

ILAB

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSELLERS

- The League was founded in 1947/1948.
- Five countries were the driving forces: the antiquarian booksellers of Great Britain, France, Denmark, Sweden and The Netherlands.



Preliminary Conference, 1947

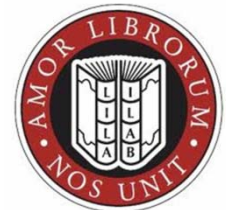


ILAB Committee (2012)

- President: Tom Congalton
- Vice President: Norbert Donhofer
- Treasurer: Paul Feain
- General Secretary: Ulrich Hobbeling
- Members: Brigitta Laube, Umberto Pregliasco, Gonzalo Fernández Pontes, Michel Bouvier.
- Immediate Past President: Arnoud Gerits



- Today the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers unites 22 national associations under one roof.
- Every national association has a structure formed by a Committee with a president, vice-president, committee members, treasurer and members.
- National associations organize an ILAB's international network of fairs all over the world.
- All booksellers' Associations that are part of ILAB accept the code of ethics and good practice that must govern the relationships among booksellers and these with clients.



ILAB Book Fairs

- Chelsea 2012
- Toronto 2012
- Amsterdam 2012
- ILAB Congress & Fair: Switzerland 2012
- Melbourne 2012
- London 2012
- Paris 2012
- New York 2012
- Milan 2012
- California 2012
- Stuttgart 2012
- Copenhagen 2011
- Bologna 2011
- Melbourne 2010
- Boston 2010
- Toronto 2010
- Barcelona 2010
- Tokyo 2010



ILAB website

- The new ILAB website was launched in January 2010.
- 38.000 visitors a monthly.
- 130.000 pageviews.

Website report -23 September 2012-Lucerne
<http://www.ilab.org>



ILAB web site sections

- Tom Congalton: New ILAB President
- ILAB News
- ILAB Congress & Fair 2012: Switzerland
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- Expertise
- ILAB App
- ILAB Code of Ethics
- ILAB Committee
- ILAB Congresses & Meetings
- ILAB History
- ILAB Past Presidents
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- ILAB Library
- **ILAB Stolen Books**
- ILAB Book Fair Calendar

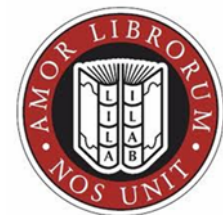


Stolen -books.org

- It is very important the database of stolen books that we have created since 2010: www.stolen-book.org.
- This database has a public part and another part with exclusive access only for the booksellers.

- A bookseller who has suffered a theft can send an e-mail with the details of the piece or pieces of work removed to the following email address: security@ilab.org.

- This e-mail is processed by our publishers and in a brief lapse of time is forwarded to all the booksellers members of ILAB.



Stolen-book.org

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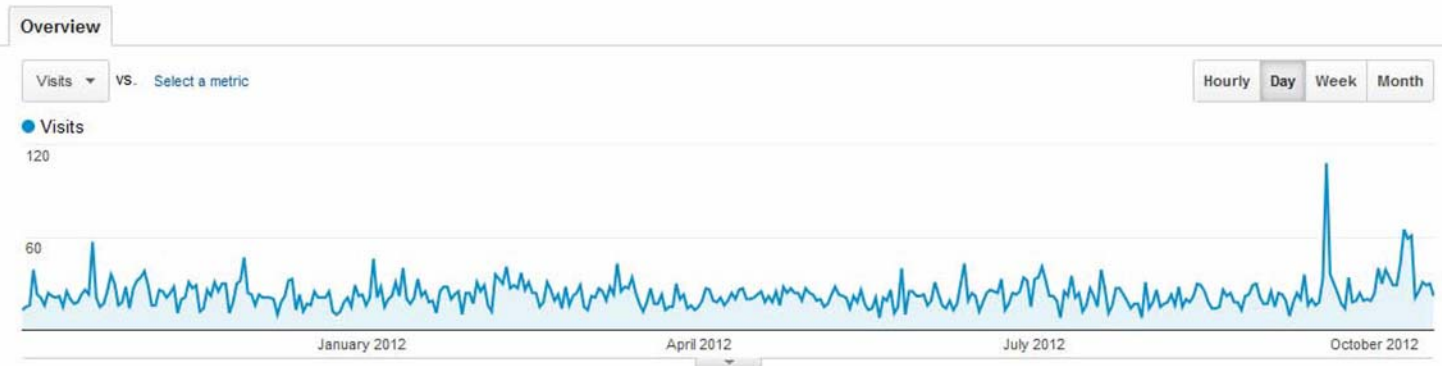
Stolen-Book.org

This database is for books reported stolen after 15th June 2010. Books reported before this date are, for technical reasons, listed with minimal detail. For fuller information about these items please contact your local ILAB [dealer](#) or [National Association](#) or [ILAB direct](#). ILAB dealers, please [login](#) for full database.



