



## Celebrating 500 years of Print in Scotland: Bookplate Competition (Design or colour-in a bookplate)

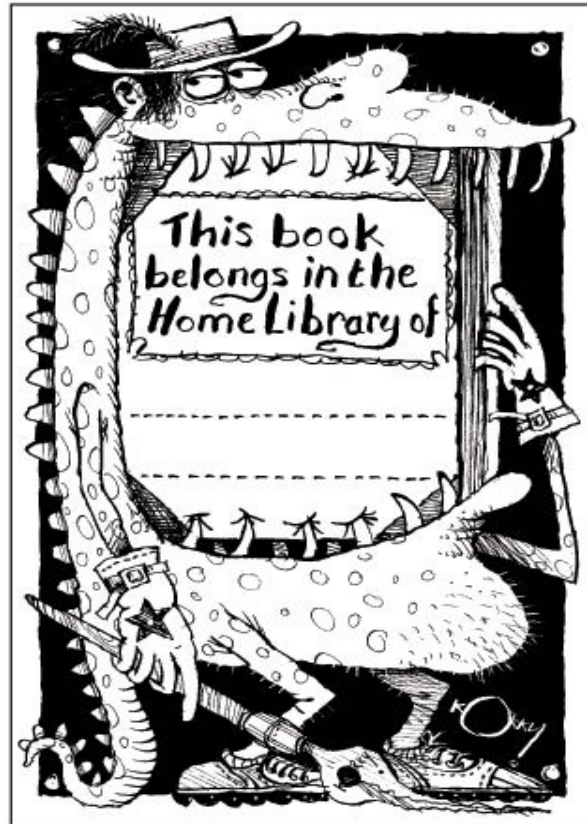
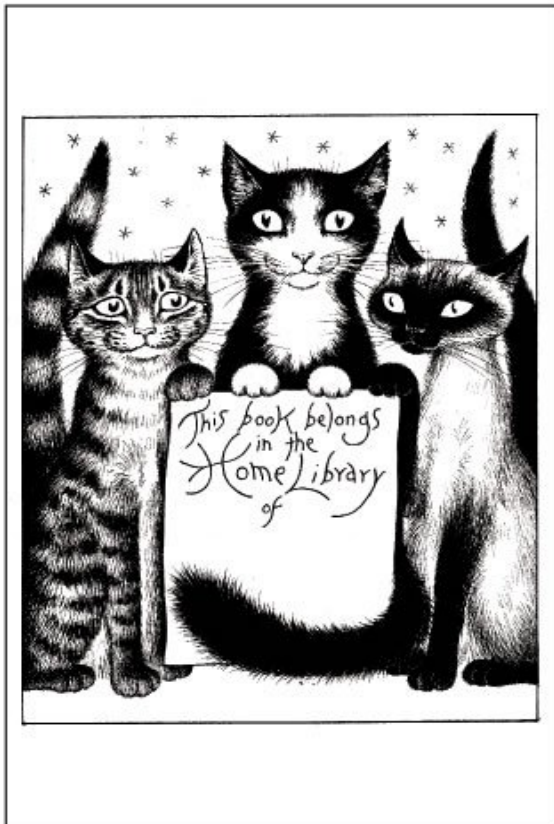
Bookplates, also known as *ex-libris* (Latin "from the books of..." or "from the library of ..."), are usually small prints or labels pasted into a book, often on the inside front cover, to indicate its owner. Books used to be rare and expensive, so anyone lucky enough to own one would want to make sure everyone else knew who it belonged to. Bookplates often included the family name, coat of arms, or crest, and many were engraved by the same people who were responsible for bank notes and stamps.

