

Robertson Library Special Collections Exposed

by Kelley MASON

As the Special Collections Librarian at the Robertson Library here at UPEI, Simon Lloyd is in charge of a collection which many students may not know about.

Known as the Special Collections Area, this part of the library came into being in the late 1990s when the P.E.I. Collection began to outgrow the space intended for the two collections. Mr. Lloyd tells me that the actual renovations themselves were undertaken in the summer of 1999, with the end result being that the new Special Collections Area opened to library users in September of 1999.

"The Special Collections Area

was created so that it could be given more space, climate control and as well, a more stable micro climate," Lloyd explains.

When asked about some of the titles that the Special Collections holds, Lloyd rattles off a few: "J.J. Seinfeld, Michael Hennessey, and Lucy Maud Montgomery."

Looking back to his first impressions of working here in July of 1999, Lloyd was struck by the openness of the library, both to the students and the community at large.

"Robertson Library itself is an outstanding community both to student service in general and to the community as a whole." Lloyd also

adds, "It is accessible to all."

With his Masters of Library and Information Studies degree from Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Studies and his experience in working with some of the archives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Lloyd is well qualified as a Special Collections Librarian.

You may find him in or near his office inside the Special Collections Area. To locate the Special Collections Area (on the first floor) walk past the Reserve Desk, past the Media Centre, take your first right, then your first left, and then your first right. Simon Lloyd may also be reached at 566-0536.



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