



Historic rococo room in the library before the fire

On the evening of September 2, 2004, the historic original building of the Duchess Anna Amalia Library, a part of the UNESCO world cultural heritage, was severely damaged by fire, and the roof with its framework was completely destroyed. Thousands of books and works of art could be salvaged, including the famous Luther Bible from 1534. However, many irreplaceable losses were suffered. 40,000 books were severely damaged, a large part of which were damaged by the water during fire-fighting. The wet books were freeze-dried at the Centre for Book Maintenance in Leipzig, in order to enable restoration at a later time. The historical rococo hall, dating from 1761–1766, the heart of the Weimar Classical period, was badly damaged by the fire and will have to be thoroughly restored.

We wish to thank everyone who has helped us rescue the valuable artworks, books, statues and paintings. We will also thank everyone who will now offer help and support.

We would be very happy to receive your contribution in the form of a donation towards the reconstruction of the library and the restoration of the damaged books and art works. Many thanks in advance.

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Top story of the rococo hall before the fire

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Saving Anna Amalia

**Donate towards the reconstruction
of the Duchess Anna Amalia Library!**

The Federal President *Horst Köhler* is patron of this project

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Duchess Anna Amalia Library during the night of September 2, 2004



View into the former top story of the rococo hall



Destroyed top story of the Duchess Anna Amalia Library



Painting by Johann Josef Schmeller damaged by water while fighting the fire



Books salvaged from the destroyed top story



Schiller's damaged death mask in the midst of the salvaged plaster busts

