

Books on Exhibition (BOE) Database

Book Conservation Section V&A Museum

Scope of BOE Database

Tracking objects on exhibition within the V&A and their light exposure levels. Database is limited to objects on exhibition for one year or more (including small displays). Objects have a two year recall.

Workflow of a BOE Record

- Assessment of Object
- Photograph (closed, open on cradle)
- Create database record (data, image, bibliographic information and first planned activity record)
- Generate monthly reports from database
- Perform action based on report (flag change of book, change page opening, etc).
- Record changes in database (new opening, conservation comments)
- Add further activity with planned date and actions to take.
- Close and archive record (include recommended light exposure limits, any other comments).
- Re-open record if book is returned to exhibition.

BOE Database Fields

Bibliographic data

Museum Number: (text)

Collection: (text)

Title: (text)

Publication Date: (text)

Press mark: (text)

Curatorial contact: (text)

Author/Artist/Binder: (text)

Location data

Gallery number: (numerical)

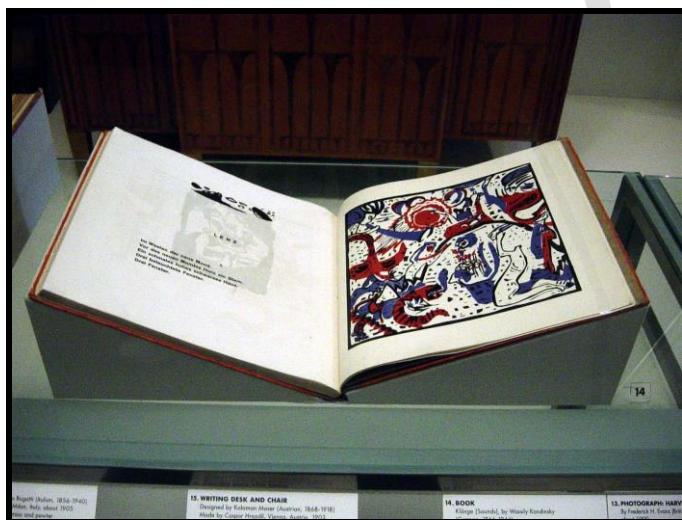
Installation date: (date)

Exhibition title: (text)

Final decant date: (date)

Image

Jpeg format



Action data (could be many of these records per object record)

Action Date: (date)

Flagging decant: (Y/N – Boolean)

Page turning: (Y/N – Boolean)

Exposure level check: (Y/N – Boolean)

Conservation Complete Date: (date)

Page turned: (text)

Recommended exposure limits: (text)

Conservator comments: (text – long character limit)

