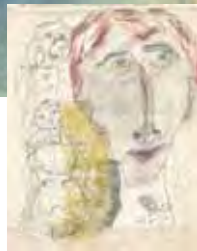




Watercolours by Henry Miller



RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AND COLLECTION AREAS

In addition to holding books in all disciplines from the 15th-century onward, Special Collections strives to acquire publications that complement the major subject and author areas of its manuscript holdings to provide more comprehensive research collections. These collections of rare books and unpublished material provide opportunities for original research in diverse areas.

From its inception in the 1960s, Special Collections has developed internationally recognized holdings in Modernist British, American, French and Anglo-Irish literature. Among the authors represented in print and manuscript are: John Betjeman, Lawrence Durrell, T.S. Eliot, E.M. Forster, Robert Graves, Aiden Higgins, Wyndham Lewis, Henry Miller, Sylvia Plath, Ezra Pound, John Cooper Powys, Kathleen Raine, Herbert Read, Laura Riding, Else Seel, Robin Skelton, and Douglas Goldring. A complete listing of our archival collections with retrieval aids can be found at <http://library.uvic.ca/site/spcoll/literature/>. Other subject areas collected include Canadian military history; early 20th century literary magazines; Northwest exploration, ethnology, art and anthropology; and regional and Southern Vancouver Island authors and literary culture.

Digital Collections

The University of Victoria Libraries support a variety of digital initiatives to promote wider access to our unique collections. Our collections fall into a range of topics that you can browse using an A-Z list of our digital collections. These digital collections bring together rich resources for research and enjoyment by the university and the community.

<http://library.uvic.ca/site/lib/dig/UVicDigitalCollectionsIndex.html>

UNIQUE COLLECTIONS | Some Highlights

Canadian Military Oral History

The University of Victoria Libraries Special Collections is the repository for one of the largest military oral history collections in Canada. The Military Oral History Collection contains interviews with over 400 military and related personnel offering individual perspectives from the army, air force, navy and auxiliary forces, covering topics ranging from both World Wars, other conflicts involving Canadian forces, peace-time affairs, and a host of other military-related subjects. The Military Oral History collection at UVic has been used widely by all of Canada's foremost military historians since it was made available in the late 1980's. In 2005, Special Collections embarked upon the Military Oral Histories Digitization project ensuring ongoing access to this unique and irreplaceable collection of military memories.

Colonial Despatches 1846-71

The Colonial Despatches of Vancouver Island are the correspondence between the Governors of Vancouver Island and the Colonial Office in London, England. In the first phase of the project UVic Libraries digitized documents from 1858 for B.C.'s 150th birthday. With this year's grants we have collected 11,770 digital image scans for years 1846-57 inclusive. This project was made possible with financial support from the McPherson Library, the Canadian Council of Archives, the Ike Barber B.C Historical Digitization Project and the B.C. Treaty Commission. With continued support UVic Libraries can digitize the files from 1858 to 1871. To draw students into the past, The Governor's Letters is a linked website (<http://www.govlet.ca/en/index.php>) containing curriculum challenges designed by teacher-educators.



John Di Castri

The most recent addition to our Architecture Collections is the fonds of John Di Castri. John's footprint can be seen all over Victoria, including the University where he was responsible for the design of the original Student Union Building (1963), the Cornett Building (1966) and the Interfaith Chapel (1984). Victoria born and raised, John spent his career inspiring the city with his exceptional talent for modern design. UVic Libraries is very grateful to his wife, Joanne for entrusting us with the care of his papers. To read more about John, please go to: <http://library.uvic.ca/site/about/JohnDiCastri.html>