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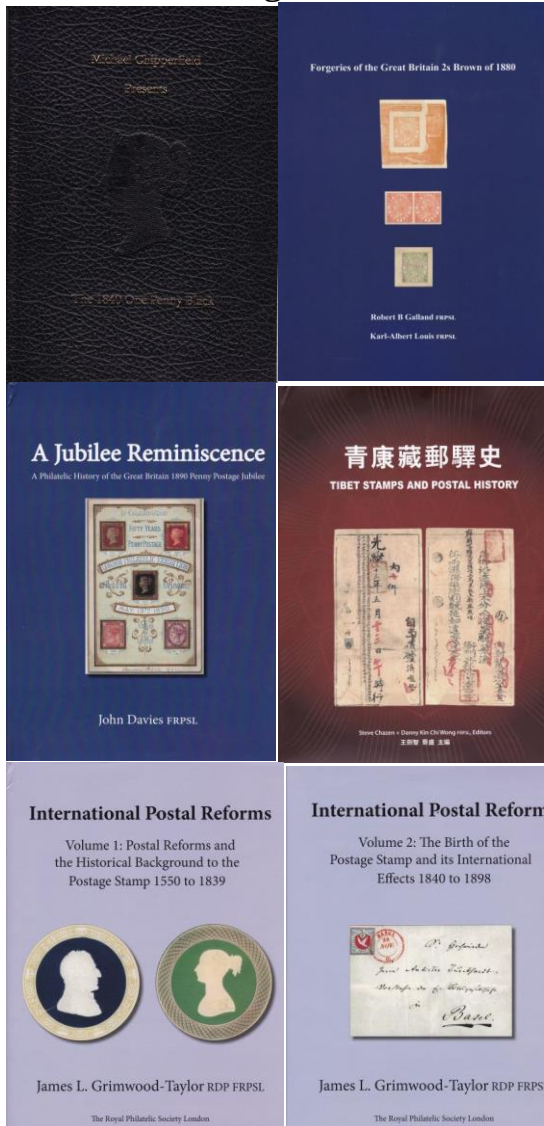


Dear Friends of the Harry Sutherland Library,



I have had to go back and rewrite this introduction since, as you know, Toronto is back on lockdown. In compliance with the new rules the Greene Foundation is closed to the public immediately. The library will be closed although I will continue to come into work for the next few weeks. My days and hours may vary so expect it to take longer than normal for emails to be answered. We were already planning to close for the holidays from the 18th of December to the New Year. As a result the earliest we will be open is the 4 January 2021. That will depend on the rules that come into place after this initial 28 day period.

As I mentioned last month we have received a number of RPSL publications that we had been missing. Here are some more of them.



This first one is jointly published by the RPSL and Michael Chipperfield: *The 1840 One Penny Black*, I suppose that is why the black leather cover and slip case. And it is a beautiful book with many spectacular British items shown.

Forgeries of the Great Britain 2s Brown of 1880 by Robert B. Galland and Karl-Albert Louis is a detailed study of this stamp, completely up to the usual standard of books by the RPSL.

A Jubilee Reminiscence: A Philatelic History of Great Britain 1890 Penny Postage Jubilee by John Davies

Tibet Stamps and Postal History by Steve Chazen and Danny Kin Chi Wong

International Postal Reforms 2 volume set with volume 1: *Postal Reforms and the Historical Background to the Postage Stamps 1550 to 1839* and volume 2: *The Birth of the Postage Stamp and its International Effects 1840 to 1898* by James L. Grimwood-Taylor

I will have a very different set of new items next month.

We have received a very generous donation from our Friend George Pepall of many years of GEOSIX, the journal of the King George Sixth Collectors' Society. We have

decided to subscribe to the journal ourselves as it has articles about Canada, Newfoundland and Hong Kong. We are missing all of the early issues from no.1 to no.142 (end of 1986) and no.144 (Mar 1987), no.254 (Jan 2005) and no.266 (Dec 2017)-late 2020. If you have any of these issues that you are willing to donate to the library, please let us know. Thank you.

Again this month I have hints suggested by 2 of our Friends. This first one is from Ian McRuer, director of GTAPA and is created by collectors of various types:

<https://colnect.com/en>. This is the top of the page, notice that Stamps are first!



Stamps
930,560 Stamps
45,564 Collectors
638,935 Sale listings



Coins
154,349 Coins
38,366 Collectors
20,345 Sale listings



Banknotes
119,008 Banknotes
21,572 Collectors
9,286 Sale listings



Comics
25,488 Comics
129 Collectors
89 Sale listings



Video Games
171,113 Video Games
467 Collectors



Sports Cards
97,839 Sports Cards
179 Collectors
172 Sale listings

These most common types of collectibles come first and then the list goes on in alphabetical order. There are admission tickets, aircraft safety cards, bank cards, beer coasters, bookmarks, bottle caps ... mini cup lids, paper clips, paper napkins, philatelic products (so stamps actually make the list twice, well, 3 times as there are also postcards) ... all the way to tea bags, tea labels, tokens, trading card games and transportation tickets.

