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I would then upon this account, have an Order made that once in the year, the Librarie-keeper should bee bound to give an account of his Trading, and of his Profit in his Trade (as in all humane Trades Factors ought, and use to do to their principals at least once a year) and to this effect I would have it ordered, that the chief Doctors of each facultie of the Universitie, should meet at a Convenient time in a week of the year, to receiv the Accounts of his Trading, that hee may shew them wherein the stock of Learning hath been increased, for that year's space; and then hee is to produce the particulars which hee hath gained from abroad, and laie them before them all, that everie one in his own facultie [...] declare in the presence of others, that which hee thinketh fit to bee added to the publick stock, and made common by the Catalogue of Additionals, which everie year within the Universities is to bee published in writing within the Librarie it self,

John Dury, 1650

Extracted from Dury, John, 1596-1680. Reformed librarie-keeper with a supplement to The reformed-school, as subordinate to colleges in universities I by John Durie; whereunto is added, I. An idea of mathematicks II. The description of one of the chiefest libraries which is in Germanie ...

The letters of Englishman John Dury's letters are available from Early English Books Online, a full text database owned by HKU Libraries.

→ Vision →

The University of Hong Kong Libraries seeks to sustain and enhance the University's excellence as an institution of higher learning, as a pre-eminent international university in Asia, and to provide outstanding teaching and world-class research support collections and services so as to produce well-rounded graduates with lifelong abilities to provide leadership within the societies they serve.

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2005/6 was another year of making great strides towards achieving the goals of enhancing academic excellence, raising the University's global presence and visibility, partnering with and serving various elements of our society and community, and developing and supporting the University family.

While our Year of the E-book only just got started in the period of time covered by this Annual Report, we did add our millionth e-book along with more than 100,000 printed books. This is a great accomplishment and helps us move forward in the quest to provide an anywhere, anytime online library enabling our users to not only take advantage of our 36,000 e-journal subscriptions but now thousands and thousands of electronic monographs. We continued our tradition of being the Chinese cataloguer for the world by contributing records and receiving payment for nearly 159,000 e-books from OCLC, the world's premier library cooperative. With the help of colleagues from the Registry, the University Museum and Art Gallery, and the History Department we provided a home on the first floor of the Main Library for HKU's University Archive and welcomed its first Archivist, Stacy Gould, to campus.

The Libraries helped draw the attention of librarians and information professionals everywhere in a number of ways throughout the year. First, in November of 2005 we sponsored the 5th Conference of Chinese Resources Cooperation and Development. This conference, which had previously been held in Beijing, Taipei, Nanjing, and Macau, brought 146 of the top librarians dealing with Chinese materials from seven countries to our campus to deliberate and report on cooperative projects. Second, we convened our own 4th Annual Library Leadership Institute which brought library directors and senior librarians from the mainland, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Singapore, and Hong Kong to learn about advances in library and information science. Lastly, 10 of our 32 professional librarians gave 30 papers at conferences and published articles and books dealing with library and information science topics.

I sometimes joke that librarians wake up in the morning ready to cooperate – or perhaps more truthfully I should say that they often wake up from nightmares about cooperation. But this year our Libraries was at the forefront of cooperative efforts to provide expanded access to badly needed research materials. The inauguration of the HKU-led HKALL system, or what some have called "interlibrary loan on steroids," finally became a reality. In just the first quarter of operation it resulted in a 362% increase in borrowing among our city's eight academic libraries. Next HKU was invited to join in the China-America Digital Academic Library (CADAL) project and contributed more than 25,000 electronic books to this effort led by Zhejiang University. HKU Libraries also joined the Center for Research Libraries in the US, sometimes called the "research library's library," and added access to more than 300,000 expensive microform sets and other rarely held research materials. We joined the Taiwan sponsored "Super E-book Consortium, " and with more than 40 other libraries contributed funds to amass more than 16 million Hong Kong dollars to buy shared access to 50,000 English language e-books. Closer to home we worked with the Centre for Comparative and Public Law of the Faculty of Law to provide online access to a collection of information and materials from the drafting history of the Basic Law, produced from 1985 to 1997. Finally, we joined with the Centre of Asian Studies and the Department of Sociology to provide online access to their collections of the oral histories of the people in Hong Kong and South China.

We continued to expend a significant amount of effort drawing members of the Hong Kong community to our campus via the Libraries Circle of Friends sponsored Book Talk series. In all ten talks that were held included our former Vice-Chancellor talking about a recent controversial Mao biography, Hong Kong entrepreneur Po Chung who discussed self-help books designed to keep busy and creative people going in meaningful new directions, and Lee Mei Yin talking about Chinese silks, just to name a few of the interesting people who were asked to talk about the books that interest them. A special new feature this year was our first annual Treasures Night wherein local rare book collectors were asked to share items from their collections. Two collectors from outside the Libraries included Professor Eric Chen and alum Mr Otto Lam. We continued with our programmes to take

information about modern libraries out to schools and welcomed groups of visiting students. With the help of the University Museum and Art Gallery we jointly sponsored an exhibition of books collected over the past 95 years and to introduce how electronic books are created. This effort complimented 16 exhibits launched by our own Main Library designed to encourage members of the University family to come to the library.

This has been, as you can see, a very busy and productive year. These few paragraphs only highlight some of the things that took place in your libraries. Let me conclude by thanking all those members of the community who shared books and their hard earned money with the Libraries. Our Circle of Friends raised more than \$900,000 dollars and increased its membership by 96%. We raised funds through the Honour with Books programme, which at Mother's and Father's Day times nearly brought some of our staff to their knees because of the excellent response of the community to honour their parents and friends by adding a book to our collections. For the period of this Annual Report we just began our efforts on the Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge – in which our effort has been a stunning success story. We thank donors like the Yu Chun Keung Charitable Trust and the many leading publishers and vendors of Asia for sponsoring our many events throughout the year. Again, especially to all of my hard-working colleagues working in the Libraries, thanks for a great year.

