

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF PUBLISHING**

- 400 First known inked impressions on paper.
- 1440 Johann Gutenberg develops the movable type press in Germany, cutting letters from an alloy of lead, tin, and antimony.
- 1449 Aldus Manutius is born in Padua.
- 1487 The Aldine Press is founded in Venice.
- 1501 The Aldine Press publishes Dante's Divine Comedy.
- 1515 Aldus Manutius dies.
- 1757 In England, William Baskerville publishes Virgil's Aeneid and Eclogues, using woven paper and a slender typeface.
- 1814 The first steam-powered, high-speed press is built to print the London Times.
- 1866 The first rotary press is brought into production, printing both sides of a continuous web of paper.
- 1884 Ottmar Mergenthaler invents the Linotype.