

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG LIBRARIES ANNUAL REPORT



# Vision

As a central player in the intellectual environment at the University of Hong Kong, the Libraries will be recognized on campus, regionally and internationally for its outstanding collections, client-centred services and innovative approaches that contribute to the teaching, learning, research and knowledge exchange pursuits of the University.

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# Librarian's Review



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The latter half of 2012/13 provided a period of consolidation and review following an extremely hectic period where the Libraries undertook numerous major initiatives, including: events in celebration of its centenary and the 80th anniversary of the Fung Ping Shan Library; moving two of our libraries to the new Centennial Campus; opening a new learning commons-style facility in the Main Library (*Level 3*); and, positioning ourselves for the new 4-year curriculum and the additional student intake.

The Main Library's *Level 3* facility drew a wide range of visitors both local and from overseas, librarians, educators, administrators, architects and others,

all of whom were impressed with the facility and the energy created by the learner-conducive environment. Perhaps most notable among these visitors was former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams (The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Lord Williams of Oystermouth), in his capacity as recently appointed Master of Magdalene College at Cambridge University.

While extensive renovation and building operations took place in 2012, plans to relocate our Education Library came to fruition in early 2013 with an opening ceremony held in April. This new facility, developed as part of the "consequential"

works subsequent to various relocations to the Centennial Campus, is unique among our branch libraries. Its distinction lies in its sharing of space with the Faculty of Education. With a large Faculty seminar room a significant part of the space, the library size can be increased for library users, when the Faculty do not require the seminar room for teaching or other purposes, through the retractable partitions that form the seminar's walls. With its relocation to the former Council Chamber in the Meng Wah Complex, the Education Library demonstrates another tangible and positive collaboration between the Faculties and the Libraries.





We also collaborated with our Faculties through our book drive for Myanmar campaign where we collected unwanted donations and targeted our academic community, in particular academic staff from the faculties of Arts, Law and Social Sciences who were relocating to the Centennial Campus, to donate suitable books for the University of Yangon. In November 2012, I was among a small contingent from HKU who visited Myanmar to strengthen educational ties and also to attend a ceremony marking the donation of 5,700 volumes which was held at the University of Yangon with senior administrators, academics and librarians from the University of Yangon Library and the Universities Central Library in attendance.

Much like major academic libraries around the world, the Libraries continue to face many challenges:

- the rising costs of scholarly material, in particular, journals, which dictate that libraries and their clients must concede that the shift from ownership to access, and in particular access through collaborative efforts, is now the norm rather than the exception;
- a decline in demand for traditional library services and the development of new needs in information support such as helping researchers to manage their data and to find collaborators, managing alternate information sources, improving information retrieval and management

skills, and developing new and more meaningful metrics of success;

- the diversity of demands from our users pulling the libraries in several, sometimes seemingly conflicting, directions. Among these, the need for greater space for collaboration versus the desire for quiet, reflective space, the desire for greater digital resources versus those preferring print, the need for more space for people versus the need for space for the print collections.

On this final point the Libraries, in conjunction with the Estates Office, continues to lead the JURA Project. JURA, or the Joint Universities Research Archive, is a plan by the 8 UGC institution's Libraries to develop a shared, single copy, high density storage facility where we will all be able to collectively store our lesser used, but still useful, print materials. All requirements made by the Government have been met and we await the allocation of funding that will allow this innovative project to proceed. The HKU Libraries has a great deal at stake in this project as we are the most needy of a rapid solution to this issue as we face the most dire of space needs among the 8 libraries.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank all of the Libraries' staff for their continued dedication to the University community and all of their efforts throughout the year. They should be justifiably proud of their achievements. I also thank all of our collaborators across the Faculties as well as other units, centres and offices that have supported us

throughout the year. And of course to our donors whose continued trust in our endeavors and whose desire to facilitate learning and research across the spectrum of the University community is sincerely appreciated. I know you will enjoy reading this report and I hope you will continue to take as much pride in your Libraries as do I and the Libraries' staff.





# EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN LEARNING & RESEARCH

## Communication with faculty and students on collections and services

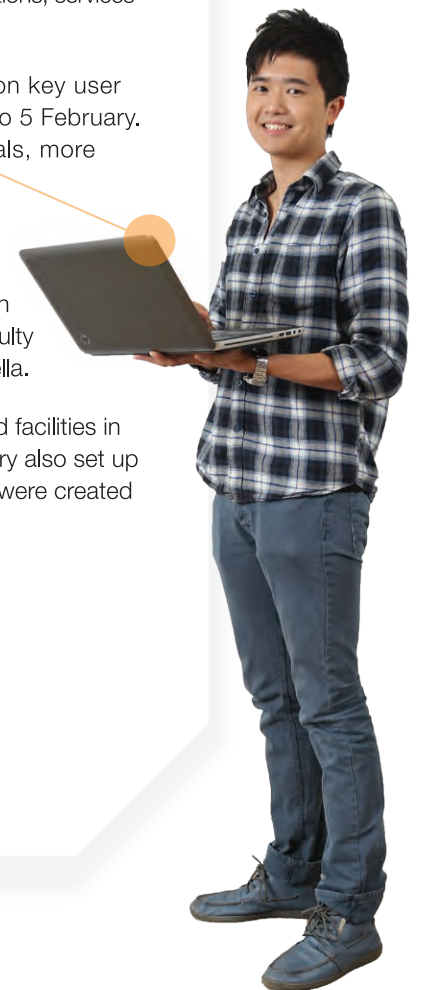
We conducted our biennial user survey from 13 to 28 March to gauge user opinions on the performance of the Main Library and the six branch libraries. 1,691 completed online questionnaires were received. 66% of the respondents selected the Main Library as the library they frequented most. Faculty of Medicine accounted for 15% of the total returns by faculty whereas HKU current staff or students accounted for 74% of the total returns. The full report is available at <http://lib.hku.hk/survey2013/>.

