The Waynai Bible is currently on loan to the Green Collection’s “Passages” traveling exhibit.


The Waynai Bible was hand printed by Louis Waynai of Los Angeles, California, using rubber letters. It was begun in 1928 and completed in 1930. In 1947 the Bible was purchased by the Rosen Heights Church of Christ in Ft. Worth, Texas. In 1956, the congregation donated the Bible to ACU, where it has been on exhibit in the Library for 57 years.

In 1989, Willa B Patterson (’34) donated funds so that a custom oak case for the Bible could be built by Jim Mitchell (’69). In 2007, the Bible was moved to its permanent location in the Stanley Reading Room on the Library’s upper floor.

In April of 2013, the Library agreed to loan the Bible to the Green Collection of Oklahoma City to be displayed as part of its touring exhibit of rare Biblical texts called “Passages,” currently showing in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

As part of the loan agreement, the Waynai Bible will also be exhibited at the Museum of the Bible, to be opened by the Green Collection in Washington, DC, in 2017.

The Library is grateful to the Green Collection for providing expert repair and conservation for the Bible during the loan period.