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Raising the University's Global Presence and Visibility

During the 2005/6 academic year the Libraries continued to help establish the University's reputation as a premier international university through its contributions to the literature of library and information science, by collaborating with other major libraries, and hosting international events.

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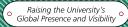
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Global Collaboration

- Contributed 87,182 original cataloguing records to the Online Computer Library Consortia's WorldCat database, a 73% increase over the previous year's production when we placed third in the world. These cataloguing records are then copied by libraries world-wide.
- Completed Phase 1 of the creation of an institutional repository, the Scholars Hub, for HKU using DSpace software, developed by MIT and Hewlett-Packard. In this phase we uploaded approximately 25,000 full text items generated by members of the HKU community.
- Continued the exchange of Hong Kong related materials with the Canada-Hong Kong Resource Centre, sponsored by the University of Toronto and York University.
- Created and hosted an open archive pilot project for the Pacific Rim Digital Library Alliance. This project allows federated searching across all of the data harvested from the digital collections of the more than 20 member libraries on both sides of the Pacific Ocean and now includes more than 120,000 items.

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Conferences

- Convened the 5th Conference of Chinese Resources Cooperation and Development from 10 to 11 November 2005. The yearly conference promotes the development of Chinese resources and cooperation amongst Chinese libraries worldwide and to provide a forum for participants to share experiences and initiate collaborative projects.
 Past conferences have been held in Beijing, Taipei, Macau and Nanjing.
 Library participants included those from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and other parts of the world. A total of 146 participants from 43 institutions and seven countries took part.
- Convened the 4th Annual Library Leadership Institute in Nansha,
 China from 27 to 30 May 2006. The annual institute strives to
 develop and enhance management and leadership qualities in
 academic and research librarians in the East Asia region and to
 enhance collaboration and foster relations among academic and
 research libraries in the region. Participants came from Hong Kong,
 mainland China, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand representing
 the most diverse group of participants in the four-year history of the
 Institute. The principal facilitator was Paul Gandel, Vice President for
 Information Technology and Services at Syracuse University and a professor
 in its School of Information Studies.

International Benchmarking

Last year we began a formal benchmarking process wherein we compared ourselves with 15 other universities* in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada and the US We went up in two categories, and stayed the same in three areas:

	Last year we ranked	This year we ranked
Acquisitions do ll ars	3 rd out of 13 libraries	2 nd out of 14 libraries
Library total budget dollars	4 th out of 13 libraries	4 th out of 15 libraries
Total number of library staff	6 th out of 14 libraries	6 th out of 16 libraries
Number of circulations excluding renewals	7 th out of 10 libraries	6 th out of 13 libraries
Number of bound volumes	9 th out of 11 libraries	9 th out of 13 libraries

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Australian National University

Chinese University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Johns Hopkins University

London School of Economics

McGill University

National University of Singapore

Peking University

Tsinghua University

University College London

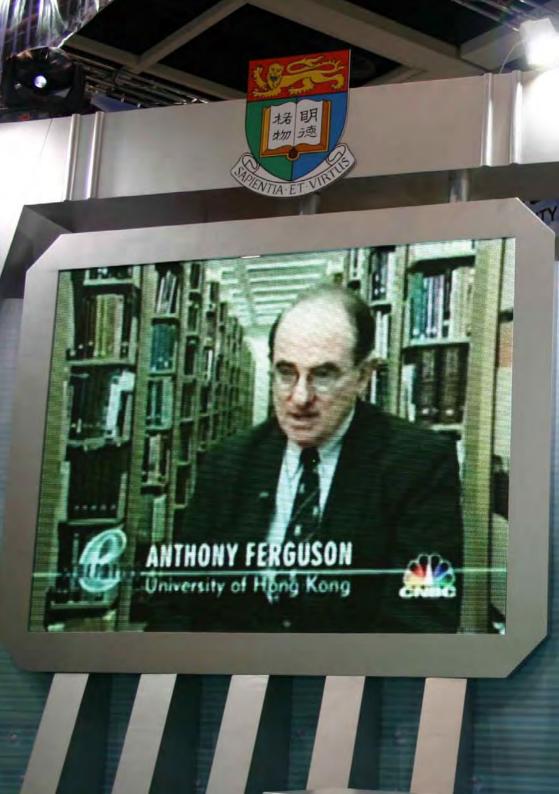
University of British Columbia

University of Edinburgh

University of Melbourne

University of Queensland

University of Virginia



→ Partnering with Society and → Serving the Community

Providing access to HK groups

With a \$10 million allocation from the University Grants Committee (UGC), all eight UGC-funded institutions engaged in a deeper collaboration project derived from the Hong Kong Academic Library Link (HKALL) interlibrary document delivery service. During the first four months of project implementation in 2006, a total of 32,880 books were lent between the institutions, featuring an increase of 362% over the figure recorded in the previous quarter. More than 95% of all books were delivered within 48 hours. More than 80% of the users surveyed judged HKALL to be an excellent or a very good way of obtaining materials not available from their own libraries.

Communications with HK community and China

Notable use of the Special Collections:

- Loan of the "Congratulatory Message to the University of Hong Kong from H.E. Chu Ching-lan, Civil Governor of Kwang Tung on the Occasion of the First Congregation for conferring Degrees, December 14th 1916" to the Hong Kong Museum of History for display in the exhibition: "East Meets West: Cultural Relics from the Pearl River Delta Region", 9 December 2005 – 9 January 2006.
- Loan of rare materials to the Art Museum of the Chinese University
 of Hong Kong for their exhibition and conference on Mr Chen
 Hongshou: Painting, Calligraphy, Seal-carving and Teapot-design,
 10 December 2005 12 February 2006.
- Loan of publications and thesis to the Hong Kong Museum of History for their exhibition entitled: Sailing West: Admiral Zheng He's Voyages, 22 February – 15 May 2006.