One of the most visited sections is stolen books

Stolen Books STATS October 2011 - October 2012



7,986 people visited this site



Demographics

Language

Visits % Visits



Stolen Books STATS location of visitors 2011-2012

Location

1 Oct 2011 - 17 Oct 2012 ▾

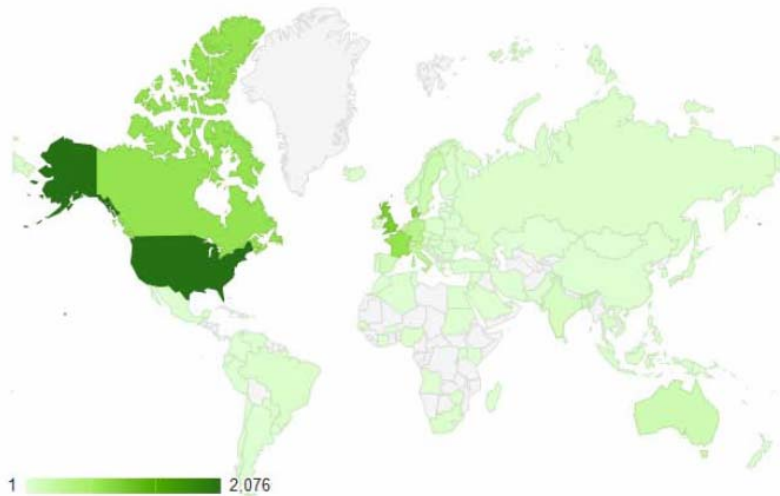
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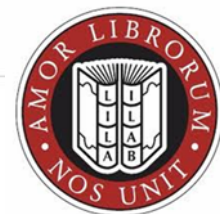
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Site Usage | E-commerce

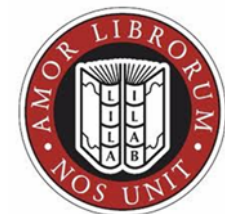
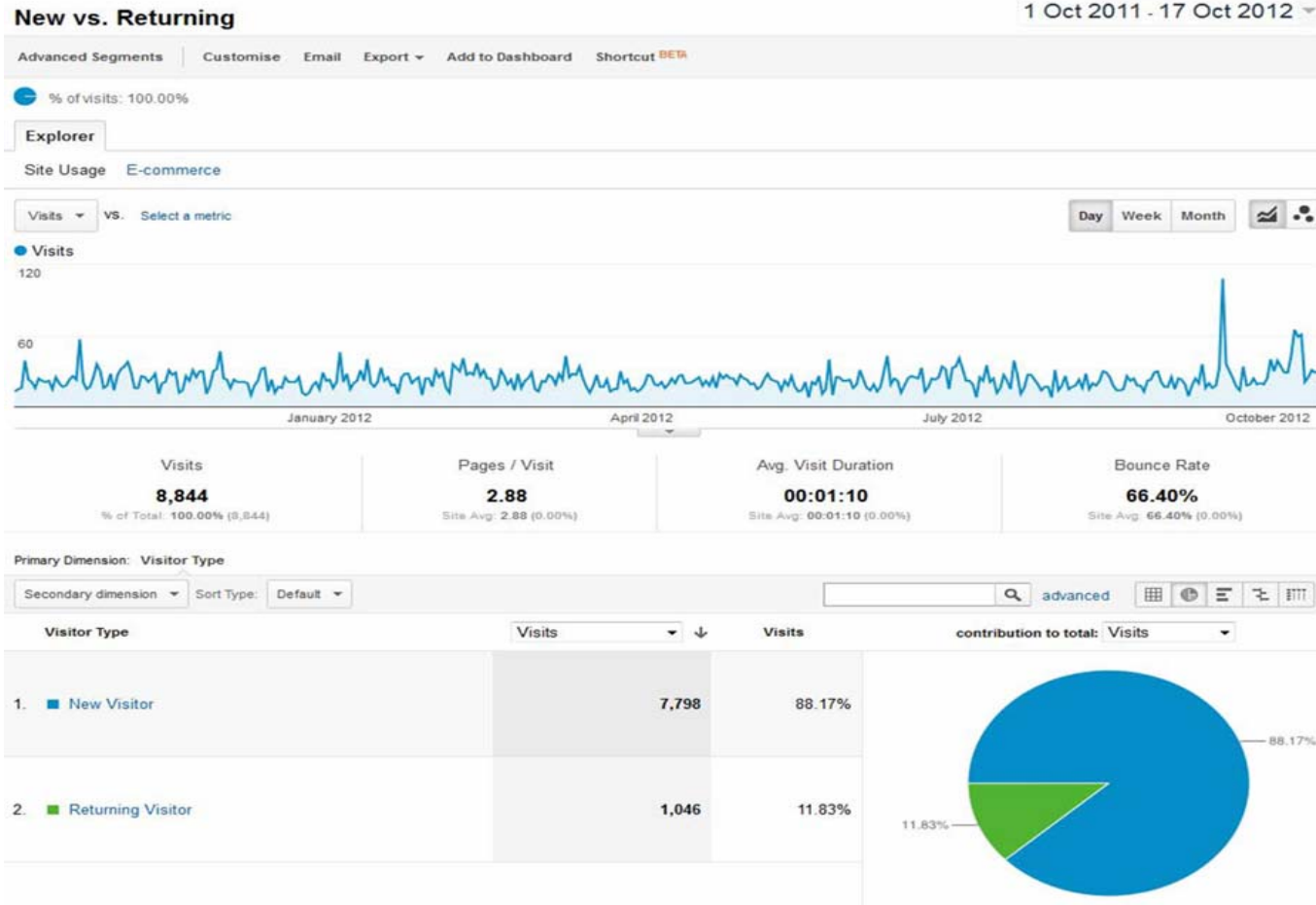
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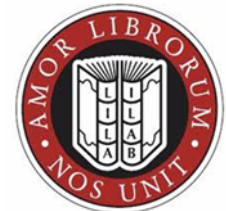


