

Scots dictionaries on display

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This year is not only the 500th anniversary of printing in Scotland, but also the 200th anniversary of the publication of John Jamieson's *Etymological Dictionary of the Scottish language*. Generally called Scots or Lowland Scots today, this language is still thriving, even though it was already said to be dying in the days of Robert Burns.

To commemorate the anniversary, we have put up a **display of Scots dictionaries** past and present, of **modern Scots books** and of the work of **Scottish Language Dictionaries**.

On show are (among others) a copy of the first edition of Jamieson's groundbreaking *Etymological dictionary*, a huge volume filled with tipped-in manuscript notes about Scots words in Jamieson's own hand, which he compiled for a supplement to his dictionary, and a 16th century Scots glossary. Don't miss the modern books by Tom Leonard, Christine De Luca, Edwin Morgan and other contemporary Scots writers!

You find the display in the so-called Treasures are, the room you automatically go through to the main Imprentit exhibition.