- Assistance to RTHK for their documentary TV series "Hundred Years of Overseas Studies", June 2006.
- Loan of over 40 items of documents/artifacts from the Hong Kong Stock Market Archives and Artifacts Collection to the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited for the display in the Exchange Exhibition Hall, May 2006 to May 2007.
- Irene Fung, Education and Social Sciences Faculties Librarian, participated in the exchange programme between Tsinghua University Library and HKU Libraries from 26 February until 10 March 2006.

Collaboration with HK and China

HKU Libraries joined the China-America Digital Academic Library (CADAL) project. With its sister project in India, this project received US National Science Foundation (NSF) funding to set up scanning centres, and to digitise thousands and millions of books. This allowed us to digitise and place online the following, mostly HKU held materials: 7,400 Hong Kong government publications; 11,085 HKU theses & dissertations; 300 English, pre-1923 published books from other JULAC libraries; 8,551 English, pre-1923 published books from our collections; 500 HKU publications; 196 issues of journals.

Through collaboration with the JULAC Collaborative Development Committee, HKUL joined a consortium of 48 university libraries in Taiwan and Hong Kong to form the Super e-Book consortium of netLibrary titles. The e-book collection, consisted of up to 50,000 titles, is said to be the largest collaborative purchase in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Libraries and the Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Faculty of Law jointly produced the Basic Law Drafting History Online (BLDHO) database to provide free public access to a collection of almost 900 documents prepared or used by the various official bodies from 1985 to 1990, when the Basic Law was drafted and promulgated, and from 1990 to 1997, when preparations were made for the

resumption of sovereignty. This collection of primary materials was scanned from documents publicly available in Hong Kong. BLDHO can be accessed from the Libraries' Digital Initiatives webpage http://sunzi1.lib.hku.hk/bldho or from the Centre for Comparative and Public Law webpage http://www.hku.hk/ccpl.

A Gift and Exchange programme was initiated between the Dental Library and the Guanghua College of Stomatology, Sun Yat-sen University.

Collaborating with other parts of the Campus

The Hong Kong Oral History Archives Project was jointly operated by the Centre of Asian Studies and Department of Sociology of the University of Hong Kong. Between 2001 and 2004, the Project collected more than 200 oral histories. The collection contains memories of individuals from a diversity of sectors, ethnic groups, trades and occupations, associations and communities. The interviews recorded pivotal points in an interviewee's life, such as his/her birth, family and marriage, schooling and education, employment, migration and connections with his/her home place, residence and community, leisure and social life, as well as their observation and witnesses of special historical events. The interview records have been edited into digitised materials. HKU Libraries and the Centre of Asian Studies have jointly brought these materials together to form the Hong Kong Oral History Archives for retrieval by academics and researchers.

126 Community Health Projects were digitised with search interface on Dental Library's webpage for global access.

Community Services

- Grace Chan served as Membership Secretary of the Hong Kong Library Association.
- Julia Chan served as Hong Kong Library Association President and Honorary Librarian of the Royal Asiatic Society (Hong Kong Branch).
- Dr K.M. Ku served as a Hong Kong Library Association council member.
 He was also an Editorial Board Member, International Journal of Computational Intelligence.
- Annabelle Pau served as Hong Kong Library Association Honorary Secretary.
- Lucinda Wong served as Academic Libraries Liaison Officer of the Hong Kong Library Association.



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Increasing the quantity and quality of interactions with patrons

This year our series of book talks focused mainly on Hong Kong, China, and improving the quality of our lives. More than 1,200 members of the campus and wider Hong Kong communities were in attendance. An even wider audience, however, has been able to enjoy these events since our Systems Department converted them into MP3 audio files to allow podcast downloads from Apple's iTunes and other channels. Interested parties can also watch streamed videos of the evenings' festivities on the web.

- Edward Stokes, photographer, writer and author, spoke about
 Hedda Morrison's Hong Kong: photographs & impressions 1946- 47, a
 book he produced with Mr Victor Cheong, design director of the Design
 Associate Ltd. 22 September 2005.
- Dr Mike Ingham, writer and dramatist, and Xu Xi, a world renowned author of novels and short stories discussed their book, *City stage: Hong Kong playwriting in English*. The moderator was Professor Leung Pingkwan (梁秉鈞). 13 October 2005.
- Professor and former Vice-Chancellor of HKU, Wang Gungwu (王賡武教授) discussed *Mao: The unknown story* by Jung Chang and Jon Halliday. 17 November 2005.
- Dr Dan Waters, a businessman, government servant, researcher and author; and his wife Vera Chan Waters, one of the most recognised entrepreneurs in Hong Kong, talked about their book One couple two cultures: 81 western-Chinese couples talk about love and marriage.
 15 December 2005.

- Leo F. Goodstadt, former Head of the Hong Kong Government's Central Policy Unit and reporter for the Far Eastern Economic Review, talked about his book *Uneasy partners: the conflict between public interest* and private profit in Hong Kong. 23 February 2006.
- Gordon Chang examined The world is flat: a brief history of the twenty-first century by Thomas L. Friedman. 7 March 2006.
- Lee Mei Yin (李美賢) introduced several books about Chinese silk including two works by Zhao Fung (趙豐), Treasures in silk (織繡珍品) and A history of Chinese silk art (中國絲綢藝術史) as well as a book by Gao Hanyu (高漢玉), Chinese patterns through the ages (中國歷代織染繡圖錄). 23 March 2006.
- Po Chung (鍾普洋) reviewed several books dealing with reading your way through mid-life: from success to fulfillment: New passages: mapping your life across time by Gail Sheehy; Repacking your bags: lighten your load for the rest of your life by Richard J. Leider and David A. Shapiro; Are you ready to succeed? Unconventional strategies to achieving personal mastery in business and life by Srikumar S. Rao and Creating the good life: Applying Aristotle's wisdom to find meaning and happiness by James O'Toole. 20 April 2006.
- Dr Gillian Bickley employed several of her books and collections of poetry to present Hong Kong, its history and people: The human side of history: records of Hong Kong and its people, found in poetry, court cases and educational reports; For the record, and other poems of Hong Kong; Moving house and other poems from Hong Kong: with an essay on new Hong Kong English language poetry; The development of education in Hong Kong 1841-1897: as revealed by the early education reports of the Hong Kong government 1848-1896; A magistrate's court in 19th century Hong Kong: court in time. 11 May 2006.