Survey results indicate that our performance has improved since 2011, with the performance index increased from 76% in 2011 to 78.4% in 2013. The satisfaction index for 2013 is 5.62, on a scale of 1 to 7 (7 being the most satisfied), compared with 5.47 in 2011. The survey results are encouraging and perhaps indicate that the improvements we have made, some of which are reported in the following paragraphs, in improving library collections, services and facilities since 2011 have been well received.

The Education Library also collected user feedback with questionnaires on key user concerns and their level of satisfaction towards the new premises from 1 to 5 February. Users' overall feedback was positive, and needs for more printed materials, more comfortable seating, and an enhanced computer facility were identified.

Our new Information Services Division, which was established on 1 July to streamline library operations, has enhanced faculty support in a more holistic and visible way. Merging Faculty Librarians with the previous Reference Section put the major research support services, including collection development, faculty liaison, training and consultation services, in the Main Library under one umbrella.

We produced a 3-minute video to introduce users to the variety of spaces and facilities in support of different learning styles on *Level 3*, Main Library. The Medical Library also set up a Facebook page to introduce its services and facilities. New webpages also were created for our Preservation Centre to promote its services.





## Collection development

The big challenge for us throughout the year had been to come up with ways to factor in the impact of a flat recurrent base budget for library materials. Convenient access to high quality scholarly content remains our top priority in determining what content to retain to match our budget and buying power. The impact of the mass digitized environment and change in scholarly communication is factored in our priority in resource provision, which remains increasingly digital licensed resources. In the allocation of the Library Resources Fund, we placed emphasis on the University academic priorities in new and emerging programmes, the four-year undergraduate curriculum, and intake of double cohorts.

We expended 76% of the total Library Resources Fund (LRF) in 2012/13 on electronic resources, an increase of 2% over the previous year. Allocations to print materials continued to shrink. Some 35,000 volumes were added to the library collection during the year, compared with more than 100,000 volumes ten years ago.

Our collection of special and rare materials continued to grow through the generosity of our donors. Twenty-seven bound volumes of speeches by the late Sir Philip Haddon-Cave were returned to Hong Kong and presented to the Libraries by members of his family last September. Being gifts from the Government upon Sir Philip's retirement from the Civil Service in 1985, the collection includes:

- Budget speeches 1972—1981
- Legco speeches at the capacity as Financial Secretary on different topics, 1970—1981
- Legco speeches in the capacity of Chief Secretary, 1981—1985
- Other speeches, 1971, 1974—1984

We also received from Mr Roger Houghton his personal book collection. It comprises some 400 titles, some of which are western rare books on China and the Far East published before the twentieth century. The earliest title is a pamphlet entitled *The Resolutions of the House of Commons on the Great and Constitutional Questions between the Privileges of the House of Commons and the Prerogative of the Crown from the 17th of December 1783 to the 10th of March 1784*, published in 1784.

At the branches:

- The Medical Library acquired books, e-journals and AV materials for new programmes such as Masters of Pharmacy, Medical Humanities and Common Core Courses.
- The Music Library received a collection of jazz music from Professor Geoffrey Blowers of the Department of Psychology. It consists of 472 CDs featuring classic jazz, such as Bill Evans' *You Must Believe in Spring*, John Coltrane's *A Love Supreme* and Stan Getz's *Focus*.
- The Education Library enhanced its collection to support the Faculty's new course Designing powerful learning environments.
- The Fung Ping Shan Library received a donation of 740 volumes from National Publication Foundation Planning & Management Office (國家出版基金規劃管理辦公室).

## Improving access to information

Preparations for a new discovery tool were in full throttle. A new search tool providing a one-stop search convenience for users to gather pertinent information in support of their learning and research was developed. Launched in September 2013, this search tool employs a simple search interface in which the user can enter one or multiple keywords to search across a wide range of resources including books, journal articles and databases.

Continuous efforts were made to update our library catalogue in a timely manner. More than 147,000 titles were catalogued during the year, with 70% of them being electronic resources. Cataloguing our Chinese collections remained a priority. A total of 92,170 Chinese books were catalogued, of which some 48,000 titles are in electronic format.

We created another electronic database, Luke Him Sau Architectural Collection (<http://lhsarc.lib.hku.hk/exhibits/show/lhsarc/home>) and made it available to the public this year. It consists of digitized images of some 950 architectural drawings, dated approximately from 1948 to 1968, of building projects in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Macau and Taiwan

undertaken by Hong Kong architect Mr. Luke Him Sau (陸謙受). Selected business and personal records of Mr Luke, such as office records, lecture notes and professional certificates were also digitized and included in this database.

We also updated existing electronic databases with new content including:

- Hong Kong Blue Book (1871—1941) to Hong Kong Government Reports Online;
- 3,290 full-text articles to Hong Kong Journals Online;
- 75,904 table of contents entries to Hong Kong Table of Contents Database; and
- 117 records to Hong Kong Tourism Board Collection.