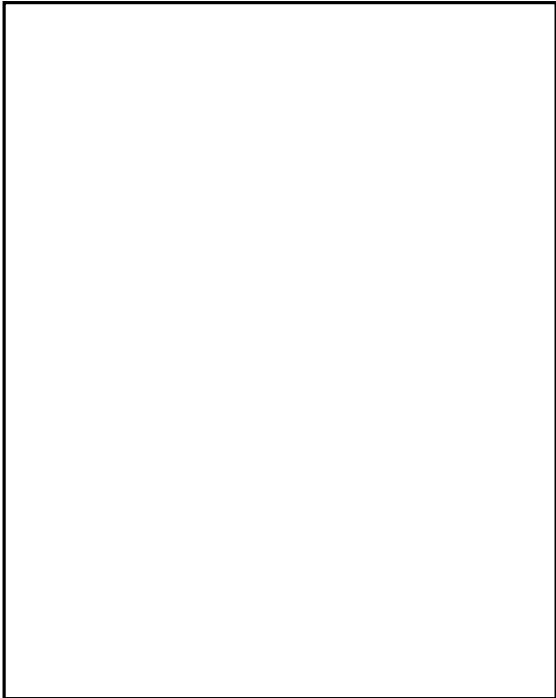
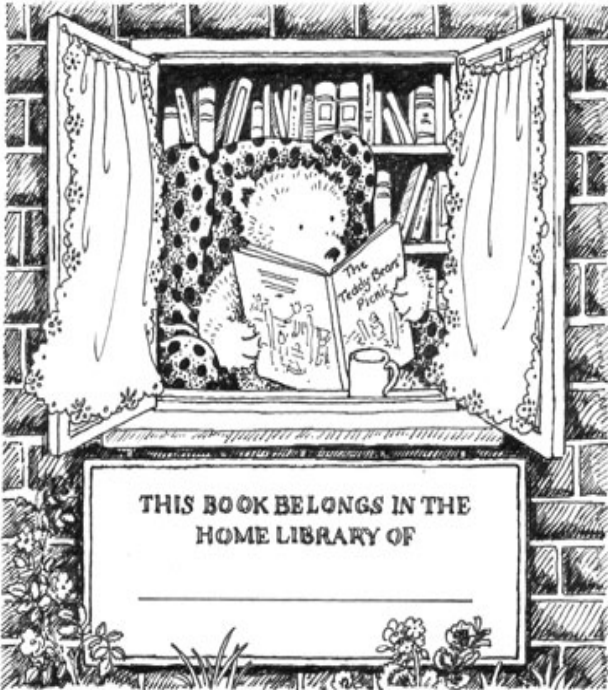
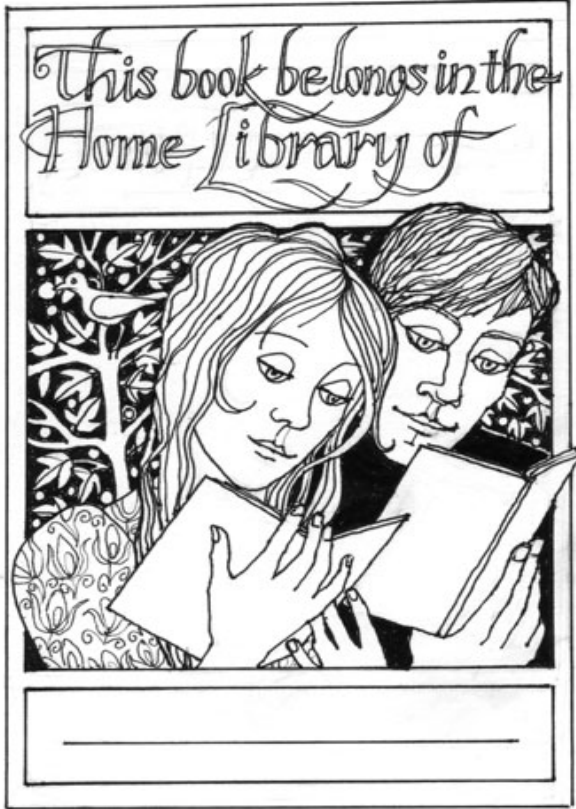
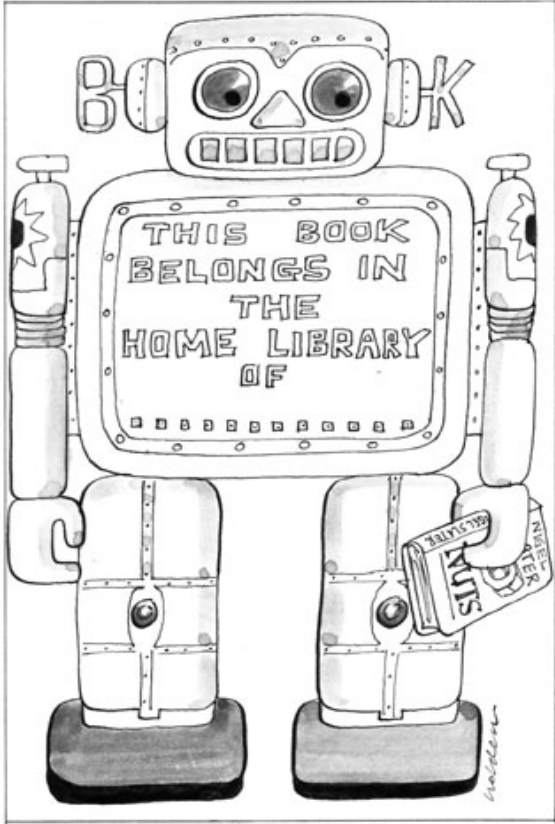
They were usually designed with great attention to detail and could be very complicated and beautiful. The earliest known examples of printed book-plates are German, and date from the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

As books became less expensive and more common, bookplates fell out of fashion.

To enter our competition, either colour in one (or more) of the bookplates below, or use the blank one to design your own. For Age 5 - 14 years.

(Please return your entry to any Glasgow Library by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October - the best entries will win a prize and be displayed at the Mitchell Library)





**Name:**

**Address/Contact number /email:**

There are more great bookplates for you to colour in on the 'My home library' website:

<http://www.myhomelibrary.org/colour.php>