



The Library Company OF PHILADELPHIA

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THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA PRESENTS FREE EXHIBITION CELEBRATING BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AS WRITER AND PRINTER

WHAT: In celebration of the Library Company of Philadelphia's 275th anniversary, the eighty plus artifact exhibition *Benjamin Franklin, Writer and Printer*, takes a fresh, even surprising look at Franklin's dual relationship to the book as printer and author.

On display will be the Library Company's preeminent collection of Franklin imprints as well as examples of the entire range of his output, from everyday printed pieces to massive folio tomes.

There will be a reception for the exhibition opening on Tuesday, May 16, at 5:45 p.m. at The Library Company of Philadelphia.

WHEN: **Tuesday May 16, 2006** and runs through December 22, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Monday – Friday

WHERE: The Library Company of Philadelphia
1314 Locust Street, Philadelphia

COST: **FREE**

DETAILS: *Benjamin Franklin, Writer and Printer* is one of several exhibitions celebrating Franklin's 300th birthday, and the Library Company of Philadelphia is one of five consortium members that make up the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary. The Tercentenary's projects form the official national celebration for America's first founding father to reach 300. The Tercentenary can be found online at www.benfranklin300.org.

The Library Company of Philadelphia, founding in 1731 by Benjamin Franklin, is an independent research library encompassing over half a million rare books, prints, and photographs documenting every aspect of American history and culture from the 17th through the 19th centuries. It is a research center serving a national and international constituency of scholars and presents exhibitions and programs for the public. The Library Company can be found online at www.librarycompany.org.

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