We also held our first annual Treasures Night on 1 December 2005 to give rare book collectors and lovers of antiquities an opportunity to share with others their insights on their treasured book:

- Professor Eric Chen (陳友凱教授) introduced his G Aleni (*Tien- chu chiang -sheng ch'u-hsiang ching-chieh= Illustrated history of the life of christ* 崇禎中刊天主降生像經解). Late Ming (1637), printed at Chinchian Fukien by The Chin-chiang Church.
- Otto Lam (林準祥) introduced his *A dictionary of the most useful words of the Chinese language* 字典 *containing in all about 5,000 characters* 共五千字, a manuscript in ink by Sir John Francis Davis, Macao, 1815.
- Chan Wai-ming (陳偉明) from HKU Libraries, introduced the Libraries' copy of Manuscript on the history the Five Dynasties (五代史輯注) by Zhu Yizun (朱彝尊) published between the Kang Xi and Qian Lung periods (清康熙乾隆間) [1665-1795]. Early Qing manuscript copy (清初鈔本).
- To heighten the overall ambiance of the evening, Iris Chan, Head of Special Collections in HKU Libraries organised a special exhibition of rare books including bibles in different languages and the set of books discussed by Chan Wai-ming.

To welcome students back to the University we organised a library-wide orientation game, "Lantern Riddles" on 15 September 2005, to get students into the swing of things. The activity provided a fun way for the students to learn more about the library facilities and services. The highlight of the game was a chance to win Palm handhelds. The prize winners were students from the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Economics and Finance.



Community Outreach and Exhibitions

- Outreach to Schools: A year-round exhibition on English literature in St.
 Paul's Co-education College using materials donated to the Libraries by
 the British Council. The subject of the display rotated periodically.
 Visits by students and others throughout Hong Kong including
 representatives from the Queens College, La Salle College and St. Mary's
 Canossian College.
- Exhibition on Traditional Chinese Medicine co-organised by the Chinese Medicine Society, HKU Students' Union to enhance public awareness and general knowledge of Chinese remedies on health and illness.
 13 February - 10 March 2006.
- Display of the architectural conceptual models submitted by four architectural consortia for the university community's consultations, in support of the planning of the HKU Centennial Campus. 8 -19 April 2006.
- Exhibition featuring the different disciplines of medical humanities and Medicine & Art, in coordination with the Lecture series on Medicine, the Arts and Humanities organised by The Institute of Medical & Health Sciences Education, Faculty of Medicine. 17 - 21 July 2006.
- To initiate the year-long celebration of the Libraries' acquisition of its millionth e-book, a "Books and Their Stories" exhibition, jointly organised by the Libraries and the University Museum and Art Gallery, University of Hong Kong, was held in the Annie Wong Gallery, Fung Ping Shan Building. Many rare and unique materials were exhibited including An authentic account of an embassy from the King of Great Britain to the Emperor of China by George Staunton, published in 1798. This strikingly illustrated set is believed to have been owned personally by Lord Macartney (1737-1806), who led the first British Embassy to China from 1792 to 1794, as well as a unique copy known to exist in the world. The visitors were taken on a journey through the stories of how the library collection

survived the devastation during the Japanese Occupation from 1941 to 1945. The exhibition also included the screening of a film taken by Sir Lindsay Ride, HKU Vice-Chancellor from 1949 to 1964, in Hong Kong in the 1950s. 8 June – 30 July 2006.

• The Main Library conducted a series of interesting displays during the year on a broad range of topics designed to promote reading and to provide intellectual entertainment:

Travel Writing	4 - 16 July 2005
Central Western District	1 - 31 August 2005
Hedda Morrison's Hong Kong 1946-47	1 September - 3 October 2005
Let's Protect the Chinese White Dolphin	4 - 19 October 2005
E-book @your finger tips	20 - 30 October 2005
Hong Kong Old Pictures	1 - 20 November 2005
Ba Jin, 1904-2005	17 - 30 November 2005
Chinese Herbs	21 November -14 December 2005
Victoria Harbour and I: Photo Exhibition	15 December 2005 - 15 January 2006
Chinese New Year Customs (春節習俗)	16 January - 19 February 2006
Exploration of Shanxi and Beijing (山西北京大開發)	20 February - 12 March 2006
Glimpses of the University	13 - 26 March
Legal History of Hong Kong	27 March - 11 April 2006
	12 - 20 April 2006 (Law Library)
Planning the Centennial Campus:	20 Apri l - 2 May 2006
an Open Process for a Visionary Project	
Pan PRD landsat Thermatic Mapper TM	2 May - 8 June 2006
loaned by Geocarto International Centre	
<http: www.geocarto.com=""></http:>	
Humanity in the eyes of Lee King-hin (李景憲眼中的人)	9 June - 2 July 2006



Obtaining in kind and monetary contributions to better meet the needs of our users

