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THE ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE COLLECTION



The Arthur Conan Doyle Collection at the Toronto Public Library opened to the public in 1971 and is now one of the foremost collections of its kind in the world. The collection is a compilation of the many works, interests and activities of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, not limited to his world-famous detective, Sherlock Holmes. The collection also focuses on any works in any genre that make use of Doyle's plots or characters or of the man himself, including secondary material, such as critical, biographical and bibliographical studies.

Support for this collection serves to assist the Library in financing outreach initiatives, educational programming, and the acquisition of significant new materials.

Arthur Conan Doyle, undated photograph, Arthur Conan Doyle Collection, Toronto Public Library.

THE MERRIL COLLECTION OF SCIENCE FICTION, SPECULATION AND FANTASY



The Merrill Collection of Science Fiction, Speculation and Fantasy is recognized as one of the world's finest popular culture collections and Canada's major collection of speculative fiction. As a research collection open to the general public, it attracts users from all over the world. Established in 1970 with a donation of more than 5,000 items from Judith Merrill, the collection has grown to over 63,000 items of contemporary speculative literature, including science fiction, fantasy fiction, magic realism, utopian, and other speculative, future-oriented work, as well as critical and bibliographic materials.

Support for this remarkable collection serves to enhance acquisition and outreach to both researchers and members of the general reading public.

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THE OSBORNE COLLECTION OF EARLY CHILDREN'S BOOKS



The Osborne Collection encompasses the development of English children's literature to 1910, ranging from a 14th century manuscript of Aesop's Fables through 15th century traditional tales, Puritan works, and moral tales through Victorian fantasy and adventure stories. Together with its modern components, the Lillian H. Smith Collection of notable books published in English after 1910, and the Canadiana Collection of works by Canadians, or about Canada, the Osborne Collection provides a fascinating overview of children's book history. The 80,000 items in Osborne span literary classics to popular culture, including novelties like movables and miniatures. The collection holds manuscripts, letters, original book art, games and artefacts, together with extensive resource material.

Support of this collection serves to enhance acquisition, preservation and outreach programs, and helps us to make available for everyone the heritage of children's literature in English. Visitors of every age and interest, can discover and enjoy notable children's books of yesterday and today.

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BOOKS, PROGRAMS AND MUCH MORE

AFTPL also supports the purchase of books and programs that promote reading and life-long literacy.