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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
Title:	Alan Twigg/BC BookWorld fonds
Reference code:	MsC-63
Date:	1975-2008 (date of creation)
Physical description:	4.76 m of multiple media
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Created December 16, 2015. SS

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Alan Twigg was born in North Vancouver, British Columbia in 1952. Since 1987, he has owned and published the newspaper, B.C. BookWorld, Canada's largest circulation publication about books. In 1985, Twigg co-founded the B.C. Book Prizes, and he was its executive director and chief fundraiser in the 1990s. He also created the Van City Women's Book Prize, and coordinated it between 1992 and 2005. Twigg was a representative of the Writers Union of Canada, on the original Board of Directors for the Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing at Simon Fraser University. He also served on the boards of the City of Vancouver's Public Art Committee and the Vancouver Cultural Alliance. He is a founder of British Columbia's annual Lifetime Achievement Award for an outstanding literary career in British Columbia, which he has also coordinated since 1995. In 1994, he organized events aiming to honor George Woodcock, who was British Columbia's most prolific man of letters. In the 1970s and 1980s, Alan Twigg worked as a freelance writer. From 1995 to 1998, he wrote a weekly editorial column for The Province newspaper. He has written for The Quill & Quire, BC Historical News, as a theatre critic for The Georgia Straight, Globe & Mail, Toronto Star, Ottawa Citizen, Maclean's, Vancouver Sun, Step and Pacific Northwest Review of Books. Alan Twigg appears frequently as a guest on CBC Radio, and he has been the host of a CBC television series about B.C. authors.

Custodial history

Records were in the custody of Alan Twigg before their acquisition by Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books in 2004. Additional materials were acquired in 2009.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of materials that relate to Twigg's work as a writer, publisher and cofounder of the B.C. Book Prizes in the years 1975 to 2008. The fonds is arranged in 14 series: Correspondence; Political Campaign and Poetry of Bud Osborn; Vancouver Theatre; Television Interviews; Twigg's Book Research; George Woodcock's Translation of Proust; Audio Cassette Interviews; Transcripts of Interviews; Authors' Photographs and Negatives; Special Items; B.C. Book Prizes; Miscellaneous; Prairie BookWorld Founding Records; and Twigg's Newspaper and Magazine Articles.

Materials include incoming and outgoing correspondence, taped television interviews, transcripts of television interviews, drafts of Twigg's literary works, an unpublished manuscript of George Woodcock's translation of Proust, audio cassette interviews, transcripts of interviews, photographs, banners, awards, legal documents, financial records, notes and newspaper and magazine clippings of Twigg's published articles.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of fonds.

Related material

Some of Alan Twigg's records reside at the University of British Columbia Rare Books and Special Collections.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
 - **Status description:** Published
 - **Physical description:** Includes 1 receipt book, 17 tickets, 2 wine labels, 6 drawings, 20 prints, 7 BC Gas Lifetime Achievement Awards, 7 banners, 34 bookmarks, 17 newsletters, 59 certificates, ca. 4 boxes of photographs, 118 slides, 34 booklets, 58 pamphlets, 3 calendars, 17 newspapers, 21 magazines, 28 brochures, 1 book jacket, 645 newspaper clippings, ca. 140 stickers, 5 posters, 6 invitations, 70 videocassettes, 4 film reels, 149 audio cassettes, 2 audio reels, 4 CDs, 25 business cards, 166 programs, 86 theatre program clippings, 1 proclamation, 34 computer disks, 117 books, 16 postcards, 2 note cards, 1 T-Shirt, 1 pictorial, 1 travel guide, 2 journals, 1 name tag.
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Access points

- Twigg, Alan (subject)
 - BC Book Prizes
 - Woodcock, George (subject)
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- Multi-media (documentary form)
- Arts and culture (subject)