In Memory of Dr Robert Y.F. Tam

A True Library Lover

Dr Robert Y.F. Tam 譚益芳博士 (BA 1930, HonDSocSc 1998) passed away on 29 March 2004 at the great age of 103.

His Family

The Tam family has been in Hong Kong for the last three generations. Robert’s grandfather, the late Lui Chung Tam, was a well-known local merchant and community service worker. During the outbreak of plague in Hong Kong in 1894 when thousands of people died, he took care of plague victims in the Tung Wah Hospitals, of which he was Chairman. Robert’s father, the late Yik Hang Tam, was in banking for some time in Hong Kong before starting his own import and export business in Kobe, Japan. When war started in North China in 1937, he closed the business and returned home.

His eldest son, Robert, had been very poor as a young student in Queen’s College, with little hope of being able to afford a university education. Fortunately he had won a Government scholarship to the University of Hong Kong. He spent some of his happiest years and forged some of his most lasting friendships as a resident in May Hall. It was his ambition to give as many deserving young people as possible the opportunity to enjoy the same experience of learning. He dedicated his life to the fulfillment of this ambition.

His Career

He graduated in 1930 with a degree in Arts before returning to China, where he later offered his services to his country during the war. He served in a number of regions and in various capacities.

In 1945, he entered Columbia Graduate School for Business and completed his studies with the help of funds from the United States Government. He was appointed Secretary-Treasurer to Dah Chong Hong Trading Corporation in New York, and later Assistant Vice-President and Director.

In 1957 he returned to Hong Kong and joined the Hang Seng Bank. He was responsible for staff training and was able to combine banking with education as supervisor of the Bank’s Elementary Programme on Banking Practice, which was open to the public. Under
this programme, there were more than sixty thousand young people under his supervision. Besides, he also ran an Education Advisory Service, which he advised the bank’s clientele who wanted to send their children to study abroad. The Service was able to furnish the most up-to-date information. Dr Tam was for some time Director of Studies for the Certificate Course in Banking Management organized in collaboration with the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Four years before retirement from the bank he set up his own corporation, Robert Y.F. Tam Enterprises Ltd, which dealt with foreign investment.

His Contributions in Education

He made money in business and benefit the needy through donations: He was a regular participant of Columbia Business School's Annual Fund for top quality management education and the donor of the Hong Kong Room at International House for needy students in New York. He has also contributed to the building of a prevocational school in Tuen Mun in memory of his mother.

Throughout a long and successful career in the banking and financial sector, his loyalty to the University remained unwavering. From 1985 to 1988, Dr Tam and his sister Ms Tam Wun-tsun donated $11 million to establish the Robert Tam Library Endowment Fund. In 1995, when the University of Hong Kong Foundation was launched they donated another $1 million. They also had donated $50 million to support the Libraries, which, according to Dr Tam, had a special place in his heart. Students have benefited from his gifts to the Libraries and colleagues would remember that the Tam Villas and Pine Court were named after the Tam family.

Dr Robert Tam never lost his appreciation for the importance of learning. He once said, “The Libraries have a key role to play in the education and training of new graduates and support for such a central institution is support for the University as a whole... everyone, including the Hong Kong community, benefits from a strong University Library.”

Dr Robert Tam was a friend of the Libraries and education. He will be greatly missed, but his influence will continue to be felt by the generations of students and teachers who read the books which are his gifts and legacy to academics and Hong Kong.
Your Views On How We Are Doing
Anthony Ferguson

Recently, we "pushed" an online patron needs survey to all of you. We received more than 2,500 responses with a whole host of compliments and complaints.

Here are a few examples of the more effusive compliments:

- "All in all, the HKU Main Library has done sterling service to staff and students of HKU as well as other local universities and researchers from outside HKU. I’m very appreciative of the effort of the staff and the support of the university to develop the HKU Main Library to its current standard and its continual upgrading. Keep up the good work!"

- "As compared with other resourceful libraries in Europe or in the States, I find our librarians extremely helpful and efficient, I am proud of them and of our library. I sincerely hope that our librarians won’t be taken for granted and their commitment will be respected."

- "HKUL is a great library with dedicated staff and providing lots of help and world-class resources."

