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Carl Spitzweg to be featured at the Grohmann Museum

*Spitzweg's "The Bookworm," on permanent loan from the Milwaukee Public Library, will be displayed in new **Carl Spitzweg in Milwaukee Exhibit.***

MILWAUKEE – Through a series of very fortunate events, more than 20 works by Carl Spitzweg have found their way to Milwaukee. Many fine examples of the artist's work from the Grohmann Museum Collection—including *The Bookworm* (on permanent loan from the Milwaukee Public Library) and *The Poor Poet*—are joined by those from the Eckhart G. Grohmann Collection and the Milwaukee Art Museum, creating a special opportunity to display them together. The result is *Carl Spitzweg in Milwaukee*, a one-of-a-kind exhibition displayed in an entirely new gallery at the Grohmann Museum, 1000 N. Broadway, created specifically for this purpose.

An opening reception for the exhibit and the gallery will be held Thursday, April 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. Dr. Eckhart Grohmann will provide opening remarks and Barbara Brown Lee, chief educator emeritus of the Milwaukee Art Museum will present a gallery talk. Admission is free for this special event.

As a result of a permanent loan agreement with the Grohmann Museum, *The Bookworm* will be displayed as part of the *Carl Spitzweg in Milwaukee* exhibition. The Museum will ensure increased public access to the painting and offer Milwaukee Public Library cardholders free access to the entire museum collection.

The Grohmann Museum, 1000 N. Broadway, is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for students and seniors; free for children under 12. MSOE students (with ID), alumni, faculty and staff are admitted free, and patrons showing a valid city of Milwaukee Public Library card also enjoy free admission.

Background on MPL's "The Bookworm" and the Grohmann Museum

MPL acquired the Carl Spitzweg painting as a gift from René Von Schleinitz who willed "The Bookworm" to the library in 1972. Von Schleinitz gave other Spitzweg works to the Milwaukee Art Museum. The painting has remained on display in the Central Library's Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room except when loaned for special exhibits to the Milwaukee Art Museum, Grohmann Museum and museums in Germany and Switzerland. The painting is one of three versions painted by Spitzweg.

The Grohmann Museum is home to the most comprehensive art collection dedicated to the evolution of human work. The collection titled the Eckhart G. Grohmann "Man at Work" includes more than 1,000 paintings and sculptures from 1580 to the present donated by Dr. Eckhart Grohmann. Most of the paintings are by German and Dutch artists.

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