Staff members of our Preservation and Conservation Division conducted eleven workshops/information sessions on care and handling of library materials for colleagues of other library divisions. These on-the-job training sessions were beneficial to staff members and helped integrating book preservation activities in day-to-day work.





## Serving our users

We continued to provide information service through various media including face-to-face, telephone, email, Facebook and SMS. The number of enquiries answered amounted to 118,911, representing a 13% increase over 2011/12. The increase might be attributed to the visibility of the *Level 3* Information Counter and the variety of facilities provided to users.

A broad range of information literacy programmes were provided to meet different research and learning needs. The number of attendees increased by 21% to 13,731 this year, probably due to the double cohort and the growing importance of library resources in supporting learning and research. Our Faculty Librarians collaborated with Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in the delivery of Moodle training to teaching staff and research assistants, with the aim to showcase the best practices in integrating electronic resources to facilitate elearning.

Support in Endnote, a software tool for publishing and managing bibliographies, citations and references, and Turnitin, a plagiarism detection software, remained in high demand throughout the year. By providing workshops, online tutorials and one-on-one assistance we continued to play a pivotal role in ensuring these research tools are used effectively by staff and students.

Wireless printing became a reality in the Main Library and the branches from last September. We set up two print servers and re-configured thirty photocopiers to enable staff and students to log in to the university wireless network, through their HKU portal accounts, and perform print jobs anywhere in the Libraries. Our very popular laptop loaning programme has been extended to include tablets. A number of iPads are available for loan at the Circulation Counter of the Main Library and the branches for use anywhere on campus.

The online library space booking system, which was introduced together with the setting up of *Level 3*, the Main Library learning commons facility, has been extended to the branch libraries and Chi Wah Learning Commons. The adoption of a single system in managing booking of learning spaces has enabled students to book spaces at six different locations using one easy-to-use interface.

Following the success of previous years, Law Library's Westlaw Student Representatives (WSR) programme continued with two new recruits to provide help during weekly "lab hours" in the Library. Law students who have attended sessions found peer assistance on the use of Westlaw useful.



## Improving the physical infrastructure

The opening of the new Law and Music Libraries in the Centennial Campus has brought about a host of new improvements in facilities. In addition to traditional single study desks, the new libraries offer collaborative areas with comfortable and flexible furniture. Other new facilities include bookable card access discussion rooms, with either interactive whiteboards or TV panels with webcam and built-in microphone for web-conferencing, signage TV for broadcasting free TV channels and Libraries news, and wireless printing in selected photocopiers. With compact storage systems in place, the shelving space of the Law and Music Libraries has also increased significantly, ensuring the necessary physical space for future growth and consolidation of collections. The availability of power sockets on every study desk is also well received among users.

Planning of the Education Library relocation from Runme Shaw Building to the former Council Chamber on 8/F Meng Wah Complex came to fruition in January. The move took

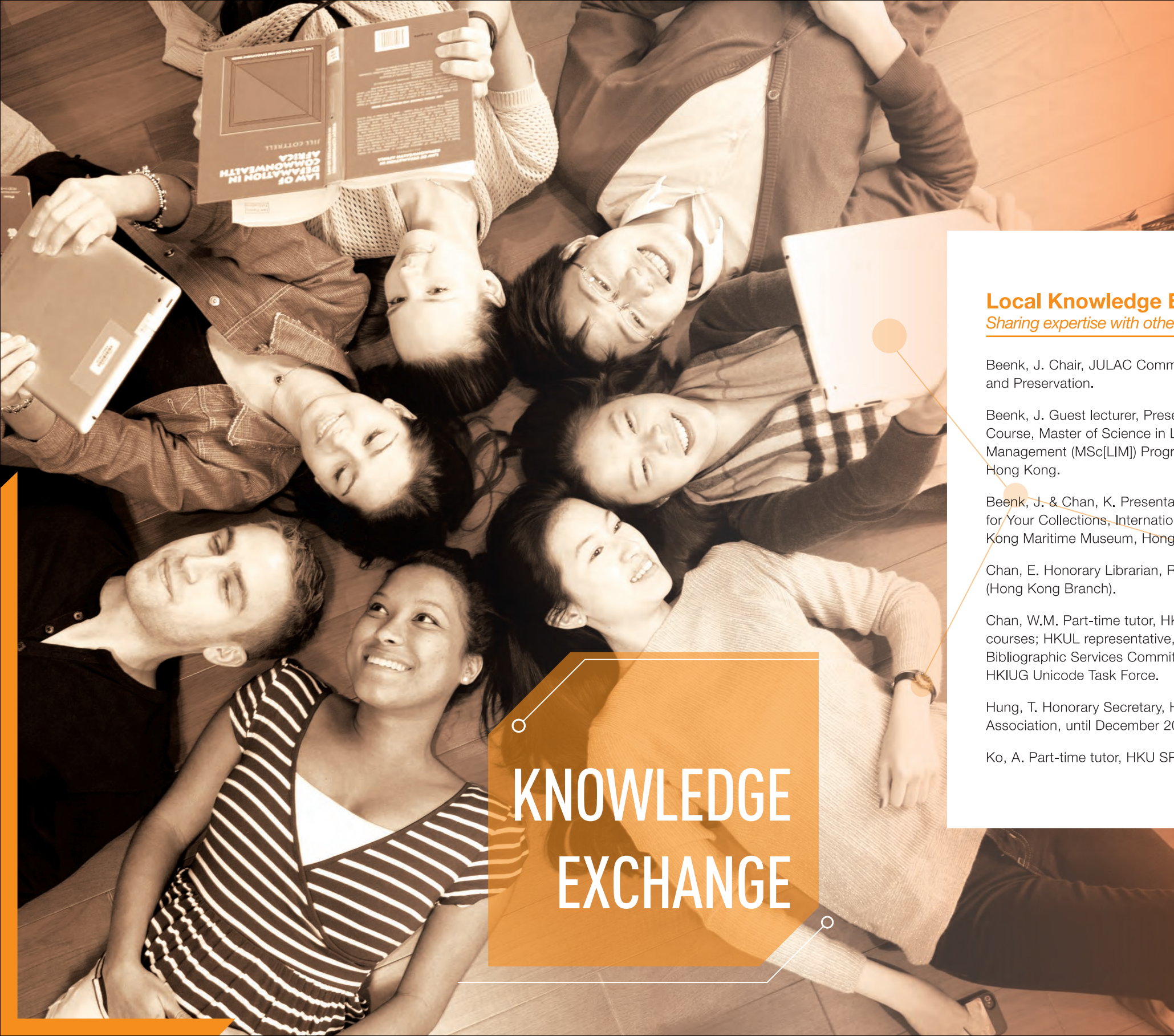
place from 14 to 16 January, with over 15,000 volumes of print and audio-visual materials relocated. The new Education Library shares certain facilities with the Faculty of Education, and houses student learning space, discussion rooms, a classroom, and a book area. It provides a motivating and tranquil atmosphere for leisure reading, private study and research.