Stolen Books STATS new vs returning visitors 2011-2012



In the home section appears news of stolen books and solved cases:

- Books stolen from Classic Rare Books (London, UK)
- The books listed here have been stolen from the shop of Classic Rare Books in London. The theft has been reported to the police (crime number 6548268/12).
- July 4, 2012: Spanish Police recovers 12th century Codex Calixtinus manuscript
- Massive Thefts at the Girolamini Library in Naples
- Books stolen from the National Library of Sweden between the years 1995 - 2004
- Swedes Find Stolen Atlas in New York



- There are details that are omitted in the part of the public access such as:

- a) The place of the theft and its circumstances.

- b) The suspect description who committed the theft .

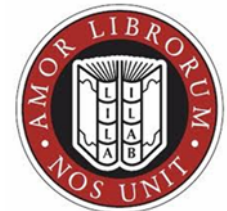
- c) The police reference number.



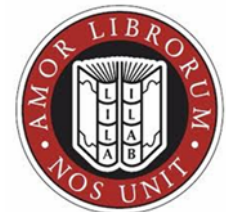
- An institution that wants to consult the private section of the database can contact a known bookseller member of ILAB or the national association of his country.
- Finally if an institution wants to have a temporary access to this part of the web, they can contact the ILAB's Security Chair who will notify then our web-masters to allow you the access.



- Our policy is discretion, because we are the first ones interested in guaranteeing the origin of the material which is the base of our commercial activity .
- We know that when a theft is detected, institutions inform their people in charge and security forces who will put in function their protocol of investigation and of action.



- Discretion facing to the public opinion is in some cases obligatory.
- Therefore, you can easily understand that our discretion is guaranteed and also that our interest to solve these problems and to help catch those responsible is loyal and sincere.



- From now on I believe that a cooperation between institutional libraries and ILAB cannot bring anything else but benefits in the chapter of locating stolen pieces.
- Obviously this collaboration will need some practice and experience, but I sincerely believe that eventually the advantages will be greater and this collaboration will be positive in this matter.



- If the theft takes place in an institution as you are represented by here in this room, maybe we will not be able to help you in the prevention of this theft; but I believe we can do a lot to collaborate in the location of these pieces of work and facilitate their recovery.
- You will always have us on your side in this matter.



Thank you on behalf of the ILAB

