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Approx. 179,000 pages, 1900 works

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- Multiple editions of Pliny the Elder's *Historia Naturalis*, often seen as a forerunner to the modern encyclopaedia.
- M. Cato's Book, *Libri de re rustica* (*Books on Rural Affairs*), offers valuable insights into the experiences of rural life in historical contexts.
- Works by ancient philosopher Cicero including *De natura deorum* [etc.] (*On the Nature of the Gods*) and *Tusculanae disputationes* (*Tusculan Disputations*).

Pliny the Elder's *Historia Naturalis* versions 1573 and 1669 from The Wellcome Library, London.

M. Tullii Ciceronis *Opera omnia cum Gruteri et selectis variorum notis & indicibus locupletissimis*, 1661, from Koninklijke Bibliotheek.



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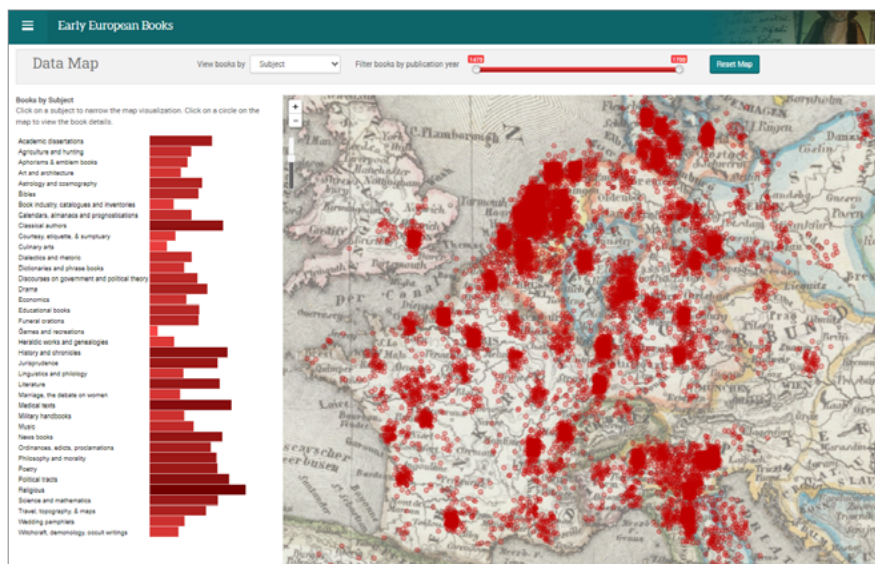


De lo schermo overo scienza d'arme, by Salvator Fabris, 1606. From Kongelige Bibliotek.

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