The new *Library Corner* on G/F Main Library was open in October after several months of renovation works associated with the construction of the University Street. Designated as a space for collaborative learning, it has been brightly decorated, with booth seating as well as moveable desks and chairs that can accommodate a minimum of 42 people. It also serves as the entrance to the 24/7 area on Level 3 when the Main Library is closed.

A major space re-organization of the Main Library was carried out last summer. Apart from reshuffling space in some public areas and library stores, many staff members were relocated from the offices on G/F and 2/F to the 5/F to facilitate internal communication and collaboration as well as to optimize the use of space. Also, some antiquities from the private collection of Mr C.T. Yeung, the ex-Director of the University Museum and Art Gallery, have been on display in the Main Library since last September. These unique items have added much classic elegance to the New Wing staircase, a major pedestrian route of the building.

A WiFi site survey was conducted in the Main Library to cater to the growing demand for bandwidth. Some spots were found to carry duplicate channels and the report was passed to Information Technology Services for follow-up actions. By June 2013, eighty-six WiFi access points were available library-wide.





# KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

## Local Knowledge Exchange

*Sharing expertise with others in the local community*

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As in past years, we offered many placement and internship opportunities to students of library and information science programmes. Ten students from HKU SPACE, the University's Faculty of Education and Charles Sturt University gained valuable work experience in different aspects of library work.

We continued sharing the library collections with other local libraries through interlibrary loans and making our resources available to faculty and students of other UGC institutions. Our rich collections of Hong Kong materials are often called upon by students, media, government departments and other organizations. Below are some examples:

- Buddhist Wai Yan Memorial College (佛教慧因法師紀念中學) for their project on Hong Kong studies, August 2012.
- HKTVM for two TV programmes, 《新聞透視》(News Magazine) in August 2012 and a report on the history of the local stock market in December 2012.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary College (聖母無玷聖心書院) for their project: Islamic community in Kwai Chung, March 2013.
- Housing Authority for mounting an exhibition to celebrate their sixtieth anniversary, May 2013.
- Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited for display in the Exchange Exhibition Hall through until December 2013.

Since 2006 we have been contributing to the Hong Kong Memory Project, a joint project of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the Hong Kong Government, by providing Hong Kong content and technical expertise in building up a multimedia website on Hong Kong's history, culture and heritage. A beta version ([www.hkmemory.hk](http://www.hkmemory.hk)) has been made available to members of the general public since December 2012 to collect feedback with a view to improve the website.

### Library tours conducted for members of the local community

We continued organizing library tours to introduce and publicize library services and facilities to members of the local community. Included among those were:

- 349 local visitors from all walks of life in Hong Kong toured the Main Library.
- Visitors from Tung Lin Kok Yuen (東蓮覺苑) were introduced to Chinese rare book cataloguing and preservation, 25 April 2013.
- A group of Grade 12 students of Yew Chung International School (耀中國際學校) visited the library for a library skills training session.
- A group of 10 HKU SPACE Certificate in Music Materials Management students visited the Music Library on 25 May 2013.





### Special exhibitions: Showcasing HKU information resources to the local community

In collaborating with the University Museum and Art Gallery, we held an exhibition “Celebrating the Centenary: Gems of The University of Hong Kong Libraries” to commemorate the centenary of the University Libraries and the eightieth anniversary of the Fung Ping Shan Library. On display were over one hundred rare books, manuscripts and artefacts from our collection, including letters and manuscripts by renowned scholars, maps and rubbings, as well as imprints dated to the 13th and 14th centuries. Dr Y.C. Wan also conducted guided tours of the exhibition for the general public on two Saturday afternoons. Held from 29 November 2012 to 17 February 2013, the exhibition received more than 9,000 visitors.