- The Libraries' Circle of Friends raised more than \$900,000 this year with
 a growth of total membership by 96% to 1,500 individual and
 corporate members and increased our alumni membership by more than
 100%.
- We raised more than \$65,000 through our Honour with Books programme.
 Donors contributed funds which are used to buy new books needed by our students and staff. In return the honouree received a letter and certificate indicating who paid honour to them by buying a book for the Libraries. This year our Mother's Day and Father's Day campaigns were especially successful.
- We raised \$16,521 through the University's Mustard Seed programme during the year. In response to an appeal to alumni who have active library cards, we received gifts in excess of \$73,000 during the first month under the Dr Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge.
- The Macau Foundation awarded RMB\$400,000 to the Libraries and the Beijing Foreign Studies University to support the publication of selected works of the first Protestant missionary to China, Robert Morrison, whose coming to China two hundred years ago will be celebrated next year.
- A donation of \$40,000 was received from the Yu Chun Keung Charitable Trust Fund for use of special projects or special purchase in the Medical Library in March 2006.
- We received support to cover transportation and digitisation costs from the China-America Digital Academic Library (CADAL) project to convert more than 26,000 of our out-of-print books. The books were shipped to a digitisation workshop in Shenzhen where the actual work was completed. The resulting electronic books are being shared with scholars worldwide

- In support of the 5th Conference of Chinese Resources Cooperation and Development from 10 to 11 November 2005, the Libraries received more than \$180,000 from the following sponsors:
 - Tsinghua Tongfang Knowledge Network Technology Company. A
 publisher of full-text databases serving more than 400 universities,
 public libraries, research institutions, enterprises, and hospitals in more
 than twenty countries.
 - Culturecom Holdings Ltd. The leading for-profit organisation dedicated to developing and deploying affordable multilingual information technology for mass populations in underserved, emerging markets
 - Beijing Founder Electronics Company Ltd. A leading IT enterprise which owns and operates more than 20 technology related companies in and outside China. Its leading library product is the Apabi ebook collection.
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 - Hong Kong's public libraries provided support in the accommodation costs of the attendees from outside of Hong Kong as well.
- We received more than \$80,000 to support our 4th Annual Library Leadership Institute which brought together librarians from China,

- Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia to work together to better understand how to solve the problems they all face. We thank the following sponsors:
 - Blackwell Book Services. The leading academic book seller in the world
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 - OCLC (Online Computer Library Center). The leading non profit, membership based computer library service and research organisation dedicated to furthering access to the world's information and reducing information costs.
- We also received many gifts of valuable books and other materials from donors including our own staff and students. Some of the more valuable individual gifts include the following:
 - Harvard Yenching Library donated 212 photographs of old Hong Kong developed using the original negatives from pictures taken during 1946-47 by Hedda Morrison. These photographs were used in *Hedda Morrison's Hong Kong* published in 2005.
 - Kam Yuk-loy donated 18 boxes of books, newspaper clippings and manuscripts from the collection of her late father, Kam Siu-Kwong.

Seeking input from members of University

Our Libraries links with our user communities in a variety of ways: Library staff members received phone calls, emails, and visits from users all the time with compliments as well as complaints. This year, for example, our Special Collections Librarian Iris Chan and our AV & Reserve Librarian Lorraine Lok both remarked that this had been a particularly busy year in terms of receiving inputs from users.

Readers sent comments to our online "Contact us" box that is linked from the Libraries' home page. Among the complaints we received in recent months were comments on the lack of security cables for students to secure their laptops to study tables, complaints about other students who insisted on writing in library books, and the need for longer summer hours. The comments and the Libraries' responses are posted for all to see. For example, here is the complaint and the response to the lack of security locks for laptop cables:

Q "I would like to suggest the library to enhance the security by providing a fix attachment to notebook cable."

A "Thank you very much for your valuable suggestion. We are working together with our Campus Security Manager to source the appropriate fixture for attaching the wire cable on our study tables/carrels. Hopefully, the improvement work can be carried out next month. Meanwhile, as a temporary alternative, you may attach the wire cable of your notebook computer to the U-shape steel support of our reading chairs."

Annually we also survey our users to find out their likes and dislikes. This year, for example, we learned that their top three complaints were the lack of books in their disciplines, the amount of noise in the library, and difficulties locating the electronic information they need. Included among the things with which they were most pleased with were the cleanliness of our facilities, the lighting, and the friendliness and politeness of our staff.



→ Staff Matters >

Professional Development

Amy Chan Ko Chung-yin. Certificate course on "Managerial skills at work", School of Continuing Education, Hong Kong Baptist University, November 2005 to February 2006.

Grace Chan Yuk-mui. Master of Applied Science (Library and Information Management) (Distinction), Charles Sturt University, November 2005.

Dave Low Tsz-kin. Master of Arts in Linguistics (MA). City University of Hong Kong, October 2005.

Sherry Ng Chi-fun. Diploma in Library and Information Science, HKU SPACE, March 2006.

Sherry Ng Chi-fun. B.A. (Library and Information Science), HKU SPACE & Charles Sturt University, December 2005.

Esther Woo Mei-wa. Master of Public Administration, The University of Hong Kong, November 2005.

Tina Yang Tao. Diploma in Legal Studies (Distinction), HKU SPACE, July 2005.



Promotions and Service Awards

Long service awards

40 years

Lorna Loong Yuet-ling (Senior Library Assistant)

25 years

Vitus Law Chung-kwong (Library Assistant II)

Lee Sze-keung (Library Assistant III)

15 years

Chan Wai-sun (Library Assistant III)

Wendy Kwok Mo-han (Junior Library Assistant)

Wendy Ng Wei (Library Assistant III)

Joanne Woo Mun-che (Library Assistant III)

Yeung Kin-tong (Library Assistant III)

Promotions

Chibi Chan Wing-yee (Library Assistant II) Eric Kwong Ming-tak (Library Assistant III) Ada Lee Ka-man (Library Assistant II) Leung Lau Kin-man (Senior Bookbinder) Lo Wai-chun (Bookbinder)

Ben Wong Ngai-kwong (Library Assistant III)

Transfers

Irene Fung Suk-han (Assistant Librarian I) physically based in the Education Library.