The site is available in many other languages. There is a button to tell you how you can contribute. It is also available in many other languages.

The screenshot shows the website's navigation pane for the 'Stamps' category. At the top, there are tabs for 'Categories', 'Stamps', 'Catalog', 'Collectors', 'My Lists', and 'Forums'. Below this is a yellow banner with the text: 'Got a mobile device or tablet? Use your device's camera to quickly scan items'. The main heading is 'Stamp catalog - 930,560 Stamps'. There is a search bar with 'Catalog code' and a magnifying glass icon, and a link to 'Search by Catalog Codes'. Below the search bar is a grid of blue buttons for filtering: Countries, Emissions, Formats, Printings, Perforations, Colors, Gums, Years, Face Values, Currencies, Themes, Catalogs, Recently Updated, and Newly Added. At the bottom of the grid is an 'Import Log' button. Below the grid, there is a 'Wiki' section with links to 'Stamps', 'Themes', and 'Formats'. At the very bottom, there is a 'See also' section with links to 'Air Mail Stamp', 'ATM Label', 'Booklet', 'Booklet Pane', and 'Cinderella'.

There are various ways to access the information. If you click on the image beside Stamps you get the entry page shown at left. This is the basic navigation pane that they use.

There is a truly vast amount of information here. My best suggestion is to click through to some of the items that users have uploaded and see where it takes you. If you get lost you can always come back to this front page and start in a different direction.


930,560 stamps!
97,363 philatelic products and 206,851 postcards.

That will keep you going for a while.
Or look at 126,100 tea bags.


Here are some last hints from Friend Michel Houde and his article in the Grand News (v.51:no.4, April 2020). As with many other activities there are now numerous videos available on YouTube. This link takes you to a stamp related starting point.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7SmF2F97VY>.


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Exploring Stamps
15K views • 3 months ago



Storing Stamp Collections: What you need to know!
Exploring Stamps
34K views • 3 months ago

“Exploring Stamps” have many topics to watch and you can search for specific ones that you are interested in.

This area at the right may look different when you go to check out the offerings. At the left I saw some APS videos while I was creating this image for the newsletter. Anyone can spend hours on YouTube. Even 15 years ago it was said that 24 hours of video was uploaded every minute of the day.

While you are online you can check out the Canadian Stamp Dealer’s Association at <https://www.csdaonline.com/>. Dealers are very knowledgeable about stamps since they see so many interesting and valuable items and can be a great resource for more than just buying materials.



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NETWORK

There is lots of information on the dealers. On the day I went to look there were several featured dealers that we know. Since we know so many dealers this would probably be true on any day we went to look. Here are a few.

You can also look through a list of all 79 members or search by province or specialty. Their other site at <https://www.csdastampauctions.com/> connects you to auctions where you can sign up for the newsletter.

The Stamp Auction Network is another site you can use as it is used by some of them. <https://stampauctionnetwork.com/auctions.cfm>.

In addition there are stamp dealer associations for other countries, worth visiting if you collect the stamps of other countries.

For this last section I am going to ramble a bit about some of the things that I have been thinking about relating to philately. Being a librarian brings together my knowledge of libraries and learning about the needs of those who use the library. When I started here I did not know much about philately as I am not really a stamp collector. Many of you have asked what I collect and then one of you (I am sorry, I do not remember who although I do thank you) suggested that I collect something so that I have a good answer. So I decided to collect New Zealand (exotic and far away, plus I have access to some new stamps) and Iceland (I am half Icelandic).



Now I have a few items from each of these countries and some of you will already have realized that I waited a bit too long. The final issue of 11 Icelandic stamps took place on 29 October 2020 according to their website <https://posturinn.is/en/>. See <https://stamps.postur.is/en/newsroom/news/details/2020/10/27/the-last-issue-of-icelandic-stamps-29th-oct-202>

At the same time I came across an old item on our computer from BBC Trending (http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-trending-37233913?ocid=socialflow_facebook&ns_mchannel=social&ns_campaign=bbcnews&ns_source=facebook) about a tourist who had written a letter from Reykjavik to a farm where they had stayed but did not know the address. They drew a map on the envelope and gave some information about the people and the letter was delivered! (I wanted to include an image but it is copyrighted by <http://skessuhorn.is/> the Icelandic News service.) I suppose that the same could happen in a smaller community here although it would probably not be picked up by the BBC and go viral.

Another interesting piece came from Friend Wayne Smith who connected me to the Digest from <https://www.davidfeldman.com> who included an etymology of the word “*philately*” in their second edition. Georges Herpin coined the word from the Greek “*phil*” meaning attraction or affinity and “*atelia*” meaning exempt from tax because of the recent, at the time, introduction of stamps meant that receipt of letters was free or charge. Read the entire article at: <https://www.davidfeldman.com/2020/04/legendary-collector-1/>. You can sign up for the digest and find all the famous collectors under the Discover > Blog tab at the top of the page. Then select Famous Philatelists at right.

Remember that you can find library information on our website at the address below. You can also access the library catalogue from there or directly at <https://15758.rmwebopac.com/>.

Keep well and safe,

Willow, Librarian

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