- "I have worked in libraries all over Europe (including the British Library and the Bibliotheque Nationale), and I have to say that I am pleasantly surprised concerning how well equipped the HKU library is. The staff is incredibly friendly, questions and requests are answered promptly, interlibrary loans and purchase suggestions are dealt with immediately."

Among the complaints were some like the following (sometimes paraphrased):

- "A lot of students write in the books. I know it’s the students’ fault but [can’t] the library do anything to check and warn the students who have this bad habit?"

- "The air-condition is not adequate, usually it is too warm and the air-conditioning is too cold. I normally sit on the 2nd floor, and I suggest the temperature be maintained at 24 C. Please take this suggestion seriously."

- "I am disappointed to see one of your messages in your computer telling users to only switch their mobile phones to vibrate instead of turning them off completely. What the library should do is step up its enforcement of the mobile phone off rule. This is a library, not a commons area, and people who come in do so for specific reasons, none of which is to chat on their phones."

- "I don’t understand why children can enter the library and [why] they keep crying. I [don’t] think the child is [a] HKU student and [has] no right to use our library."

- "Stop people from talking."

- "The toilets aren’t clean enough, and the lights are too bright or too dim."

- "You need more books and journals on subjects X, Y, and Z."

- "We need more and better copy machines, microfilm readers, etc."

- "The lines at circulation counters are too long, the staff are snippy, and please send me a warning email [actually we tell you on the day the item is due] before fining me."

- "Speed up interlibrary loan."

- "Shelve the books faster, stop students from hiding books, get the books in better order, and stop the shelving staff from talking."

- "Open the libraries earlier and keep them open later, more weekend hours, and don’t close them on holidays."

- "Get rid of Dewey – call numbers like 371.9510125 are too long."

While these comments are painfully familiar, others reminded me that this is a new digital world with new problems and new sets of expectations:

- "I don’t know what databases are suitable for me. . . there are so many!"

- "I have the general impression that the library is getting gradually more difficult to use. The catalogues are a mess with multiple entries for e-journals in particular."

- "Abstracts of articles are not good enough – we need more full text."

- "I want to look at theses online."

- "You need more e-journal backruns."

- "It is too slow when I read e-journals from home."

- "You have so many e-book collections and their interfaces are all different."

- "Make the catalogue more like Amazon.com."

- "Put descriptions of databases online [we do somewhat]."

- "Too many broken links to websites."

- "Too many clicks are required to view my circulation record [we require users to authenticate]."

- "[an alum complained] I want access to all the databases, not just the ones to which Circle of Friends organisation members are entitled."

- "Colour copies made from e-journals are not as good as the printed journals."

The first two of these complaints express the difficulties that many of you are experiencing with the digital parts of our library. When there were mainly printed books and a few electronic databases we were all excited. Now that we are buried in e-content, many of us are drowning in digital ink. Having said that, there is an equally loud demand for more digital ink in the form of more e-books, more e-journals, more e-journal back runs, etc. Other complaints refer to simple, but still frustrating, technical problems: I need a better mouse, my bandwidth is too slow, our catalog isn’t nice like Amazon.com’s, I hate broken links, and the color copies aren’t good.
enough. Since we developed an e-package for alumni access [titles for which licensing permission has been secured], we have received numerous complaints that we have disenfranchised them compared to the access they enjoyed as students. Many of these problems can be solved, but they result in some patrons feeling like the one who simply stated: “I feel frustrated all the time.”

Some of the other complaints reflect the new level of expectations that the current web generation steeped in instant gratification possess:

- “I want the catalogue to tell me what floor, row, and shelf my book is on.”
- “Translate western European books into English.”
- “Why can’t your Hong Kong materials catalogue include references to materials at the Public Records Office, the Historical Museum, etc.?”
- “You need to catalogue all the articles in anthologies, catalogue all the titles in e-journal databases [we do mostly].”
- “You pick up and deliver books from libraries at other universities, why not from other branch libraries on our own campus? I don’t want to have to come to campus to return my books, please set up return boxes at all the extension centers in the city.”