- Medical humanities exhibition, organized to mark the first year in which the topic has been included in the curriculum of the MBBS programme, October 2012, Medical Library.
- Law Library poster exhibition, Information Day for Undergraduate Admissions, November 2012, Law Library.
- From the ground to top floor: Music Library History Exhibition, 13 December 2012 - 26 January 2013, Music Library.

In collaborating with the Faculty of Arts, the following exhibitions were also held in the Main Library to enrich the cultural life of users:

- Good Company: Leung Ping-kwan's Hong Kong  
梁秉鈞：良朋、香港  
30 January - 22 March 2013.
- Always in Our Hearts:  
Treasures of Professor Hsu Ti Shan  
空山靈雨落華生：許地山教授手稿珍藏特展  
9 April - 11 May 2013.

### Book Talks

- Through Boxer Rebellion, Plague and Revolution – 45 years of an Irish missionary in Manchuria by Mr Mark O'Neill  
Moderator: Professor Ying Chan (陳婉瑩教授), 22 October 2012
- 尋根問底的東西 (The Story of Stuff) by Ms Gloria Chang Wan-ki (張韻琪女士)  
Moderator: Mr Paul Cheung Pui-kwan (張沛坤先生), 15 November 2012
- Forging a HKU Identity, 1905-1945 by Dr Peter Cunich  
Moderator: Mr Peter Sidorko, 29 November, 2012
- On Skeleton Women and the Female Spy in China by Dr Mingmei Yip  
Moderator: Ms Evelyn Ng, 7 February 2013
- Pacific Crossing: California Gold, Chinese Migration, and the Making of Hong Kong by Dr Elizabeth Sinn  
Moderator: Professor John Carroll, 7 March 2013
- The Penguin History of The World (sixth edition) by Professor Odd Arne Westad  
Moderator: Dr Priscilla Roberts, 25 April 2013.

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We provided scanned images of the letters of the late Professor Gu Jiegang (顧頡剛教授) to his daughter for updating his collected writings. In addition, Hangzhou Daily Press conducted research at the Libraries for a report on the resources and facilities at The University of Hong Kong in September 2012.

### Library tours conducted for visitors from the region

The Main Library continued to be very popular amongst visitors from the region. Information Services Division staff received a total of 875 visitors last year. Other divisions also were involved, such as:

- Acquisitions Division received visitors from 天一閣藏書樓 (Tian Yige Bibliotheca) on 8 April 2013.
- A 23-member delegation from ARRAIL Dental Clinic, Beijing, visited the Dental Library on 31 August 2012.
- The Medical Library conducted 26 tours for guests referred by the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine.







## Global Knowledge Exchange

*Sharing expertise with others in the global community*

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### *Sharing information with libraries globally*

The Libraries donated 5,700 volumes of new and used books to the University of Yangon, Myanmar, in November. The donation was possible after the University made an appeal to staff members for support to develop university library collections in Myanmar. In addition to donating duplicate copies and serving as the collection point for books, we helped organize and ship the consignment, including book selection, preparing booklists for clearing customs and packing the books into cartons for collection by the shipping agency. During the donation ceremony at the University of Yangon, the University Librarian, Peter Sidorko, also discussed with senior administrators, faculty and librarians from the University of Yangon Library as well as the Universities Central Library the various challenges and possible areas of collaboration.

The Libraries continued to be the largest contributor of original cataloguing records to the Online Computer Library Center, Inc. (OCLC) WorldCat databases. A total of 66,997 original cataloguing records were uploaded to the databases during the year.

We also collaborated with Cornell and Columbia university libraries by selecting Chinese materials for them and providing them with full MARC cataloguing records.

### *Library tours conducted for visitors from abroad*

The Main Library Information Services Division and the branches conducted library tours for over 260 visitors from different parts of the world. Included among these visitors were delegations from the Librarians Association of Malaysia, Kansai University Library, Nippon Dental University, Chiang Mai Rajabhat University, Naresuan University Library, Silpakorn University, Utrecht University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Harvard University and Karaganda State Technical University, Russia.

### *The HKU Scholars Hub, a database of visible research for Knowledge Exchange*

With further funding support from the HKU Knowledge Exchange Office, the Hub Team enhanced The HKU Scholars Hub by:

- Modularizing all of the Hub developments up to the present and releasing them in open source as an add-on to DSpace (DSpace-CRIS) with our development partner CINECA of Italy
- Developing code to create new top-level objects in the Hub, such as Department/Centre
- Developing code to batch harvest from open access publishers, full-text items authored by HKU scholars

We also received funding from the University Research Committee to assist in the 2014 Research Assessment Exercises (RAE). With this funding we:

- Verified more than 5,000 citations from the HKU Mock RAE and final RAE
- Sent more than 1,000 letters to publishers to ascertain whether they will allow use of materials for the RAE





# STAFF MATTERS

## Professional Development

Kerry Leung Kam-ha, Master of Arts in Applied Translation, The Open University of Hong Kong, 2012.  
Alice Lo Sau-wai, Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management, University of Leicester, 2013.  
Dave Low Tsz-kin, Engineering Doctorate (Engineering Management), City University of Hong Kong, 2012.

