

contest is becoming a tradition at HBU. Seven students won awards for essays written on artifacts or items in the Dunham Bible Museum.

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Encomium: A Young Researcher Celebrates the Dunham Bible Museum

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bookroom you feel in some mysterious way that you are absorbing the wisdom contained in all the books through

the reading rooms of Cambridge, Oxford, Exeter, and the British Library, I can bear witness to this kind of osmosis. A good reading room is the laboratory of the Muses.

Also,
true in regard to Dunham Bible Museum and its reading room, which is cozily tucked in on the second floor of McNair Hall. Over the past three years, the Dunham collection has inspired and equipped me to write several book chapters and a monograph on the Reformation and the early printing trade in Europe.

Most significantly for my research, the Dunham houses a diverse assortment of the earliest English Bibles, including the earliest editions of the Coverdale Bible,

official Great Bible (c. 1539). The Great Bible was the first printed

approval. The title-
display in the museum, illustrates the majesty and peculiarity of the English Reformation, as Henry is depicted receiving the Word of God from Christ and then

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