Ivy Chan Min-sze (Library Assistant I), Technical Services (Acquisitions / Western Cataloguing) to Law Library.

Annabelle Pau Kwok-po (Assistant Librarian II), Administrative Services to Main Library Reference half time.

Valerie Ng Ting-yee (Library Assistant II), Music Library to Administrative Services full time.

Grace Chan Yuk-mui (Library Assistant II), Music Library to the Reference.

Betty Tam Yuk-ying (Library Assistant I), Technical Services (Acquisitions/Western Cataloguing) to the Collection Development.

Fung Hon-chi (Library Assistant III), E-Resources to Acquisitions/Western Cataloguing full time.

Fung Chun Kai (Junior Library Assistant), E-Resources to Acquisitions/Western Cataloguing full time.

Ng Chi-kwok (Library Assistant II), E-Resources to Acquisitions/Western Cataloguing.

Farewell

Margarette Ho Wai Ling (Library Assistant II). 33 years of service.

Leong Chan-iu (Library Assistant III). 37 years of service.

Pai Keung (Library Assistant III). 40 years of service.

Boyee Lee Pou-wan (Library Assistant III)

Agnes Chung Wai-ling (Library Assistant II)

Jenny Wong Fung-yan (Library Assistant II)

Joe Wong Tsz-wai (Library Assistant III)

→ Did You Know? >

During term time, the Main Library was opened an average of **92** hours per week

Over **5,750** users walked into the Libraries on an average day.

58,822 volumes of books were purchased.

1.4 million items were checked out.

61,000 reference enquiries were fielded.

14,000 users participated in information literacy training.

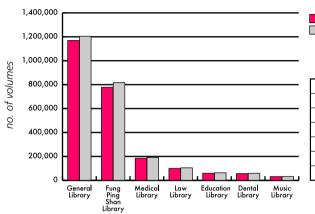
The HKU Libraries' web pages were visited over **2.5** million times during which **12.8** million pages were viewed.

2,160,335 hits via EZProxy to access web based resources subscribed by the Libraries

There were **108,276** downloads of e-theses from the Libraries and the most accessed e-thesis was "The rise and decline of cantopop: a study of Hong Kong popular music (1949-1997) = 粵語流行曲的發展與興衰: 香港流行音樂研究 (1949-1997)" by the late Dr Wong Jum-sum, James 黄湛森(黄霑)、http://sunzi.lib.hku.hk/hkuto/record/831057330

→ Statistics >

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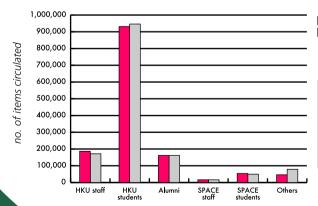
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Fung Ping Shan Library	777,898	817,216
Medical Library	184,542	191,749
Law Library	99,399	104,770
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Dental Library	56,682	58,207
Music Library	31,014	32,136

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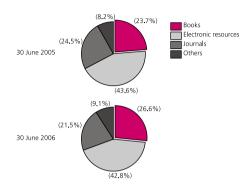
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B. Number of items circulated by patron types

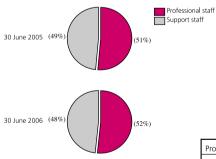


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HKU staff	186,721	171,491
HKU students	931,318	946,317
A l umni	161,826	161,045
SPACE staff	16,288	16,198
SPACE students	53,944	49,794
Others	46,063	78,921

C. How we spent our acquisitions dollars



D. Staffing in HKU Libraries

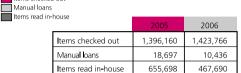


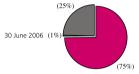
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Support staff	215	201

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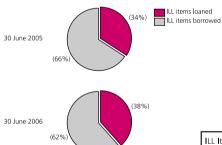
E. Library materials use statistics







F. Interlibrary loan transactions with other libraries



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ILL Items borrowed	215	201

→ Notable Acquisitions →

Encyclopedia of Analytical Science / 2nd ed. / editors: Paul J. Worsfold, Alan Townshend, Colin F. Poole.

Oxford, U.K.: Elsevier Academic Press, 2005.

This second edition is a detailed and comprehensive 10 volume set covering all facets of the science and practice of analysis. The complete work consists of around 610 articles, each consisting of about 4000 words, figures and summary tables.

The Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics. Keith Brown, editor in chief, 2nd ed. 14 vols. Amsterdam; Boston: Elsevier, 2006.

The first edition of ELL (1993, Ron Asher, Editor) was hailed as "the field's standard reference work for a generation". The all-new second edition matches ELL's comprehensiveness and high quality, expanded for a new generation, while being the first encyclopedia to really exploit the multimedia potential of linguistics.

The Parliament rolls of Medieval England 1275-1504 / general editor, Chris Given-Wilso. Woodbridge, UK, Boydell & Brewer Press; London: National Archives, 2005. [16 vol set + CD-ROM]

The rolls of parliament were the official records of the meetings of the English parliament from the reign of Edward I (1272-1307) until the reign of Henry VII (1485-1509), after which they were superseded by the journals of the lords, and, somewhat later, the commons.

This edition reproduces the rolls in their entirety, together with a few individual items published since 1783, as well as a substantial amount of material never previously published; it is complemented by a full translation of all the texts from the three languages used by the medieval clerks (Latin, Anglo-Norman and Middle English).

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: the New York Times

This electronic resource includes full-text and full-image articles, advertisements, supplements such the Magazine and Book Review from the New York Times back to its first issue in 1851. For each article, you can view digital productions of just the article or view digital production of the entire page that the article appeared in.

Treatise on geochemistry / 1st ed. / executive editors: H.D. Holland and K.K. Turekian.Amsterdam; Oxford, UK; San Diego, CA, USA:Elsevier Pergamon, 2004

Treatise on Geochemistry is a 10-vol set which provides comprehensive review of numerous geochemistry topics. This publication won itself a reward in 2004 Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award from the Geoscience Information Society (GSIS).