Twenty-five years ago librarians working at the desk complained that students simply wanted to know where the pencil sharpener, drinking fountain, and rest rooms were – but today’s students have higher expectations. The last comment in the list just above relates to another phenomenon in higher education today: Many of you are life long learners who have personal needs that conflict with library rules. You come into the library after 9 PM at night once classes are over, rush around gathering books and making photocopies to supplement what you find online, but subsequently are emailed that you need to return a book or get fined – and that is not a day on which you have a class. A student’s life is simply not easy. As a library staff we are taking all of these complaints seriously and everyone is being asked to identify things to keep doing and problems to fix.

Fighting the Fat Wars with Professor Marcel Lie Ken Jie

26 Feb 2004

Our first book talk this semester drew a full house thanks to our star presenter and a subject that is close to everyone’s heart: keeping fit. Fatty acid expert Professor Marcel Lie Ken Jie (李素華) reviewed two books by Brad King: Fat Wars: 45 days to transform your body and Fat Wars: action planner. Professor Lie spoke to an audience of nearly 300, part of whom participated via telecasting in the Libraries’ AV Viewing Room and E-Learning Lab. As Librarian Dr Ferguson noted in his welcome remark, “Marcel is interested in helping us not to burst our seams, but his speaking and the popularity of the subject has caused our Libraries Book Talk to burst at seams.”
A Lesson from Lee Kuan Yew?

25 Mar 2004

Mr Roderick Woo (吳斌) reviewed two books by Lee Kuan Yew: The Singapore story: memoirs of Lee Kuan Yew and From Third World to first: the Singapore story, 1965-2000. He gave a clear and detailed depiction of Lee Kuan Yew’s family history, from the time when his grandfather migrated to Singapore to his encounter with his wife, and his student days abroad. Drawing on the many achievements of the former Prime Minister in making the success of Singapore in the last century, he reflected on how this could be a lesson for the present government in Hong Kong.

The Vagina Monologues

22 April 2004

Si-si Liu (廖佩珊), Chairperson of Amnesty International Hong Kong, was our book talk speaker on 22 April. She talked about The Vagina Monologues, a controversial book comprising of hundreds of interviews on women of all ages posing questions about their vaginas. The book is thought to be a celebration of female sexuality in all its complexity and mystery. Through the discussion on vagina, hair, body fluid, one takes on a different look at a woman's body and sex itself. She believes that this will raise people’s feminist consciousness and is an important step to stop violence against women.

Upcoming Book Talk

13 May 2004 (Thursday)

Dr Chan Man Hung (陳萬雄) will review two Chinese books: 《仰望陳寅恪》 and 《讀史閱世六十年》. He will analyse the trend of scholar/study and thoughts and hopes that it will rekindle people’s interest in contemporary Chinese culture. Dr Chan is General Manager and Chief Editor of the Commercial Press (Hong Kong) Limited, as well as a specialist in the history of modern Chinese culture and thoughts. He has written many books and articles on these subjects. The talk will be conducted in Cantonese.

Registration:
From April 2004, all HKU Graduate Credit Card holders can join the HKU Libraries Circle of Friends (http://lib.hku.hk/friends/) as HKU Alumni-Platinum members at a discounted fee of HK$400 as a one-year introductory offer.

Besides onsite access to over two million volumes and other resources in the library, as Platinum Friends you can enjoy access from your home to:

- over 15,000 e-journals
- over 60,000 e-books
- over 30,000 e-dissertations
- and many more …

For details and updates, please visit http://lib.hku.hk/friends/join.html.

Existing Alumni-Platinum members can still enjoy this offer for renewal during 1 Jan – 31 Mar 2005.

What is the best way to honour a wonderful mother?

With a $500 gift to the Honour with Books Programme, a commemorative bookplate bearing your name and the name of this special woman will be placed in a new book in the Libraries’ collection. You can even select a title yourself from our collection with a gift of $1,000.

Your gift will enhance the HKUL collections in support of teaching and research.

For details and updates, please visit http://lib.hku.hk/friends/honourwithbooks/ or call 28592217.
Henri Michaux
18 – 31 Mar 2004
To mark the twentieth anniversary of this great writer and painter’s death, the Libraries exhibited posters on loan from L’Alliance Francaise de Hong Kong. These posters, from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, presented the life and works of Henri Michaux on display.

