



Victorian Valentines:

An exhibition of cards from the Laura Seddon collection

1-26 February 2010

Ground Floor, All Saints Library



Comic card c1870-90



Inscription c1870

The Laura Seddon collection of Valentine cards contains 450 cards dating from the early 19th to the early 20th centuries.

The exhibition features beautiful, ornate handmade lace cards alongside some unexpectedly comic cards, some very offensive to the unlucky recipient!

Many of the sentiments are still culturally relevant celebrating and poking fun at what we now think of as stereotypical Victorian roles and values.

So if you're all 'loved up', come and see how Victorian cards compare to the one you receive or take inspiration from the sentiments expressed to write your own card!

If you are destined to be alone this Valentine's day don't despair as there are even cards to make you feel glad you are single!

Happy Valentine's Day
From MMU Special Collections x

