



## CNGEI Scouts rescue books

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CNGEI Scouts involved in the rescue of valuable collection of books from earthquake damaged University Library

The first stage of the work of recovery of the books in the University of L'Aquila Faculty of Arts Library was completed on 24 June 09. The Library was housed in Palazzo Camponeschi, one of the historic buildings in the heart of L'Aquila, which was severely damaged in the earthquake of 6 April.



Two teams of young volunteers worked under the direction of the Librarian, Dr. Maria Elisa Equizi. The safety of the whole group was guaranteed by a team of Firemen from Bergamo who, as always, gave unstinting and valuable help in the delicate and dangerous work of recovery.



The volunteers were CNGEI Scouts whose work was coordinated by the L'Aquila Group and university students coordinated by Legambiente.

The primary task of the mission was to recover books for immediate use by university students. Thanks to the commitment and efficiency of the volunteers more than five thousand volumes have been saved, including books on the Abruzzo and some important collections of classical authors.

The Library of Palazzo Camponeschi holds 120,000 volumes. The work of recovery will continue in the weeks to come.