

**Name:** Geoffrey Allen

**Title:** Manager, Collections

**Born and lived:** Born and raised in Toronto More recently lived in Halifax, NS; Fredericton, NB; Kitchener, ON; Nanaimo, BC; and now Regina, SK.

**Early Life:** Started career in fashion design, but soon abandoned the industry to return to university. Ended up teaching in the Toronto District School Board for ten years, including five years as a teacher-Librarian. Decided I like the librarian part better than the teaching part, and left Toronto to take my MLIS at Dalhousie University in Halifax.



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**Professional career and activities:** Two years as Digital Projects Librarian at the University of New Brunswick; four years as Supervisor of Library Services for the Waterloo Region District School Board; two years as Divisional Manager of Collections and Support Services at Vancouver Island Regional Library.

**In my spare time:** I spend far too much time online, but still manage to fit in some time to practice playing the flute and making music with others.

**Favorite books:** I've read *Alice in Wonderland* more times than any other book, but *Midnight in the Palace of Reason* tells a story haunts and fascinates me most.

**I'm currently reading:** *Glass Beads*, *kisiskâciwan*, *Krazy*, and *Calypso*.