## Professional and Service Awards

### Long Service Awards

- 40 years**  
Maria Tang Lai May-yee (Senior Library Assistant)
- 35 years**  
Lincoln Tang Kwun-hung (Library Assistant II)  
Lisa Wong Oi-lin (Library Assistant III)
- 25 years**  
Harry Ko Kam-hung (Senior Works Supervisor)  
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Wan Yiu-chuen (Deputy Librarian)
- 15 years**  
Chan Kin-hung (Library Assistant)  
Ivy Chan Min-sze (Library Assistant I)  
Wilson Chan Nam-shing (Library Assistant I)  
Chau Siu-yee (Library Assistant)  
Carmen Cheng Ka-man (Library Assistant)  
Chloe Cheng Yuk-fung (Library Assistant II)  
Fung Hon-chi (Library Assistant)  
Eric Lam Yuet-man (Library Assistant)  
Sunny Leung Hok-tung (Library Assistant)  
Lo Wai-chun (Library Assistant)  
Mak Ka-lai (Library Assistant II)  
Valerie Ng Ting-yee (Library Assistant II)  
Warren Yap Sze-hon (Library Assistant II)

### Promotions

- Ku Kam-ming (Associate Librarian),  
Technology Support Services
- Kwong Kam-fai (Library Assistant), Medical Library
- Apple Sin Kit-wai (Library Assistant I), Lending Services
- Jenny Wong Sze-man (Library Assistant I),  
Special Collections
- Antonia Yiu Ching-han (Associate Librarian),  
Information Services

### Staff Recognition Awards

- Lincoln Tang Kwun Hung (Library Assistant), Law Library



Transfers

Linda Chan Siu-lin, Western and Electronic Resources Cataloguing  
Jenny Lam Tsz-ying, Information Services  
Ada Lee Ka-man, Music Library  
Ivan Lo Lap-kei, Music Library  
Annabelle Pau Kwok-po, Audio-Visual and Reserve Collection  
Joan Sia Mee-Lai, Western and Electronic Resources Cataloguing  
Peony Tai Lum, Lending Services  
Betty Tam Yuk-ying, Acquisitions  
Joey Tsang Chor-yee, Information Services  
Carmen Tsang Yuen-yau, Acquisitions  
Judy Tsou Wing-wai, Western and Electronic Resources Cataloguing

New appointments

Frances Chan Hing-ying (Library Assistant), Lending Services  
Gary Edward Chin (Administrative Assistant I), Public Relations and Development  
Connie Kwong Shuk-yee (Library Assistant), Lending Services  
Lowell Leung Ho-yan (Library Assistant I), Education Library  
Gary Mak Wai-To (Library Assistant), Lending Services  
Christy Ong Chye-hsia (Library Assistant), Special Collections  
Rebecca Tam Shuk-ying (Assistant Librarian II), Information Services  
Lewis Tse Pui-lung (Library Assistant), Hong Kong Memory Project  
Steve Wong Pak-hei (Library Assistant), Special Collections  
Aggie Wong Yuen-ting (Library Assistant), Music Library

Farewell

Carmen Cheng Ka-man (Library Assistant), Special Collections  
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Stanley Fung Kam-wing (Senior Bookbinder), Preservation and Conservation  
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IP Yin-chun (Cleaner), Administrative Services  
Asma Khan (Library Assistant), Special Collections  
Allen Lam Kei-leung (IT Manager), Technology Support Services  
Molly Lam Lai-hing (Library Assistant II), Acquisitions  
Lisa Lau (Library Assistant), Public Relations and Development  
Leung Lau Kin-man (Library Assistant), Preservation and Conservation  
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Ricky Sze-Lu (Library Assistant), Music Library  
Tina Tam Ching-kuen (Library Assistant I), Western and Electronic Resources Cataloguing  
Maria Tang Lai May-yee (Senior Library Assistant), Western and Electronic Resources Cataloguing

Appointment transfers to fixed-term

Anna Ho Yuen-sze (Library Assistant), Western and E-Resources Cataloguing  
Eliot Liu Zhaohua (Research Assistant I), Institutional Repository  
Phoebe Wong Ka-wing (Library Assistant), Special Collections



# Did You Know?

## 1

The Main Library and branches are very popular venues for production of videos and interviews. Apart from the one on the Level 3 facility, the Faculty of Education produced three videos with the new Education Library as the venue, namely 甚麼是特殊語言障礙 (What is Specific Language impairment) and two other promotional videos for their degree programmes.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AEqa0aM-gw>



<http://evideo.lib.hku.hk/play.php?vid=4759295>

## 2

Faculty Librarians collaborated with the Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL) in the delivery of Moodle training to teaching staff and research assistants. The training aims to showcase the best practices in integrating electronic resources to facilitate e-learning.

## 3

The Information Service Division collaborates with vendors or Faculty from time to time in the delivery of workshops in support of research and scholarship. Recent examples include Author's Talk, Reviewer Workshop and Discovery Starts Here. The workshops provide practical tips for early-career researchers on how to enhance their research outcome and visibility in the global academic community.

## 4

TV programs currently on DVD are being converted to digital format for user access via the eVideo platform.



The use of RFID self-check service has been grown steadily since its inception a few years ago. From July 2012 to June 2013, 53.8% materials were self checked out and 38.5% were self checked in.

5

Streamed medical RSS feeds are expressed to users via a dedicated workstation with a programme called Xpresso!

6

The Libraries is making use of more social media to reach out to different generations of users. Check out the Facebook pages for the Main Library and Medical Library.