Recent Calligraphic Works by Lee Chik Fong
李直方書法近作展
5 - 22 Apr 2004
Mr Lee Chik Fong was the former Head of the Fung Ping Shan Library at the University of Hong Kong before his retirement. An exhibition of his recent calligraphic works in different styles - seals, clerical, regular, running and cursive styles by were on display and the main subject of his works was Tang poetry. Some of his excellent poems and couplets were also exhibited.

Main Library Art Gallery

Celebrating Year of the Monkey
6 Jan – 8 Feb 2004
The Libraries celebrated the Year of the Monkey with an exhibition featuring interesting titbits on the history of the monkey, paintings, novels, fables, paper cuttings, stamps, toys, exquisite figurines and many other Monkey ephemera.

Streets of Central and Western District
9 Feb – 6 Mar 2004
Featured historic photographs of street scenes of Central and Western District dating back to the late 19th century, and a talk on the same topic by local history expert Mr Cheng Po Hung on 20 February 2004.

Nature
8 Mar – 7 Apr 2004
A collection of 34 scenic photographs from all over the world by Mr Lee King Hin, who also presented a talk on Africa Overland Trip: Sahara, Congo Basin and East African Game Reserves, 2 April 2004.

Main Library Lobby

Dental Library

Exhibition of Electronic Resources on Dentistry and Medicine
24 Feb - 6 Mar 2004
To promote the use of dentistry and medicine electronic resources, Dental Library held an exhibition from 24 February through 6 March 2004. The exhibition featured electronic resources such as Medline, ISI, PubMed, Evidence Based Practice, Science Direct, ProQuest and many more.

e-Exhibition on Dental Rare Books
This e-Exhibition provides an overview of rare books from the dental collection, focusing on areas such as oral pathology, oral surgery and conservative dentistry, as well as general dentistry. Table of contents, brief introductions to individual works, selected preview pages and images are also included.
Easier Loans for Education & Music AV Materials

To ease the loan procedures of AV resources, CDs, VCDs and DVDs are tattletaped. This means that the materials will be taken out from the counter and inter-shelved with the circulating items on open shelves. Users no longer need to submit the empty cases to counter staff to retrieve the requested item(s) from behind the counter, resulting in substantial time savings and convenience to users.

Don’t get left behind
HKALL is the word!

Hong Kong Academic Library Link (HKALL) is a union catalogue of the catalogues of the three participating libraries, the University of Hong Kong, the City University of Hong Kong and the Baptist University. Users of these participating libraries may search HKALL, and place requests on available items at the other libraries directly, without using inter-library loan.

Since its launch on 28 January 2004, the Hong Kong Academic Library Link has been receiving tremendous responses from users of the participating institutions. The following table details the transaction activities up to 31 March 2004.

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HKALL Monthly Statistics from Jan to Mar 2004

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SMAAC

is an online finding aid for the Hong Kong Stock Market Archives and Artifacts Collection. This spectacular collection has been on deposit in the HKU Libraries Special Collections on a permanent basis since 1998. It contains over 1,000 items of rich and invaluable documents, archive materials and artifacts of the stock market of Hong Kong, of which the most important are the archives of the Far East Exchange. It also includes over 60 historical interviews that were conducted with securities industry veterans, including government officials, exchange executives and other market participants.

SMAAC can be accessed from the Libraries web page, http://lib.hku.hk, via "HKUL Digital Initiatives".

The physical items for the Hong Kong Stock Market Archives and Artifacts Collection are now kept in the Special Collections of the University of Hong Kong Libraries.
Gutzlaff, Karl Friedrich August, 1803-1851
Journal of Three Voyages along the Coast of China in 1831, 1832, & 1833, with notices of Siam, Corea, and the Loo-Choo Islands.


Rev. Gutzlaff (1803-1851), born in Pomerania, Prussia (now Germany), was the first Lutheran Missionary to China 1831-1851. He was appointed the Chinese Secretary to the Colonial Government of Hong Kong in 1843, yet his missionary work was never discontinued - he established the "The Chinese Union" in 1844 to carry out the preaching work until he died in 1851 in Hong Kong. With his devotion to the missionary work to the Chinese, Rev. Gutzlaff was honoured the name "The Apostle of China".

