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## NEWS

### *Grand opening of Rare Books and Special Collections*

On Thursday, October 2, 2008, over 100 people gathered to celebrate the official opening of Rare Books and Special Collections (RBSC) at the University of British Columbia Library. The purpose-built space includes a large reading room, seminar room, staff workrooms and state-of-the-art vault that greatly improves security and access to UBC's large collection of rare and special materials.

The opening was held in the spacious new Fort Fraser Reading Room and attended by booksellers, book binders, donors, librarians and archivists. The celebrative crowd listened to Peter Ward, University Librarian *Pro Tem*; Sherrill Grace, Professor of English; and Ralph Stanton, head, Rare Books and Special Collections, reflect on the history of RBSC at UBC and the future possibilities of the new space. The formal part of the program ended on a high note with John Bartlett and Rika Ruebsaat singing historical British Columbia folk songs selected from Phil Thomas's *Songs of the Pacific Northwest*.

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## COLLECTOR'S CORNER

### *Summer sales & pulp classics*

With the incessant rain that befell Ottawa this summer, I was provided ample opportunity to both catch up on my stack of summer sale catalogues and follow a few interesting pieces that found their way onto the auction block despite the usual lull in auction activity over summer.

To kick off the summer, Aquila Books from Calgary put out a splendid Arctic exploration catalogue filled with a number of scarce and interesting pieces, such as a hand-drawn Klondike goldfields map by Cuthbertson, circa 1890s; a beautiful 1801 leatherbound six-volume set of Capt. George Vancouver's *Voyage of Discovery to the North Pacific Ocean* complete with all maps and plates for an even \$10,000; and the unique Antarctic archive of Merle R. Dawson ephemera from his 1956 Operation Deep Freeze, including field notes and data, photos, film, and a collection of Antarctic-related books and maps, all for a very reasonable price of \$3,750. For those with a penchant for collecting polar exploration material, this was a catalogue to be thoroughly enjoyed.

Another catalogue that was an absolute joy to leaf through was Thomas Cullen's *Unusual and Historic Books and Manuscripts*. Among the interesting ephemera offered up was a partially printed document from the press of John Dunlap (printer of the Declaration of Independence) from 1777 for a modest \$350 a detailed travel journal from 1860 covering the two-month journey of S.B. Cary from Iowa to Colorado, with notes on the land, difficult travel conditions, frontier news and rumours, and an account of every campsite location and daily mileage (\$8,500). The catalogue also included a scarce 1773 edition of *Il Giuoco Incomparabile Degli Scacchi (The Incomparable Game of Chess)*, authored by arguably the greatest 18th-century player, Ponziani, for \$2,000.

On the auction side, in early September two superb auctions tantalized collectors with some incredible offerings. The first was a Rare Books & Maps sale by the Edinburgh-based auction house Lyon & Turnbull, which auctioned off a fine collection of early James Bond books from the library of Sir Fitzroy McLean (Scottish diplomat/soldier considered