7

Apart from commercial bookbinding, the HKUL Preservation Centre provides a variety of unique services for the public including book and collection assessments, conservation treatments, as well as educational activities such as workshops and lectures. More details can be found at <http://lib.hku.hk/preservation/index.html>

8

A new example of crossover of historical legacy and technology in the Libraries: The accessibility and visibility of more than 1,000 volumes of rare books is enhanced by applying QR codes to a compiled rare materials catalogue.

9



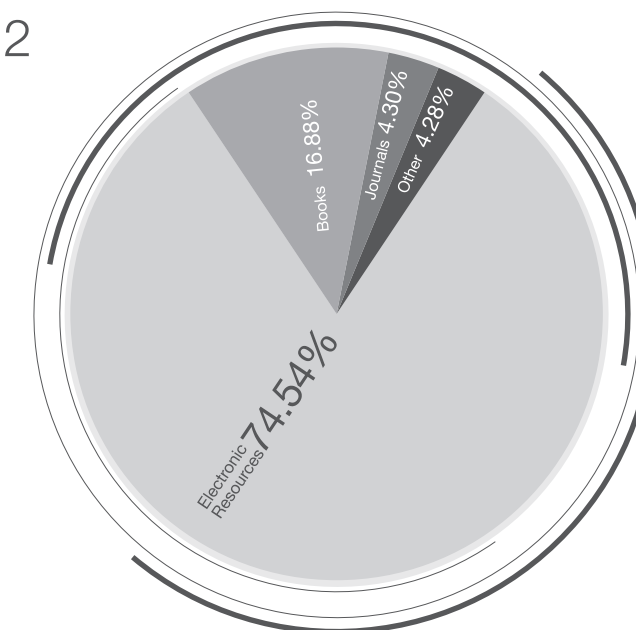




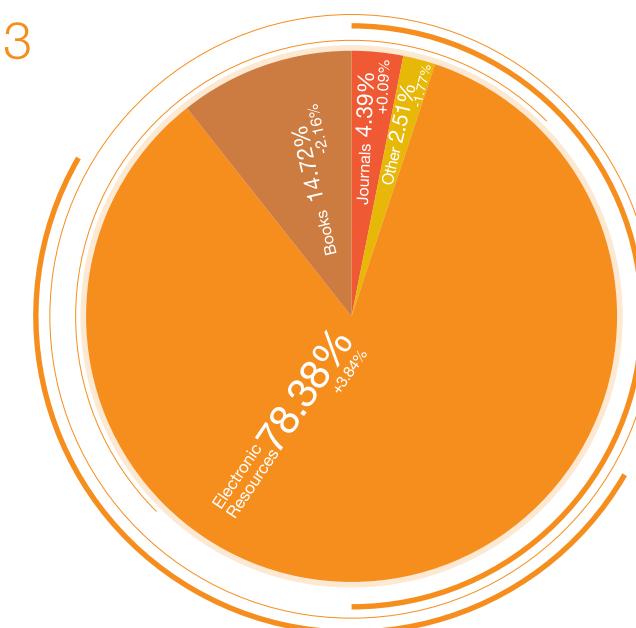
# STATISTICS

## A. How we spent our acquisitions dollars

2012



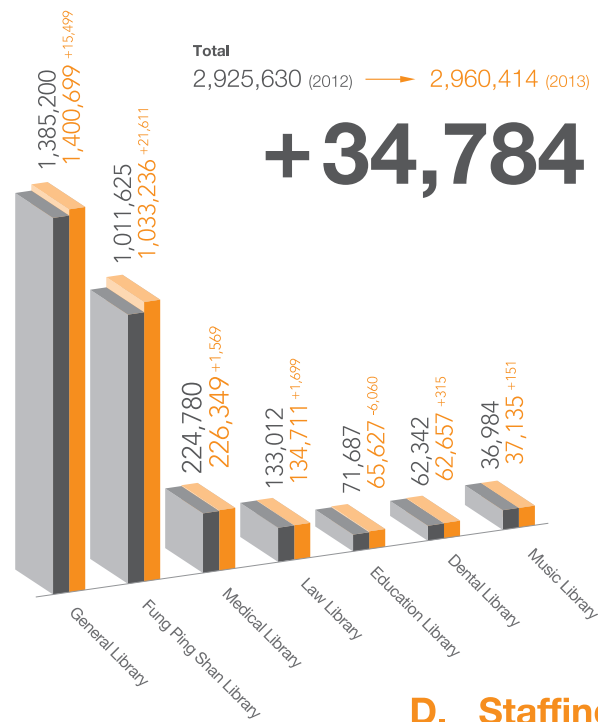
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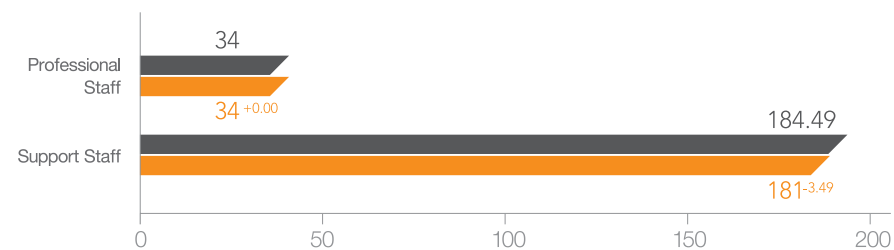
## C. Volumes in the Libraries

