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ANGOLA, Ind. -- More than 50 manuscripts, first edition books and early works on the topics of human dignity and individual liberty from The Remnant Trust will be on loan to Trine University in fall 2013.

These rare finds -- including "Fables of Aesop" by Aesop published in 1692, a Gutenberg Bible leaf from 1455, a Koran from 1734, essays by Ralph Waldo Emerson from 1841 and "The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection" by Charles Darwin published in 1883 -- will be available for students and visitors to view and to read, courtesy of The Remnant Trust based in Winona Lake.

The growing collection of more than 1,200 works was started nearly than 15 years ago by Brian Bex, an Indiana University graduate and longtime political commentator. One of the youngest to be listed in "Who's Who in America," many titles apply to Bex: author, lecturer, educator, newspaper columnist, company president, adjunct professor of public policy and television personality.

The mission of the trust, a public educational foundation, is to elevate the public's understanding of individual liberty and human dignity, raise consciousness of the documents that have shaped America and lift the spirits of each generation to think the grandest thoughts. The trust also focuses on being "the world's finest repository of the great ideas that have propelled man through the centuries from earth to the stars."

"We are privileged and eager to have part of The Remnant Trust on our campus to enhance learning for our students," said Trine president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D. "Our professors have worked with the president of the trust to develop a list of materials that they think will have the most meaning and connection to our courses."

"The trust prefers to offer only a bit of guidance to help hosting institutions select pieces," said Kris Bex, president of the trust. "We like to tailor the list to what meets the needs of institutions."

The younger Bex reiterates his father's wish that the rare finds be read, touched and enjoyed, not simply locked away to be kept safe.

"We are willing to risk damage to get people to talk," he said. "The trust would like to see us spending a little more time than we do now talking about these ideas of liberty and dignity."

For more information about The Remnant Trust, visit www.theremnanttrust.com.

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