

New Issues

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Polish Ekslibris

This stamp sheet (SS) is titled Polish Ekslibris (Latin: *Ex Libris*), or bookplate. The 6-zł stamp in the SS shows the title page / frontispiece of perhaps the oldest printed book of Poland, made for and signed by Bishop Maciej Drzewicki of Włocławek (Latin: *Mathias Drevecii Wladislaviensis*). The classic printed book was the work of H. Wietor and J. Haller (1516-1517). The SS shows two pages of the open book with string binding, and the official first day cover shows the string binding of the book.



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Printing Method	Offset
Designer	Maciej Jędrzyk

150th Anniversary of Birth of Maria Skłodowska-Curie

This 6-zł stamp recognizes the 150th birthday of Marie Skłodowska-Curie's. Born in Warsaw in 1867, she was the internationally renowned Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She appears on several Polish stamps, and the American Topical Association reports more than 125 stamps have honored her around the world. She discovered the elements radium and polonium. Together with her husband Pierre Curie and



Henri Becquerel, for her research efforts, Marie was awarded the Nobel Prize in physics in 1903. In 1911 she received her second Nobel Prize in chemistry. Thus, she was the first woman to win this award, the first person to win twice, and the only person to win in two different sciences. She coined the term "radioactivity" and developed techniques for isolating radioactive isotopes. She directed the first studies into the treatment of neoplasms using radioactive isotopes, and she founded the Curie Institutes in Paris and Warsaw; these remain centers of medical research today. In 1933 she died of aplastic anemia caused by exposure to radiation. There is a QR code with further information in the margin of the pane.

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Designer	Agata Tobalczyk

Polish Cities – Nowy Sącz

One more in this thematic series recognizing Poland's cities, this 20-gr stamp recognizes the city of Nowy Sącz, located in the Lesser Poland Voivodeship in southern Poland. Located at the confluence of the Kamienica and Dunajec Rivers, about 12 miles north of the Slovak border, it is one of Poland's oldest cities, dating back to the late 13th Century. Historically it is one of Poland's more prosperous cities, however, today its population of 84,000 people suffers from high unemployment. Tragically during World War II the city's Jewish population of 20,000 was housed in a ghetto by the Germans. These Jews were later collected and killed at the Belzec extermination camp. The stamp shows the city's old town hall and a statue of St. Margaret (*Św. Malgorzata*). The city has a very old, small basilica named after her.



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