



Eliza Gilligan **Book Conservator, Preservation and Exhibition Services**

As Book Conservator to the Smithsonian Institution Libraries, Eliza Gilligan provides conservation expertise for the Special Collections in the Dibner and Cullman Libraries as well as for the General Collections in the Smithsonian's 22 libraries. Eliza supports the Libraries' exhibit program by evaluating materials that have been proposed for exhibit, specifying appropriate light levels and book mounts and providing conservation treatment as necessary.

Eliza received her M.L.I.S. and Advanced Conservation Certificate from the University of Texas at Austin. She was a Kress Fellow in the book conservation lab at the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts. Prior to joining the SIL staff, she worked as the Collections Conservator for the Michigan State University Libraries.



Eliza has experience with mold outbreaks in libraries, irradiation damage (government mail), and disaster response in addition to issues relating to conservation of library materials.