Rev. Gutzlaff had some medical training and was connected to Netherlands Missionary Society. Leaving the Society in 1828, Gutzlaff went to Singapore, Siam and Bangkok and married Maria Newell in 1829. After his wife died in February 1831, Gutzlaff left Siam on a Chinese junk that traded along the coast of China as far as Tientsin. From February to September 1832, he made a second voyage as interpreter and surgeon on the East Indian Company’s ship ‘Lord Amherst’, which explored trading possibilities at ports north from Canton to Shanghai and then visited Corea and Okinawa. His third journey, from October 1832 to April 1833 was on the Jardine Matheson’s ship ‘Spyh’, an opium trading vessel. Gutzlaff, though hesitated, accompanied the British as a translator, seeing this third journey would be a good opportunity to preach the gospel and distribute religious pamphlets. You will find great details about China and China Trade in the days leading up to the first Opium War in Gutzlaff’s journal. Attached to the book are two maps: (1) Map of the coast of Siam, China and Corea to illustrate Gutzlaff’s voyages; (2) Double-sided map, one of Asia and one of Europe.

The 2nd and 3rd editions of this title are both kept in the Rare Book Room of the Special Collections, with call no: U 915.1076 G9
補註《洗冤錄集證》 [6卷]

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Chong kan bu zhu Xi Yuan Lu Ji Zheng : Revised and enlarge edition of “The Washing away of wrongs” –The forensic medicine in thirteenth-century China, the first Medical Jurisprudence Book in the World

On double leaves, oriental style, 6 juans, 5 volumes within one case, was a remarkable four colours block printed version in Qing dynasty that used by every coroner and each civil servant working related to autopsy.

Originally compiled by the famous officer Sung Tzu of Song Dynasty in 1247 A.D, it has been recognized by historians of medicine as the oldest extant book on forensic or legal medicine in any civilization. This greatest cultural landmark was not only being studied continuously by many researchers in China, its’ practical contents also adopted by various countries and had been translated into different languages since the 18th century.

5冊1面。末慈原編，王又極(1793-1796)增輯；李觀瀛輯；孫光烈助輯；阮其新補註；王又梧校訂；張學蕃重訂加丹；省城(廣東)劉開域重校，清道光24-27年(1844-1847)刊本。內有六序一跋，全書據宋代名官宋慈所編之《洗冤集錄》(詳見下面描述)為骨幹，附以增補而重輯為四卷三冊。後附兩冊作卷五、六則加入：重刊洗冤錄纂補輯、檢骨格圖、寶鑑編、急救方、石香秘錄、洗冤錄辨正、檢驗合參、洗冤錄解等八種同類的名篇，為集醫學及法醫學的精華之鉅著。

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維修：各卷封面均註上民國52-55年重裝的時間，五冊內均見水漬及少部分黃斑，令大部份藍字已變成墨綠，使閱者產生錯覺。書名頁書行下有一小方朱文篆印(直圖)。清翰墨園藏板。
《洗冤集録》，又名《宋提刑洗冤集録》，俗稱《洗冤錄》五卷，合計53條。書成於南宋理宗淳祐七年（1247A.D.），是南宋以前三代法醫學屍體檢驗之大成的作品。它涉及到現代法醫學中不少內容，對於屍體的現象，窒息、損傷、現場檢查、屍體檢驗等各方面都做了大量的科學考察和歸納。提出了血液墜下（屍斑）、乞丐的發生機制與分佈；腐敗的表現和影響的條件；縊死的縊套分類，縊溝的特徵及相關元素；勒死的特點及其與自縊的鑑別；溺死與外物壓塞口鼻死的表現；骨折的生前死後及自他殺的鑑定；防禦性損傷的發現；致命傷的確定；有關未埋屍、離斷屍以及懸縊、水溺、火燒、臨高撲死（墜落）等等各種死亡情況下的具體現場檢驗方法。這一系列的法醫學重要發現和實際運用，其範圍之廣泛，內容之深入，為後世法醫學奠定了基礎，是為中國法醫學史上劃時代的著作和祖本。

《洗冤集録》對後世的影響及外傳

《洗冤集錄》為宋淳熙以後所有府臣、佐幕者必習之書，驗官、仵作更是人手一冊。歷代更不斷對此書作出闡釋、增補，考證、附例、仿作等，各檢驗諸書，大抵均以之為藍本。現存此書最早版本為元刊本。

