



The Library

Rare Books and Special Collections

at the University of British Columbia Library

LOCATIONS

Rare Books and Special Collections are located in the Rare Books and Special Collections area in the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, in the Charles Woodward Memorial Room of the Woodward Biomedical Library, and in the Asian Library. There are also rare books in the Music Library, the Law Library, and in Fine Arts in the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre.

HOURS

Rare Books and Special Collections, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 12noon-5pm (winter session)

Charles Woodward Memorial Room, Woodward Biomedical Library

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Asian Library

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-7pm
Friday 8:30am-5pm
Saturday 12noon-5pm (winter session)

FINDING WHAT YOU NEED

Most books and periodicals can be found through the UBC Library Web catalogue at www.library.ubc.ca/home/research.html. Rare Books archival collections can be accessed at www.library.ubc.ca/spcoll/ms_col.htm. If you cannot find something please ask a staff member for help.

WITH CARE HANDLING MATERIALS

Rare Books and Special Collections materials are housed in closed stacks and must be retrieved by library staff. Great care must be used in handling these materials as most are fragile and many are irreplaceable. Please be sure your hands are clean and use a pencil rather than a pen to take notes. Do not lean on books or use them as pads for writing notes. Please report any damage.

PHOTOCOPYING

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Rare Books and Special Collections at UBC Library – Brief Highlights

- I CANADIAN HISTORY** Voyages of Exploration, Pre-Confederation Canada, British Columbia, Arctic exploration, the fur trade, War of 1812, Riel Rebellion, 1837 Rebellion, Canadian travel and description to 1900, the Chinese in British Columbia, 19th century textbooks used in Canadian schools.
- I CANADIAN LITERATURE** Works of British Columbia authors, contemporary Canadian poetry, 19th century Canadian literature.
- I EARLY CHILDREN’S BOOKS** Canadian, English and American children’s literature, from the 18th century to the 1930’s.
- I WALLACE B. CHUNG AND MADELINE H. CHUNG COLLECTION** More than 25,000 items on the exploration of the Pacific coast of Canada and adjacent areas, the Chinese experience in North America and particularly in British Columbia, the history of British Columbia, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and related enterprises.
- I COLBECK COLLECTION** 20,000 books in the field of 19th and early 20th century English literature, mainly poetry and belles lettres.
- W W.C. GIBSON COLLECTION IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE** Rare Books and first editions on the history of medicine and the natural sciences, letters of Charles Darwin, Florence Nightingale, John Burdon-Sanderson, and Sir Charles Scott Sherrington.
- I MANUSCRIPTS** Collections relating to the economic, political, ethnic, labour, and literary history of British Columbia; pre-Raphaelite manuscripts.
- M EARLY MAPS** Pre-1900 maps and atlases with an emphasis on North America, Japanese maps from the Tokugawa period, books and periodicals relating to the history of cartography.
- A PUBAN COLLECTION** 45,000 volumes in philology, local histories and philosophy. The collection includes gazetteers of Guangdong Province of China, records concerning 50 famous mountains throughout China, 27 multi-volume encyclopedias, 1,500 literary works including multi-coloured works of the Ming and Qing periods.
- I PHOTOGRAPHS** Historical photographs of British Columbia people and places.
- I RARE BOOKS** Early printed books, first editions, association copies, fine press books.