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Message from the Librarian



The Greek philosopher Epicurus said of friends, “It is not so much our friends’ help that helps us, as the confidence of their help.” Recently a former Fung Ping Shan Librarian and an old and constant friend of the Libraries, Mrs. Dorcas Hu, demonstrated both a desire to help the Libraries and her confidence in the Libraries. Last month Dorcas, who worked in the Libraries some 38 years ago and served as the director of the Fung Ping Shan library between 1965 and 1970 celebrated her 80th birthday. However, rather than simply bask in the well-deserved love of friends and family, she decided this event provided an opportunity to encourage support for the Libraries. Consequently, each of those attending her party was asked to make a gift to the Libraries instead of to her. All in all, 59 checks were received and when it came time to gather all the checks together,



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she topped up the amount to make it an auspicious number. Since all of these funds were then turned over by Dorcas to the University, a HKU alum of the class of 1955, her gift was of course matched by another distinguished former HKU student, Dr. Stanley Ho.

Dorcas' husband, Dr Shih-chang Hu, was also a HKU alum. Both Dorcas and her husband were passionate collectors of Chinese art, particularly lacquer. Her husband, in addition to his work as a pediatrician, authored several scholarly books and articles about Chinese lacquer.

The libraries have been very fortunate to have other alums and friends from the Hong Kong community. In our soon to be released 2007-8 annual report, the names of 251 individual library donors are included. In the words of Epicurus, their help gives us confidence that our library is doing the right thing. Just this month we received a wonderful gift from Po Chung to enable us to establish a Personal Development Collection. Po just received an Honorary University Fellowship in recognition of his many contributions to the University and the Hong Kong community.

Last year when we surveyed our patrons about their thoughts about the library, it was also heartening to receive the following comments:

"Your Library remains really outstanding for service to its borrowers."

"Excellent e-resource; interlibrary loans; broad enough database. The overall performance exceeds my expectations."

"I am proud of HKU Library. The volumes and the quality of collection the atmosphere and the service of the Library are of first class in my mind."

"I benefited & enjoy using the HKU Libraries during the 3+ years of my PhD research. This is an excellent world class library!"

"... my PhD, it would have been impossible if it was not for the wonderful facility you run i.e. the library. HKU libraries are goldmines for a researcher, and I have noted that down in my acknowledgement."

"The number and range of library workshops and courses is very impressive and helpful."

Consequently, as we end this year, we thank all of you our readers for your help and, when we fall short in meeting your

Grateful Thanks to

HKSAR Government

We received 252 volumes of laboratory testing reports from the Public Works Laboratories of the Geotechnical Engineering Office; 356 ground investigation reports from the Ground Investigation Sections of the Geotechnical Engineering Office.

Professor Peter Hills

Professor Peter Hills donated 115 magazine boxes of environment impact assessment reports and minutes of the Advisory Council on the Environment to us which covers the period from 1996 to 2004 when he was the committee member of the Council.

Dr Osler Thomas

Dr Osler Thomas, an alumni of HKU donated a set of three volumes rare book titled: A Chinese-English dictionary in the Cantonese dialect/ by Ernest John Eitel, 1911-1912.

e-Resources Updates

Journals by major publishers will be available in electronic format *ONLY* beginning 2009

In the last issue of Focus we described in detail the 2008 serials rationalization exercise. Researchers are reminded that beginning from 2009, all major publishers' journal titles will be available in electronic-only format. These include publishers such as Elsevier, Wiley-Blackwell, Springer, Taylor & Francis, LWW-Ovid, Sage, OUP and CUP. If you have any questions or concerns about these electronic versions, please feel free to contact your subject librarians, the Reference staff or the Collection Development office (libcd@hkucc.hku.hk).

Investext Plus will no longer be available after 2008

Cengage Learning has confirmed that the database Investext Plus will not be available after 31 December 2008. Cengage Learning, originally Thomson Gale and part of the Thomson Group, was not able to secure a renewal agreement with Thomson Financial and as a result will not be able to offer the product after the current agreement expires. As an alternative, the library currently has on trial the database [Business & Company Resource Center](#), which includes a three-year rolling archive of investment reports from about 40 investment banks, brokers, independent research providers and Reuters. User feedback regarding the usefulness of this database would be most welcome.

CAS will release Web version of SciFinder

Users will be pleased to learn that CAS will soon release a Web version of SciFinder, which used to be accessible only through client software that has to be installed on the local computer. The Web version has most of the functionality of the client version and also many new features, including the Keep Me Posted alert service. To preview the Web version, go to <http://www.cas.org/products/scifindr/sfweb/sfwebflash.html>. Additional information about the Web version can be found at <http://www.cas.org/support/academic/sf/moveweb.html>. The two versions will parallel run for two months, sharing the licensed seats for six users. The client version, which will not be further developed, will eventually be phased out if feedback on the Web version is positive.