歐洲法醫學的奠基人Ambroise Pare' 在1575年出版的《Opera Chirurgica 外科手術》一書中，始有法醫損傷學的論述，1598年意大利人Fortunatus Fidelis 才撰寫法醫學的專書。近人余楚翹按：大英百科全書之法醫學Forensic Medicine一條中誤以意大利著述為世界第一部，不僅在時間上晚了三百餘年，內容也不如此書的廣泛與深入。此書傳入歐洲乃在甲午戰爭之後，來華歐人多根據王又槐（1796年的《洗冤錄集證》或《補註洗冤錄集證》）加以翻譯和介紹。其中有荷蘭 C.F. de Gris "Genergelijke Geneeskunde, uit Chinese vertaald"譯本1862；德國Breitenstein "Gerichtliche Medizin des Chinesen"譯本1908；Hoffmann譯本；法國譯本1779年；Ernest Martin "Exposé des principaux passaques continus du le Si-Yuen Lu"譯本1882；英國Herbert Allen Giles "The His Yuan Lu on indytuvyond yo Voroners"譯本1873 等。而這書已在宋朝已有元代王與據《洗冤錄》等著作而撰的《無冤錄》譯本，日本則於明治時期傳入，可見此書影響之鉅。

附：宋慈（1186-1249）生平簡介

宋慈，字惠父，福建建陽童游里人。南宋寧宗嘉定十年（1217）進士，歷任廣東、江西、湖南諸路主簿、縣令、通判直隸郡等重要職位。他清幹剛正，處理運鹽、賑濟等，曾為貪官污吏人民解除煩惱，平反冤屈做過不少好事。嘉熙三年（1239）昇充提舉廣東刑獄，到任後重視調查研究的工作，了解到官吏多不奉公守法，且積案甚多。於是立下規約，限期清出積案，經過八個月的時間，就處理了二百多個待決之囚案。淳祐年間，他直升秘閣，提點湖南刑獄，並兼大僉府參議官，協助一切軍政要務。就在這一時期，他出色地完成了這部傑出的法醫學著作。宋慈所以能繼往開來，擺脫國人對屍體剖驗的禁忌，在科學史上勇於開闢一門新的學科，這與他多年來處理刑獄實踐固然有關，但更主要是他始終抱著「事莫重於人命」、「獨於獄案，審之又審，不敢萌一毫慢易心」的偉大人道主義精神，以及不畏強權，敢於『雪寃禁暴』的剛正性格所孕育的。

書成後次年，宋慈卒，皇帝理宗為了表彰他的功績，曾為其築書塞門，首考劉克莊在墓誌銘中贊揚他：『奉使四出，皆司臬事，聽訟清明，決事剛果，撫善良甚恩，臨豪猾甚威，屬部官吏以至窮閻委巷、深山幽谷之民，咸若有一宋提刑之臨其前。』

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2. 泰川麟之日文譯本《中國古代法醫學史》北京警方教育出版社，1991，頁249

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圖四《洗冤集録序》宋慈書蹟

圖五 宋慈画像

（見於《中國大百科全書·法學》【洗冤集録】條，頁633）
The Library and Information Services in Health Sciences Libraries Seminar

was co-organised by the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library and Ovid Technologies. For the first time, health sciences librarians and directors from different regions of China and Taiwan were brought together in an open forum in Hong Kong. It provided a unique opportunity to develop contacts, discuss common challenges, learn about other medical library developments, and especially, a chance to explore possibilities for cooperation.

Tsinghua University Collaboration

The Medical Faculty entered into an agreement in November 2002 with Tsinghua University on academic collaboration in medical education and scientific research. In February 2004, the first batch of 40 staff and students from Tsinghua University came for an academic exchange and attended Problem Based Learning tutorials. Medical Library staff’s participation in the programme included introducing the various Evidence Based Medicine resources and teaching library evidence searching skills. The students were impressed by the Medical Library facilities and were enthusiastic in trying out all the resources.

