

2018 STOKER AWARD FOR INITIATIVE

LAURA GIDDENS

In late December a pipe burst in the McDonald Building sending thousands of gallons of water into the lower floors.

The flood affected the building's elevator, the McEachen Institute, the phonathon room, floors and drywall throughout the bottom floors.

But it was the purpose-built stately mahogany-lined Kipling Room that was the biggest concern.

The ornate room was built in 1946 to house works of Author Rudyard Kipling, who wrote among other things, the Jungle Book. There was a mad scramble to save the collection, and Laura was singled out by the library for because she unlocked doors, helped move boxes, helped find the best route to and from the room with the boxes and made multiple trips to the Killam with library staff to deliver the precious papers and books to a safe location. Her help was very much appreciated.