-theft-in-italy-with-a-hint-of-politics-20131225-2zwrz.html>

Deutschland Radio Kultur (December 22, 2013)

Kunsthistoriker Bredekamp über die spektakuläre Fälschung einer Galilei-Schrift (German)

http://www.deutschlandradiokultur.de/kulturnachrichten.355.de.html?drn:news_id=302959

WDR Kulturnachrichten (December 23, 2013)

Kunsthistoriker Horst Bredekamp saß Fälschung auf (German)

<http://www1.wdr.de/themen/infokompakt/nachrichten/kulturnachrichten/kulturnachrichten5516.html>

Internazionale (December 23, 2013)

Un tesoro di libri (Italian)

<http://www.internazionale.it/news/beni-culturali/2013/12/23/un-tesoro-di-libri/>

Hyperallergic (December 23, 2013)

Italian Library Ransacked by Its Own Director. By Jillian Steinhauer (English)

<http://hyperallergic.com/99930/italian-library-ransacked-by-its-own-director/>

Elitedaters (December 27, 2013)

Skandalen om den tyvagtige biblioteksdirektør (Danish)

<http://www.information.dk/483118>

The American Spectator (December 27, 2013)

The Vandals within the Gates. Anyone still prize rare books and reading? (English)

<http://spectator.org/articles/57278/vandals-within-gates>

Die Zeit (December 28, 2013)

Der gefälschte Mond. Erst Sensation, dann Albtraum: Der Kunsthistoriker Horst Bredekamp feierte aufgetauchte Zeichnungen als echte Werke von Galileo Galilei. Frühe Warnungen amerikanischer Wissenschaftler schlug er in den Wind. Warum nur? By Hanno Rauterberg (German)

<http://www.zeit.de/2014/01/faelschung-zeichnungen-galileo-galilei-horst-bredekamp>

Berliner Zeitung (December 29, 2013)

Der zu schöne Mond von Galilei. By Nikolaus Bernau (German)

<http://www.berliner-zeitung.de/kultur/faelschung-der-zu-schoene-mond-von-galilei,10809150,25747502.html>

Der Stern (December 29, 2013)

Mondfinsternis über Mitte (German)

<http://blogs.stern.de/deutschlandgeraet/galileo/>

Storie dell'Arte (December 30, 2013)

“Il racconto del cielo. Capolavori dei Girolamini a Lecce” (Italian)

<http://storiadellarte.com/2013/12/il-racconto-del-cielo-capolavori-dei-girolamini-a-lecce.html>

January 2014

Télé Matin (January 1, 2013)

Le vol de manuscrits anciens à Naples (French)

http://www.france2.fr/emissions/telematin/decouverte/le-vol-de-manuscrits-anciens-a-naples_162172

Courrier international (January 2, 2014)

La bibliothèque et les cinquante voleurs (French)

<http://www.courrierinternational.com/article/2014/01/02/la-bibliotheque-et-les-cinquante-voleurs>

Information Today (January 8, 2014)

Getting Away With History. By Donovan Griffin (English)

<http://www.infotoday.com/it/nov13/Griffin--Getting-Away-With-History.shtml>

Official statements by ILAB

November 29, 2013 (by ILAB President Tom Congalton)

Re: “Rare Books Vanish, with a Librarian in the Plot” (November 29).

To the Editor of the New York Times:

I take exception to the comments of the Naples prosecutor who states “The international market absorbed, without batting an eye, books that they couldn’t not have known came from the Girolamini Library”.

No catalog exists of the stolen books, and the library’s markings were removed by a professional conservator. Despite this he assumes that booksellers should be clairvoyant when confronted with the books, in the process jumping to the conclusion that there is “a sometimes corrupt market for rare books...”

The trade is remarkably efficient in recovering stolen books. Often, such thefts are discovered by booksellers who act promptly in investigating the provenance of questioned items, often to their own financial detriment. The International League of Antiquarian Booksellers (ILAB) and the member national organizations have been diligent in this pursuit and are active in maintaining stolen book databases and coordinating with law enforcement groups.

The prosecutor has neglected to provide lists of stolen books, despite constant requests, and he has largely ignored the forgeries which were obviously part of a sophisticated and carefully organized conspiracy, with deep roots in the Italian political system.

The prosecutor would do well to engage with those who have the expertise required to help recover the books looted from Girolami: the very antiquarian booksellers he seems so eager to stigmatize.

Tom Congalton, (President, International League of Antiquarian Booksellers (ILAB))

October 19, 2013 (by ALAI President Fabrizio Govi)

Latest news about the Girolamini Thefts (English / French)

<http://www.stolen-book.org/> and http://www.ilab.org/eng/documentation/1221-latest_news_about_the_girolamini_thefts.html

also on the ABA website:

<http://www.aba.org.uk/news/587-latest-news-about-the-girolamini-thefts>

June 8, 2012 (by ILAB Immediate Past President Arnoud Gerits)

Massive Thefts at the Girolamini Library in Naples (English / French)

<http://www.stolen-book.org/> and http://www.ilab.org/eng/documentation/786-massive_thefts_at_the_girolamini_library_in_naples.html

Jurisdiction

Diritto Penale Contemporaneo (March 15, 2013)

Tribunale di Napoli. Ufficio del Giudice per le indagini preliminari VIII sezione

<http://www.penalecontemporaneo.it/upload/1374051121TRIBGIP441314girolaminidecaro2.pdf>

Official statements by Zisska & Schauer

Zisska & Schauer (August 10, 2013)

Kommuniqué des Auktionshauses ZISSKA & SCHAUER vom 10.08.2013 an den Verband Deutscher Antiquare e.V., mit der Bitte um sofortige Bekanntgabe an seine Mitglieder

http://www.antiquare.de/aktuelles.html?&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews%5btt_news%5d=91

Press release, published on behalf of the Munich auction house ZISSKA & SCHAUER

<http://www.ilab.org/eng/documentation/1162->

[press release published on behalf of the munich auction house zisska schauer.html](http://www.ilab.org/eng/documentation/1162-press_release_published_on_behalf_of_the_munich_auction_house_zisska_schauer.html)

Reblogged on vialibrarian (August 13, 2013)

<http://www.vialibrarian.com/2013/08/13/latest-news-in-girolamini-scandal/>

Zisska & Schauer (October 15, 2013)

Kommuniqué Nr. 2 des Auktionshauses ZISSKA & SCHAUER vom 15.10.2013

[http://www.antiquare.de/aktuelles.html?&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=99](http://www.antiquare.de/aktuelles.html?&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=99) and

<http://de.zisska.de/aktuelles>