

# The Archimedes Codex

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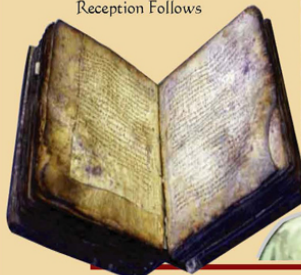
Curator of Rare Books and Manuscripts  
The Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore

February 15, 2012

Pryzbyla Center - Great Room A and B

5:00 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Reception Follows



Dr. William Noel, Curator of Manuscripts and Rare Books at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, will speak on the discovery and the 12-year effort to decipher the Archimedes Palimpsest, the earliest surviving manuscript of the work of Archimedes (287-212 B.C.), considered the greatest mathematician of antiquity.

The 10th century palimpsest consists of seven treatises by Archimedes, fragments of two speeches by the Athenian orator Hyperides, and portions of a commentary on Aristotle's "Categories" - all previously hidden under the text of a 13th-century prayer book and revealed with the use of modern imaging technology.

The lecture will be held in the Edward J Pryzbyla University Center, Rooms 320A and B. It is sponsored by the School of Arts & Sciences, and co-sponsored by the Departments of Chemistry, Greek & Latin, Mathematics, and Physics, and by the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Mullen Library.

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