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Preparatory Stages

- In 2002, the library conducted a cursory study of the materials listing to check for duplicates and values of individual titles. At that time, the collection was 35-45% duplication (a random sample check of about 1%).
- In 2005, the library looked at an additional random sample of the collection to determine what portion of the collection would require original cataloging and the quality level of the copy cataloging records available for the remaining. It was estimated that processing costs would total approximately $1,100 per book, and that it would take roughly 3 years to process the collection. It was also determined that the back of the collection could be done by reverse cataloging and the library received a grant from the university.
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Cataloging

- All original records are cataloged by a professional cataloger.
- Any personal papers or other items found in the books are arranged alphabetically and sent to Special Collections.
- All labeling and stamping was done by the student workers in order to keep the collection separate from the books in the library stacks.

Copy Cataloging

- All copy records are cataloged by the assistant catalogers.
- Any personal papers or other items found in the books are arranged alphabetically and sent to Special Collections.

Searching

- Library staff and student worker searched each Prestini book individually by title in the library's database to locate potential duplication between the library's and the Prestini book.
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Duplicates

- Each duplicate Prestini book was individually checked against an existing library copy to determine if the Prestini copy was better, it was sent to cataloging and the existing copy was withdrawn. If the Prestini copy was better, it was sent to cataloging and the existing copy was withdrawn.

Withdrawals

- Books from the stacks which were being replaced by a Prestini copy were pulled and the Prestini copy was sent to the Bookroom.
- All withdrawn books were sent to the Bookroom.

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