



*The Library Company* OF PHILADELPHIA

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## ***#GiltyPleasures* Opens at the Library Company of Philadelphia**

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The Library Company of Philadelphia is excited to announce a new exhibition, *#GiltyPleasures*. Curated by Digital Outreach Librarians, Concetta Barbera and Arielle Middleman, the exhibition opened January 29, 2018 and will run through April 6, 2018.

Since 2015, Digital Outreach Librarians have shared the Library Company's collections with an online audience. Aiming to bring alive the joys of working with special collections, the Library Company posts materials that inspire humor and creativity, that promote curiosity and research, and celebrate the unique qualities of the materials themselves. Co-curated by our online followers, *#GiltyPleasures* is a showcase of our greatest hits and our curators' favorites.

According to the curators, Barbera and Middleman, "[w]hen we began our social media initiative two and a half years ago, we wanted to share our passion for the Library Company's collections with the online community. We also wanted to introduce new and whimsical ways to engage with special collections. However, no virtual environment can fully mimic the experience of seeing and interacting with these materials in person, and we hope that *#GiltyPleasures* bridges that gap."

The Library Company's exhibition gallery is free and open to the public Mondays through Fridays from 9:00am – 4:45pm.

### **About The Library Company of Philadelphia**

Founded in 1731 by Benjamin Franklin, the Library Company of Philadelphia is an independent research library and educational institution specializing in American and global history from the 17th through the early 20th centuries. Claiming one of the world's largest holdings of early American imprints, the Library Company also has internationally-renowned collections in early African American history, economic history, women's history, the history of medicine, and visual culture. The Library Company promotes access to these collections through fellowships, exhibitions, programs, and online resources. To find out more, please visit [www.librarycompany.org](http://www.librarycompany.org)

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