

Timeline of 500 Years of Books in Latvian:

[1525]

The first printed book in Latvian

[1585]

The oldest surviving printed book in Latvian: Catechism of St. Peter Canisius

[1588]

The first printing house in Livonia opens for business in Rīga under leadership of Nicolaus Mollinus

[1638]

The first printed Latvian dictionary: Lettus by Georg Mancelius

[1774]

The first printed popular science book in Latvian: Augstas gudrības grāmata [Book of High Wisdom] by Gotthard Friedrich Stender

[1822]

The first Latvian newspaper – Latviešu Avīzes

[1856]

Dziesmiņas [Songs] by Juris Alunāns published – marking the birth of Latvian national literature

[1879]

The first Latvian novel: Mērnieku laiki [The Time of the Land Surveyors] by Reinis and Matīss Kaudzīte

[1899]

The first book in Latvian Braille: Pastarā diena. Stāsts iz tautas dzīves [Judgment Day. A Tale from the Life of a People] by Augusts Deglavs

[1903]

The first complete universal encyclopaedia in Latvian – Konversācijas vārdnīca

[1919]

The National Library is founded – today known as the National Library of Latvia

[2010]

The first e-book in Latvian

[2025]

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