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Halifax was witness to one of the most tragic shipwrecks of the 20th Century – the sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic. On April 14th, 1912, at 11:40pm, the Titanic struck an iceberg, about 650 kilometers southeast of Newfoundland. More than two hours later the ship — which many believed to be "unsinkable"— was lost to the Atlantic. It is thought that over fifteen hundred souls rest with the wreck of the Titanic.

The following resource list includes both fiction and non-fiction works in English and French, music on compact discs, feature films and documentaries on DVD, magazine articles, and children’s literature. These materials will guide the curious and the knowledgeable alike through the fascinating world of the Titanic’s first voyage and the legacy of her demise.

Art and Literature


Bibliography


Biography


**Canada**


**Children’s/Young Adult Books**

All Stations! Distress!: April 15, 1912, the Day the Titanic Sank, by Don Brown. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2008. [Nonfiction]


Deadly Voyage: RMS Titanic, by Hugh Brewster. Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2011. [Fiction]


Ghosts of the Titanic, by Julie Lawson. Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2011. [Fiction]


I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic 1912, by Lauren Tarshis. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2010. [Fiction]


On Board the Titanic: What It Was Like When the Great Liner Sank, by Shelley Tanaka. Richmond Hill: Scholastic Canada, 1996. [Fiction]


Remembering the Titanic, by Frieda Wishinsky. New York: Scholastic, 2012. [Nonfiction]


The Sinking of the Titanic, by Lauren Tarshis. New York: Scholastic, 2010. [Fiction]


SOS! Titanic!, by Frieda Wishinsky. Toronto: Maple Tree Press, 2010. [Fiction]


**Cookery**


**Feature Film & Documentary**

| **Titanic II**, by Shane Van Dyke. Toronto: Video Services Corp., 2010. [DVD]. |
Fiction


Every Man for Himself, by Beryl Bainbridge. New York: Carroll & Graf, 1996.


French


Tout ce que vous avez toujours voulu savoir sur le Titanic, by Hugh Brewster. Markham: Editions Scholastic, 2012. [Children’s French Nonfiction]

General Works


The Deathless Story of the “Titanic,” by Philip Gibbs. Riverside, CT: 7C’s Press, [n.d.].


The Lost Film of the Titanic. [S.l.]: Kingfisher Productions, [199-]. [video recording].


The Titanic, by Edward Mulhare. [S.l.]: [video recording].


Government Documents


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“Wreck of the Titanic,” by Roland Haral Sherwood. Story Parade: The Odd, the Interesting, the Fact, the Legend, the Tragedy and the Humor of People, Places and Events in Canada’s Maritime Provinces, 179-183. Sackville: The Tribune Press, [1948].

Icebergs


Music


“The oarsmen laid on their oars and all in the lifeboat were motionless as we watched her in absolute silence. Save some who would not look and buried their heads on each other’s shoulders.” — Lawrence Beesley
Nova Scotia

The Titanic and the Californian, by Peter Padfield. London: Hodder and Stoughton, [1965].


Periodicals

The Titanic Commutator, by the Titanic Historical Society. Indian Orchard, MA: Titanic Historical Society, [1978-].


Shipbuilding


Titanic Wreck


FINDING OUT MORE

In the Library Catalogue

For a listing of other resources about the Titanic, use the words “Titanic” or “Shipwrecks Atlantic” in the search box.

or visit http://goo.gl/IKLBw.

Magazine & Newspaper Articles

Use the keyword “Titanic” to search any of the following magazine and newspaper indexes.

Canadian Periodicals Index (CPI.Q). (1980-present). Comprehensive list of Canadian and international journals, magazines, and selections from the Globe and Mail.


ProQuest Databases (1985-present). Indexes over 700 Canadian magazines and select newspapers, with an emphasis on business or current events.

Many local, regional and monthly periodicals are not indexed. The Reference Department of the Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library has produced an in-house index of its books, magazines and information files, to aid staff in locating information about the Titanic. Call 490-5710 for inquiries.

Information Files

Information files include newspaper clippings, brochures and other unique sources. Call 490-5710 for inquiries.

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Pg. 3 a.) Titanic Route; Wikipedia (PD); b.) “Titanic, to be launched,” Belfast, 1911; U.S. Library of Congress.

Pg. 4 a.) Titanic Boarding Pass; b.) Iceberg suspected of having sunk the RMS Titanic (PD-USGov-DHS-CG) ; photo taken by chief steward of the liner, Prinz Adelbert, April 15, 1912.

Pg. 5 a.) Crowd in NYC awaiting survivors from the Titanic; U.S. Library of congress; b.) Last lifeboat with Titanic survivors, taken by a passenger from The Carpathia, April 15, 1912; U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, DC.

Pg. 6 (Extract) from “Daily Memorandum from the Hydrographic Office Reporting Titanic Disaster, 04/15/1912;” US Navy; U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, DC.; MLR #383.

Pg. 7 a.) Recovered unidentified bodies ex R.M.S. Titanic arriving at the Mayflower Curling Club, Agricola Street, set up as a temporary morgue, 1912; NSA, Fader Collection, 1972-21 no. 6. b.) Grave marker for Titanic victim, unknown child at Fairview Cemetery, Halifax; photo by Christopher Sibley (Wellington, New Zealand), 2005.

Pg. 8 a.) From “The Loss of the S.S. Titanic: Its Story and its Lessons,” by Lawrence Beesley (Titanic Survivor); (Project Gutenberg Literary Archive Foundation); b.) Historic American Sheet Music (Duke Univ.; Special Collections Library #a9433).

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