中華佛教人物傳記文獻全書 (精裝 60冊)

國家圖書館分館編

北京:綫裝書局, 2005.

中國第一部涵蓋時間最長、收入佛教人物最多、影印製作規模最大的人物傳記集。 這套"全書"底本來自於中國國家圖書館,收錄文獻始于宋代,止於民國。這次影印的底本既有稿本、抄本,又有雕版本、鉛排本;既有碑拓,又有造像。其中很多是國家圖書館藏的孤本、善本,有三分之二內容是首次影印出版。

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This is your city where men are charmed by women intelligent and supple, skin moisturized by humidity most months of the year. One married a Danish prince, others are wooed with diamonds by neon waters and some still single fly weekends to play golf.

This is our city where vegetable sellers, taxi drivers, people in their seventies feel proud a Hong Kong girl dreamt their dream, brought home Olympic gold surfing the winds and waters off Cheung Chau, an island even smaller than Hong Kong.

This is the city which alerted the world to the deadly virus named Sars, the city of researchers, working round the clock with scientists in eight other countries, breaking its genetic code in just three weeks.

This is a city of people who donate money for flood victims in China. Personal tragedies in newspapers attract immediate support from strangers. A city where young people volunteer to clean old people's homes and orphans are not left alone.

This is your city where most young men do not get drunk on Friday nights. Most teenagers do not do drugs, few swear at their teachers and most parents, however poor, still make sacrifices for their children.

This is our city with more mobile phones per square foot than anywhere else. People do not tire of communication, with their friends, families, colleagues, stock brokers, estate agents, slimming consultants, fortune tellers, youa trainers, image makers.

This is the city, with an award-winning airport and glass castles where willowy shadows work long hours and the night begins at nine in designer style, sparkling with wine.

This is a city of Chinese silk, Belgian chocolate, French wine, German cars, Swiss watches. Scottish mountains in fog give way to Mediterranean sun and laughter. Foreigners come for a year or two, attend concerts, watch fireworks by the harbour, stay a lifetime.

This is your city with measures against corruption ranking high. Politicians attack each other only in words. Bombs are not found on the underground and no one is imprisoned for what they say as the whole world watches.

This is our city where spies abound, masquerading as journalists, photographers, researchers, art dealers, bartenders, restaurant owners, events organizers, innocuous schoolteachers, honourable schoolboys and what else I do not know.

This is the city with a history unforetold.

This is Hong Kong – my city of poetry.

Agnes Lam 20 April 2003 Hong Kong in spite of Sars (severe acute respiratory syndrome. She read "My City" at the Reading Club HKU Libraries on 20 October 2006



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An authentic account of an embassy from the king of Great Britain to the emperor of China ... together with a relation of the voyage undertaken ... / taken chiefly from the papers of ... the Earl of Macartney ... Sir Erasmus Gower ... and other gentlemen ... of the embassy, by Sir George Staunton. London: W. Bulmer and Co. for G. Nicol, 1798. 2nd ed., corr. [extra-illustrated]. 5 v.: ill. (some col.), maps, plans, ports.; 57 x 43 cm.

The Rare Books Collection contains early western books and rare titles, many relating to China.

Some of the finest and oldest books in the Rare Book Room

date back to the 17th and 18th centuries.







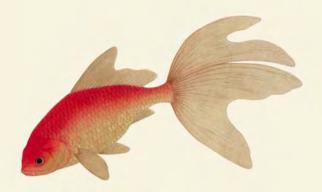












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Expand Information

The growth in electronic resources continued to play an important role in our efforts to expand information, to offer more information at a lesser cost to more people, and to expand the volume of materials to which the Libraries is able to provide access. Our electronic resources expenditures for 2005/6 constituted 48% of the total Libraries Resources Fund (LRF).

Our electronic resources now consist of:

- 36.755 e-iournal titles (40.566 subscriptions).
- 563 electronic databases.
- 1,015,755 e-books.
- 17.561 free web-resources.

The most significant increase during the year was in e-books, which grew by 23% from 821,583 in 2004/5 to 1,015,755 in 2005/6, surpassing the one million mark, an event that was well celebrated.

Our physical collections also continue to grow. We added over 100,000 print items as well as more than 5,000 audio-visual items.

We concluded our Conspectus collection analysis project to identify areas of our collection that required strengthening. We subsequently provided additional funding support to developing research collections in Medicine in the areas of Drug Discovery and Synthesis. Infection and Immunology, Cancer, and Public Health.

Improving access to library resources

The process of expanding our collections also requires that our collections are made accessible and easily found. Our cataloguing staff once again made valiant efforts to make this possible. A total of 87,182 titles were catalogued and added to the library collection. Furthermore a total of 158,757 electronic resource titles, including 1,231 free internet resources and 10,504 theses from our own Theses Digitisation Project were catalogued and added to the library collection

Since joining the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) as the first non-North American member in 2004/05, we have been able to improve access to this vast research collection by loading 300,000 records into our library catalogue, thus allowing HKU students and faculty to discover, and then order online, materials held at the CRL.

We continued our efforts to create item records for our bound journals located in the Main Library and the branches by creating more than a further 137,000 records.

Since taking up the production of course packs in April 2005, we have compiled 44 packs and sold 1,989 copies of course pack materials.

Since moving our Reserve services to the AV & Reserve Department, the number of paper materials requested to be put within the reserve collection has reduced by over 40%. Consequently, statistics for checking and renewals of reserve materials also reflected a significant drop of almost 60% and 54% respectively. Conversely, the rate for accessing electronic reserve materials increased by more than 63% this year. The open access of the reserve materials, the growing preference for electronic resources as well as the introduction of course packs are seen as contributing factors to these changes.

