General Collections

Scope and Subject Coverage

Located on the Victoria University campus, the E.J. Pratt Library collection numbers approximately 250,000 items and contains books, periodicals, documents, pamphlets, multimedia and electronic resources, and specialized material, excluding theology, which support undergraduate studies at Victoria University. The collection is particularly strong in the areas of Canadian Studies; History; Classics; English, French, and German literature; Near Eastern Studies; Philosophy; Political Science and Religious Studies.

See also:
Borrowing Policy
Book Purchase Request Form

Special collections include works by and about E.J. Pratt, Northrop Frye, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Virginia Woolf / Bloomsbury, John Wesley, and many others. See Special Collections for more information.

Our digital collections include digitized items from the Victoria University Archives and the Library's special collections. For example, there are photographs and videos of events at Victoria, early issues of the Acta Victoriana, and watercolours from the A.P. Coleman collection.

The collection is arranged by Library of Congress Classification numbers. Each item is catalogued in LibrarySearch, the University of Toronto Library catalogue. Each item, in addition to having a Library of Congress Classification number, will have a location code indicating the the item's location and circulation status (i.e., whether you can borrow it). Locations for the E.J. Pratt Library collections are as follows:

Locations of Our Books

Location Code*
Stacks
Periodical Stacks†
Short-Term Loan
Reference Material†

*For other location codes, see a staff member for assistance.
†Items do not circulate (can not be checked out)

Shelf location
A–G located on second floor
H–Z located on ground floor
Alphabetically by title on second floor
Please ask at Circulation Desk
A–Z on first floor in Reading Room

See also:
Library Floor Plans

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