Work Placement

Every year, HKU Libraries and Branches host work placements students from the HKU Space Higher Diploma in Library Technicians Course. Anita Lee Po ka and Yanny Chow Wai yin, Lam Wai Ting and Gian Wong Kwok Ying are Year II students who have joined us for work placement. From the end of March to mid May, Anita and Yanny are given the experience of a range of work processes in the Education Library while Wai Ting and Gian helped in the call number re-orientation project for Chinese audio-visual materials in the Music Library. In addition, the entire class was treated to orientation tours of the Education Library, Law Library and Music Library.
HKUL Systems Department recently won the "Be Innovative!" Award from Innovative Interfaces Inc. (III). This is the vendor for the HKU library system, as well as 1,000s of other libraries around the world. This award was presented to a paper describing a new procedure to automate the update of journal holdings information. Large article databases such as ScienceDirect and ProQuest frequently change titles and holdings information. This new procedure, using Java, XML, and XSLT, will synchronize these changes with the HKUL Dragon catalogue. Systems Librarian David Palmer has attended the III (Innovative Interfaces Inc.) Users' Conference in April to make a presentation and receive this award, which included free training in upcoming III courses.
Collection of the Late Professor Cheng-Siang Chen

The Libraries recently received from Ms Ma Fai Ha a sizable and valuable collection of the late Professor Cheng-Siang Chen (陳正祥教授), a world-renowned scholar with far-reaching contributions to the geographical, environmental and cartographical studies of China, Taiwan and the world. The donation comprised of 2,176 volumes of books and a large number of maps, photos, letters and manuscripts. The diversity of the collection is truly exceptional, from geography, cartography and environmental studies, to Chinese studies, fine arts, history, cultural studies, and philosophy.

Halsbury’s Laws of England


Music from the Chinese Composers’ Festival 2003

Dr Chan Hing-yan, Head of the Department of Music has kindly facilitated the Music Library to receive a donation of 102 scores by the Chinese and Hong Kong composers for the Chinese Composers’ Festival 2003 held in Hong Kong in October, 2003.

In this six-part series, Sir Richard Eyre, former director of the Royal National Theatre, explores the history of 20th century drama and its confluence with the theater of Ireland, America, and Germany. Evocative archival footages of many of the century’s most memorable productions is blended with firsthand testimonies from the writers, actors, and directors who made them possible.


This second edition is a completely new reference work. Its aim is to give both the specialist and non-specialist chemist, in academia and industrial and government laboratories, a clear overview of the major developments in coordination chemistry since the early 1980s and also the likely impact of this field within the next 10 years.


This 9000 page encyclopedia is clearly the best zoological compilation that is available at the moment.  Grzimek is one of the most renowned zoologists in the world, and his works were edited and supplied with material by today’s highest-ranking zoologists.


This collection draws together the most significant contributions to morphological theory and analysis, including foundational articles of the mid-twentieth century and more recent articles that consider the concept within a broader context.


This treatise seeks to present a comprehensive, integrated summary of the present state of geochemistry. All major parts of geochemistry are dealt with, ranging from the chemistry of the solar system to environmental geochemistry. Particular emphasis has been placed on integrating the subject matter of the individual chapters and the several volumes.
Free E-Books

There are more to eBooks than the King James Bible and Aesop’s Fables. An ever increasing number of eBooks is now available in the public domain covering an impressive diversity of disciplines from Anthropology to Zoology. Check out these websites on the HKU Libraries Dragon catalogue, or simply click on the links provided to access over thousands of free eBooks. These can be read online from your PC. Some titles may be available in PDF or PDB format which can be downloaded to a Palm PDA for reading.

- **Alex Catalogue of Electronic Texts**
  http://library.hku.hk/record=b2691261
  A collection of public domain documents from American and English literature as well as Western philosophy.

- **Documenting the American South (DAS)**
  http://library.hku.hk/record=b2705631
  A collection of sources on Southern history, literature and culture from the colonial period through the first decades of the 20th century. The site is created by the Academic Affairs Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the texts come primarily from its Southern holdings. DAS includes 1,266 books and manuscripts.

- **Electronic Text Center**
  http://library.hku.hk/record=b2681327
  Created by the University of Virginia, this site includes 1,800 publicly available eBooks including classic British and American fiction by major authors, children’s literature, the Bible, Shakespeare, American history, and African-American documents.