New & Noteworthy

beanbag (bēn'băg')

***n:* An article, such as a chair, that is constructed as a bag filled with small pellets.**

We have added more designer bean bags in the main library. You are welcomed to use the bean bag chairs as comfortable bum seats to

- work on your laptops while recharging its battery
- read a book, listen to your MP3 player or do quiet rote learning
- have a lively discussion with your classmates in the green zone
- engage in a quieter discourse in the yellow zone

But please refrain from using them as beds!

If you need to move a bean bag, remember the Fire Safety regulations - never block the exit doors with bean bags or any other objects.

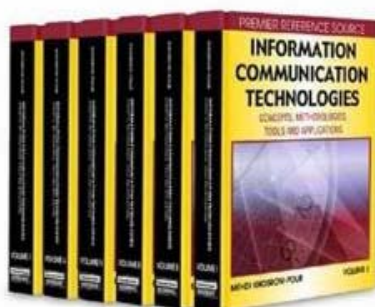
Notable Acquisitions

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說文解字研究文獻集成. 古代卷及現當代卷 / 主編董蓮池; 副主編蔣玉斌.
北京: 作家出版社, 2006-2007

這套文獻集成把許多珍稀的資料和大師的累累碩果重現學人面前, 讓學者重新認識、評價 20 世紀有關“說文學”歷史上的某些重要結論。

“古代卷”收錄範圍上自唐, 下迄清末, 總計 14 卷。“現當代卷”收錄範圍上自 1911 年, 下迄 2005 年共編成 12 卷。



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Information communication technologies : concepts, methodologies, tools and applications / [compiled by] Craig Van Slyke.

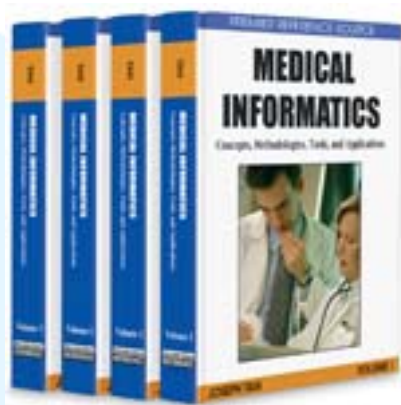
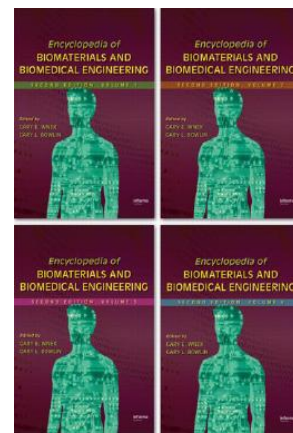
Hershey : Information Science Reference, c2008.

This collection meets the rapid development of information communication technologies research, compiling scholarly work in the pivotal areas of social adaptation to information technology. It covers ad-hoc networks, collaborative environments, e-governance, and urban information systems, case studies, empirical analysis, and conceptual models.

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Encyclopedia of biomaterials and biomedical engineering / edited by Gary E. Wnek, Gary L. Bowlin. 2nd ed. New York : Informa Healthcare USA, c2008.

This timely multidisciplinary resource surveys the vanguard of biomaterials and biomedical engineering technologies. It covers the latest research and innovative applications to help solve challenging medical problems and support improvements in quality of life— from development of new medical devices and improved prosthetics to novel drug delivery technologies and orthopedic advances.



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Medical informatics : concepts, methodologies, tools, and applications / [edited by] Joseph Tan.

Hershey PA : Medical Information Science Reference, c2009.

This four-volume set is a complete collection of cutting-edge medical IT research available in topics such as clinical knowledge management, medical informatics, mobile health and service delivery, and gene expression.

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Reading Club

Meet the Author Night

Hong Kong 24-7: The City that Invades our Art

Speaker : Ms Xu Xi and Mr David Clarke

Books: *Evanescient Isles: From My City-Village* by Xu Xi

Hong Kong x 24 x 365: A Year in the Life of a City by David Clarke

Date: 27 November 2008 (Thursday)

Time: 7:15 – 9:00 pm

Venue: Special Collections, 1/F, Main Library, HKU

Language: English



Meet the Author Night

在如來佛掌中——張東蓀和他的時代

Speaker: Ms Dai Ching (戴晴女士)

Moderator: Professor Yuen-ying Chan (陳婉瑩教授)

Date: 18 December 2008 (Thursday)

Time: 7:15 – 9:00 pm

Venue: Special Collections, 1/F, Main Library, HKU

For more about our Reading Club and its activities, visit

http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading_club/

UPCOMING BOOK TALK

Meet the Author: 憂鬱病，就是這樣——一個憂鬱病患者的自白

Speaker: 李玉瑩女士，李歐梵教授

Date: 15 January 2009 (Thursday)

Time: 7:15 – 9:00 pm

Venue: Special Collections, 1/F, Main Library, HKU

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