



Celebrate 500 years of Print in Scotland by entering our fun family quiz

IN SEPTEMBER 1507 KING JAMES IV GRANTED A LICENCE TO ANDROW MYLLAR AND WALTER CHEPMAN, AUTHORISING THEM TO SET UP A PRINTING PRESS IN EDINBURGH. THE EARLIEST KNOWN DATED BOOK FROM THEIR PRESS ('THE COMPLAINT OF THE BLACK KNIGHT') IS DATED 4TH APRIL 1508.

Before the arrival of printing all reading material had to be handwritten. Only religious leaders and learned men could read and therefore educate others, until books could be produced in larger numbers. Printing opened up the world of knowledge to ordinary men and women to create a more equal society.

1. Where was Scotland's first printing press located?
 - (a) Perth
 - (b) Edinburgh
 - (c) Troon

2. What were very early printing presses made from?
 - (a) wood
 - (b) gold
 - (c) potatoes

3. One of the first books printed for children in Scotland, in 1682, was?
 - (a) Tom Thumb
 - (b) Robinson Crusoe
 - (c) The Cat in the Hat

4. What type of book was 'The Complaint of the Black Knight'?
 - (a) horror story
 - (b) an atlas
 - (c) a poetry book

5. The National Library of Scotland has the only known copies of nine of the earliest books printed in Scotland - where is the National Library?
 - (a) St. Andrews
 - (b) Carlisle
 - (c) Edinburgh

6. 'Chapbooks'- small paper-covered booklets, were the main source of literature available to the common folk in Scotland. Why were they so popular?
 - (a) they were cheap
 - (b) they were colourful
 - (c) they were complicated

7. Bookplates, also known as 'ex-libris', have since the 15th century been placed in books to show ownership. What does 'ex-libris' mean?
 - (a) "read this book"
 - (b) "from the books of"
 - (c) " I love this book"

8. What is the name of the exhibition being held in The Mitchell to celebrate 500 years of printing in Scotland?
 - (a) Aye Write
 - (b) Books
 - (c) Guid Black Prent

9. Which Scottish newspaper began life as 'The Glasgow Advertiser' on 27 January, 1783?
 - (a) The Herald
 - (b) The Big Issue
 - (c) The Daily Courier

10. Johann Gutenberg invented the movable type printing press. What nationality was he?
 - (a) Australian
 - (b) German
 - (c) Irish

Name:

Address/ Contact phone number/email:

(Please return your entry to your local Glasgow Library by Friday, 28th November '08

- Prizes will be awarded every month from August - November. Good Luck!)

Websites to help you complete the quiz and find out more about the history of printing:

- www.500yearsofprinting.org
- www.nls.uk
- www.csghlasgow.org