- **The Harvard Classics, the Shelf of Fiction**
  http://library.hku.hk/record=b2705738
  Selected by Charles W. Eliot and offered by Bartleby.com, the site comprises 50-volume “5-foot shelf of books” and the 20-volume shelf of fiction. Together they cover every major literary figure, philosopher, religion, folklore and historical subject through the twentieth century.

- **The Online Books Page**
  http://library.hku.hk/record=b2649037
  This site lists over 20,000 free books and archives of serials hosted by the University of Pennsylvania Library. Subjects include philosophy, psychology, ethics, religion, history, geography, social sciences, sociology, political science, law, education, music, arts, literature, science, medicine, agriculture, technology, engineering, military science, and library science.

- **Project Gutenberg**
  http://library.hku.hk/record=b1431055
  Created by Michael Hart since 1971, the site includes more than 10,000 eBooks produced by hundreds of volunteers. Most of the Project Gutenberg eBooks are older literary works such as Aesop’s Fables, Shakespeare, Moby Dick, Paradise Lost, as well as reference books.

Branches are in the process of compiling a web based list of subject specific PDA resources. To see an example, you can visit the Medical Library Webpage (http://lib.hku.hk/medlib/pdaresources/) to see a guide on bio and medical science related PDA resources.

Similar lists from Education Library, Music Library and other branch libraries will be available soon. Meanwhile you are welcomed to approach the Library staff at the Education and Music Library to see a demonstration on the use of some free PDA resources which have been downloaded on a Palm.
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<td>19 Dec 2003</td>
<td>A delegation from Zhejiang University Logistics Group (浙江大學後勤集團), led by the President, Professor Hu Zhengyu (胡征宇) visited Medical Library</td>
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<td>Dr Lyn Chow, Saskatchewan College of Dentistry, University of Saskatchewan, Canada visited the Dental Library</td>
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<td>A group of 35 representatives from various Mainland provincial, government and educational institutions visited Medical Library</td>
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<td>A delegation of 29 medical students and teachers of the Shanghai Second Medical University visited the Dental Library</td>
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<td>19 Jan 2004</td>
<td>A delegation of about 30 students from the Shanghai Second Medical University (上海第二醫科大學), led by the Director, Zhang Wenhao (張文浩) visited Medical Library</td>
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<td>Dr Wu Jianzhong (吳建中), Director of the Shanghai Library visited the Fung Ping Shan Library</td>
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<td>Dr Chen Li (陳力), Deputy Director, Mr Zhang Zhiqing (張志清), Director of Rare Books and Special Collection, and Mr Yan Xiangdong (袁向東), Director of International Cooperation Division, National Library of China visited the Fung Ping Shan Library</td>
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<td>Dr Donald Low from Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Canada accompanied by Dr K.Y. Yuen and Dr P.C. Ho from Faculty of Medicine, University of Hong Kong visited Medical Library</td>
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<td>Professor Li Hong (李宏), Tsinghua University, Beijing, visited Law Library</td>
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<td>2 Mar 2004</td>
<td>Mr Gil Gilberto, Minister of Culture, Brazil: Ms Veronica Velazquez, Cultural Affairs, Consulate General of Brazil; Dr C. K Cheung, Faculty of Education visited the Music Library</td>
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<td>3 Mar 2004</td>
<td>Dr Greta Olson, Music Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong with two postgraduate students visited the Music Library</td>
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<td>18 students and teachers, Grades 9 – 12, from the Hong Kong International School visited the Music Library</td>
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<td>A group of three well known Chinese Medicine practitioners (鄧鐵濤教授, 鄧中光教授及張家維教授) from the Mainland accompanied by Prof S.T.H. Chan, Executive Director of School of Chinese Medicine, University of Hong Kong visited Medical Library</td>
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<td>30 Year II Higher Diploma in Library Technicians students from HKU SPACE visited the Music Library and the Education Library</td>
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<td>Ms Ru Haitao (Beijing Normal University Library), Ms Han Xia (Medical Library of Sichuan University), Mr Tian Xiangyang (Shanxi Normal University Library) and Ms Zhu Ying (Nanjing University Library) visited the Main Library</td>
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