

February 2008: Leiden: City of Books: Seven Centuries of Reading in Leiden



On Thursday, 21 February 2008, the exhibition **City of Books. Seven Centuries of Reading in Leiden** was officially opened in Stedelijk Museum De Lakenhal.

In cooperation with Leiden University, De Lakenhal presents 200 extraordinary books that changed the worldview, encompassing seven centuries of reading, of producing and trading in texts in Leiden. National and international libraries and museums have lent their rare items for this exhibition.

Edwin Jacobs, director of De Lakenhal, hosted this wonderful event, at which prof.dr. Paul Hoftijzer, one of the exhibition's compositors, addressed the audience with a compelling recollection of the production of this exhibition and its accompanying catalogue. Brill's CEO Herman A. Pabbruwe then gave his introduction to the exhibition and Brill's role as main sponsor.

The exhibition was officially opened by prof. mr. dr. Paul F. van der Heijden, Leiden University's new Rector Magnificus and President of the Executive Board.

Please go to www.lakenhal.nl for the extensive programme with workshops, symposiums, lectures and free valuation of unique books.

Pictures of the Event



Edwin Jacobs, director of museum De Lakenhal, Leiden



Prof.dr Paul Hoftijzer, Professor of the History of the Dutch Book during the Early-Modern Period at Leiden University



Herman A. Pabbruwe, Chief Executive of Koninklijke Brill N.V.



Paul Hoftijzer offers the first copy of the exhibition catalogue to Paul van der Heijden



Speakers of the opening: Paul van der Heijden, Herman Pabbruwe, and Paul Hoftijzer. In the back the Mayor of Leiden, Mr. Henri Lenferink.



Prof. mr dr Paul F. van der Heijden, Leiden University's new Rector Magnificus and President of the Executive Board



Edwin Jacobs offers his thanks and flowers to Herman Pabbruwe and the other speakers.