We made it easier for our users to access our electronic resources and services by changing authentication procedures on our Dragon Catalogue and all of our other systems, in order that students and faculty could use a single sign-on (SSO). They now use the same usernames and passwords as they do for accessing the HKU Portal and the University computer accounts.

We worked on changing the format of certain resources so that they are more accessible to our users:

- More that 7,000 volumes of Hong Kong government publications and a further 4,276 HKU theses were digitised as part of the China-America Digital Academic Library Project.
- The Law Library's collection of faculty mooting competition videos has been converted to DVD format as well as mounted on the e-Video digital initiative webpage.
- We converted local TV programmes from VHS to DVD.
- Over 1,000 pages from older microfilms were digitised as part of the Hong Kong Government Reports Online (HKGRO) database.

We collaborated with the Centre of Asian Studies to establish the Hong Kong Oral History Archives in the Special Collections and we established the Hong Kong Oral History Archives Database as the primary searching tool for the Collection.

We continued to expand on several current projects including:

- Adding 44,231 table of contents to the Hong Kong Table of Contents
 Database.
- 256 new records were added to the Hong Kong Tourism Board Collection.
- 11,085 e-theses were added to the Hong Kong University Theses Online database (HKUTO).
- 635 exam papers were scanned into ExamBase.
- 37 rare books were scanned for China Through Western Eyes project.

Following our earlier decision to classify our CJK materials using the more userfriendly Library of Congress (LC) Classification Scheme, the re-labelling of materials held in the Fung Ping Shan Library was completed earlier than originally planned. We also completed the re-labelling of CJK materials in the Branches.

Finally, in order to ensure a quick turnaround for access to materials in need of urgent repair as well as for the flush binding for paperbacks, the Bindery established a Repair Team in the Main Library.

Improving the physical infrastructure

Providing facilities that enable our users to take full advantage of our collections (print, electronic and others) remain a high priority when upgrading our physical infrastructure. This year we:

- Installed 3 servers in the outlying branch libraries, and upgraded the print & file server for staff in order to increase the speed of access.
- Installed a new server with 4tb of storage to host the increasing amount of in-house digitised materials.
- Installed 2 disk arrays of 4tb each for the increase in CNKI data.
- Installed a new Central Backup System.
- Purchased 143 PCs to replace older Library PCs. There are now 370 PCs set out for the public, which includes 46 laptops in our e-Learning Lab.
- Increased our ACENet fixed access points to 475, and our public wireless access points to 45.
- Added over 20 power points in Main Library reading areas and AV viewing rooms to facilitate charging of laptop computers.
- Replaced an old microform reader/printer with better functionality and crisper image in our Law Library.
- Replaced all old laserdisc players at the AV carrels with DVD-VCR machines.

- Installed a new color scanner in our Special Collections.
 Installed a new printer and photocopier in our AV & Reserve
- Department, to enable quality and timely production of course packs.
- Upgraded Audiovisual viewing facilities in our Main, Medical and Music Libraries.

Following feedbacks from our users we upgraded a number of workstations in our Main, Law, Medical and Education Libraries in order to make available a greater number of applications.

In terms of the physical environment we continue to struggle for adequate space to house our growing collections as well as our users.

In this regard we:

- Converted part of the AV & Reserve Collection Office to accommodate the new University Archive Office.
- Added taller shelves in our Hong Kong collection to relieve its congestion.
- Added bays of shelves to the Reserve and Score collections in the Music Library.
- Remodelled the Music Library's circulation counter and staff office in order to optimise space and provide a better working environment.

Communicating with and identifying user needs

We once again undertook our biennial survey, which provides one of the most comprehensive means for our users to communicate with us and to tell us how we are doing in terms of our performance. We received almost 1,600 responses to this year's survey and we have been busily making changes in response to most of the suggestions we received.

We updated many of our subject guides, and created many new ones, to help our users find their way through the growing maze of the electronic world of information

We maintained our existing blogs, created new ones and introduced RSS feeds as a means of providing timely and tailored information to those users who want it

Our Branch, Subject and Reference Librarians provided ongoing research consultation for postgraduate students and researchers to guide and connect them to the vast array of information resources available through the Libraries.

Our Branch and Subject Librarians continued their role as primary liaison between the Libraries and faculty members, communicating the policies and procedures regarding library services and resources to all teaching faculty, and seeking faculty's input on collection priorities. They do this through a variety of means, both formal (including Faculty Library Committees, Staff-Student Consultative Committees, Departmental and other relevant committees) and informal (including Library and Faculty social functions and irregular, unscheduled meetings). Our Comments and Suggestions web page continued to provide an increasingly useful forum for users to communicate with the Libraries. Every fortnight, the Libraries' Quality Assurance Team reviewed all of these comments, adopted suggestions, identified trends and formulated responses as necessary.

Serving our users

Library staff from Reference, Branches and Collection Development continued to provide formalised information literacy training through teaching, demonstrations, orientation tours and the Foundations of Information Technology course. Our efforts increased by almost 20% on last year to 855 contact hours reaching almost 14,000 library users.

- Our personalised, in depth Research Consultation Service for faculty and postgraduate students also rose significantly to over 200 individual consultation sessions, representing a rise of over 20%.
- Our users keep asking for our help in using our collections. We answered almost the exact same number of questions as we did last year. Across the libraries we answered almost 61,000 enquiries.

Once again the Law Library made another significant improvement in its opening hours by extending its weekday closing time to 11p.m. in recognition of the growing need of part time students.

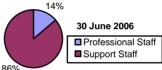
In collaboration with the US Consulate General we ran a successful Friday Lunchtime film series "Mars exploration series."

ERRATA - HKUL Annual Report 2006 p. 43, 44.

D. Staffing in HKU Libraries

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Professional Staff	35	33
Support Staff	215	201





F. Interlibrary Loan Transactions with Other Libraries

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
ILL Items Loaned	22,528	43,373
ILL Items Borrowed	18,619	29,808