2012 2013



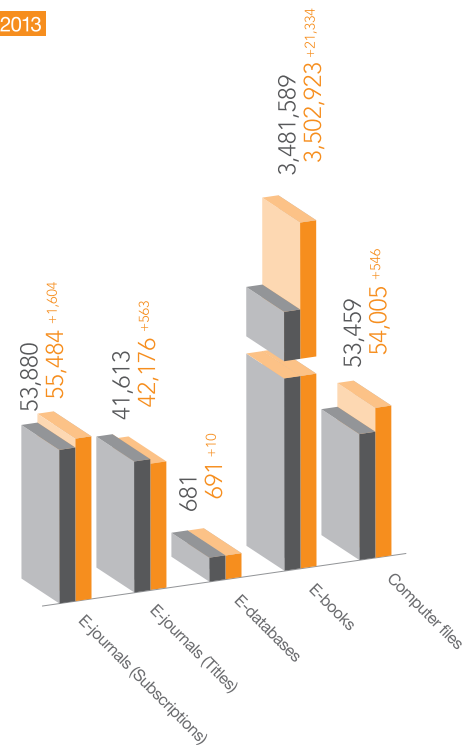
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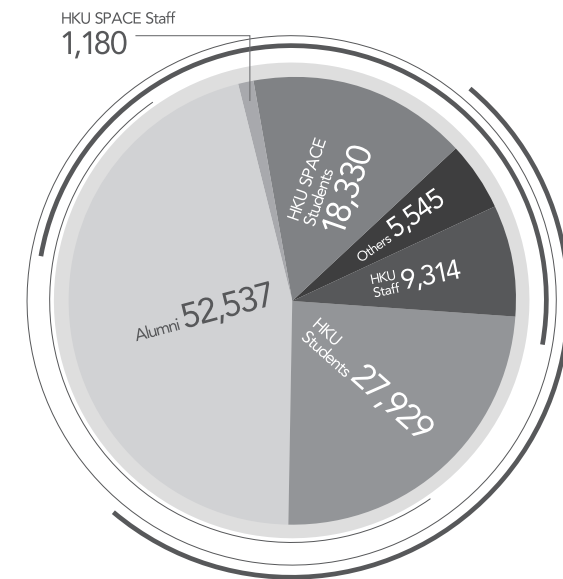
## B. E-resources

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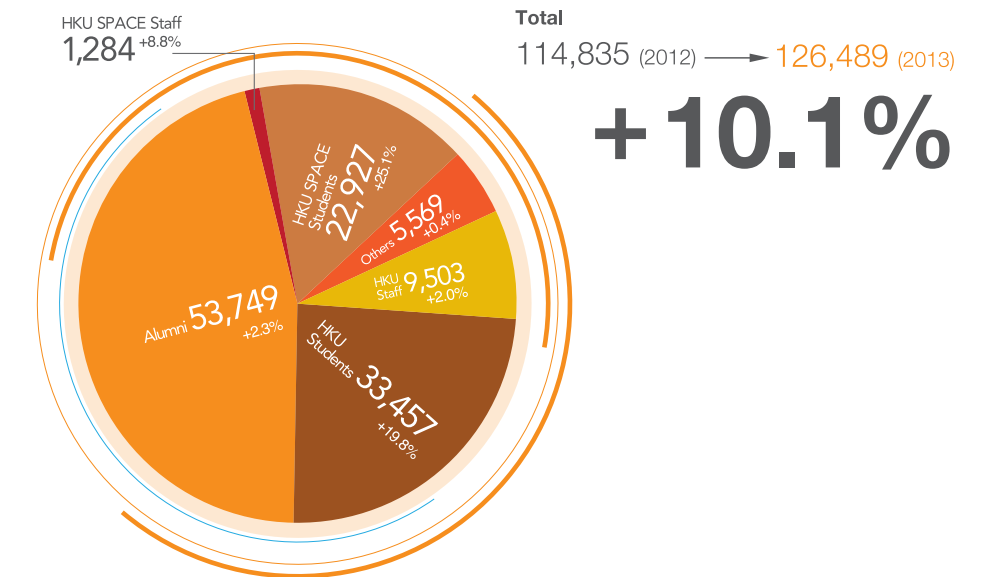


## E. Number of Registered Users (including Circle of Friends\*)

2012



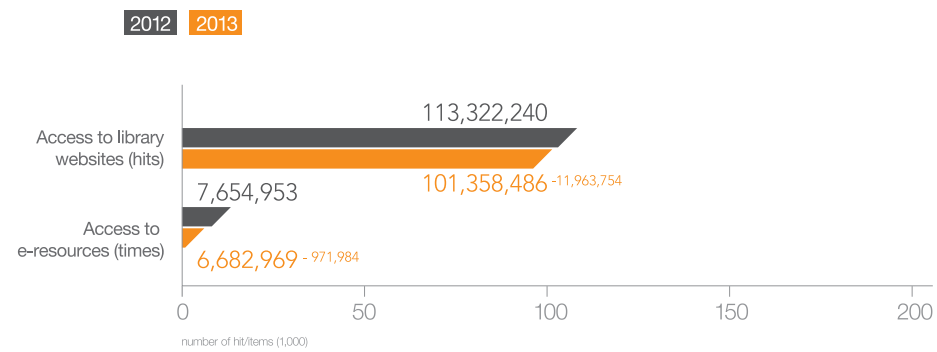
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\*HKUL Circle of Friends members enjoy various benefits like on-site use of library resources, borrowing privileges and many more. Additional information can be found at <http://lib.hku.hk/friends/join.html>



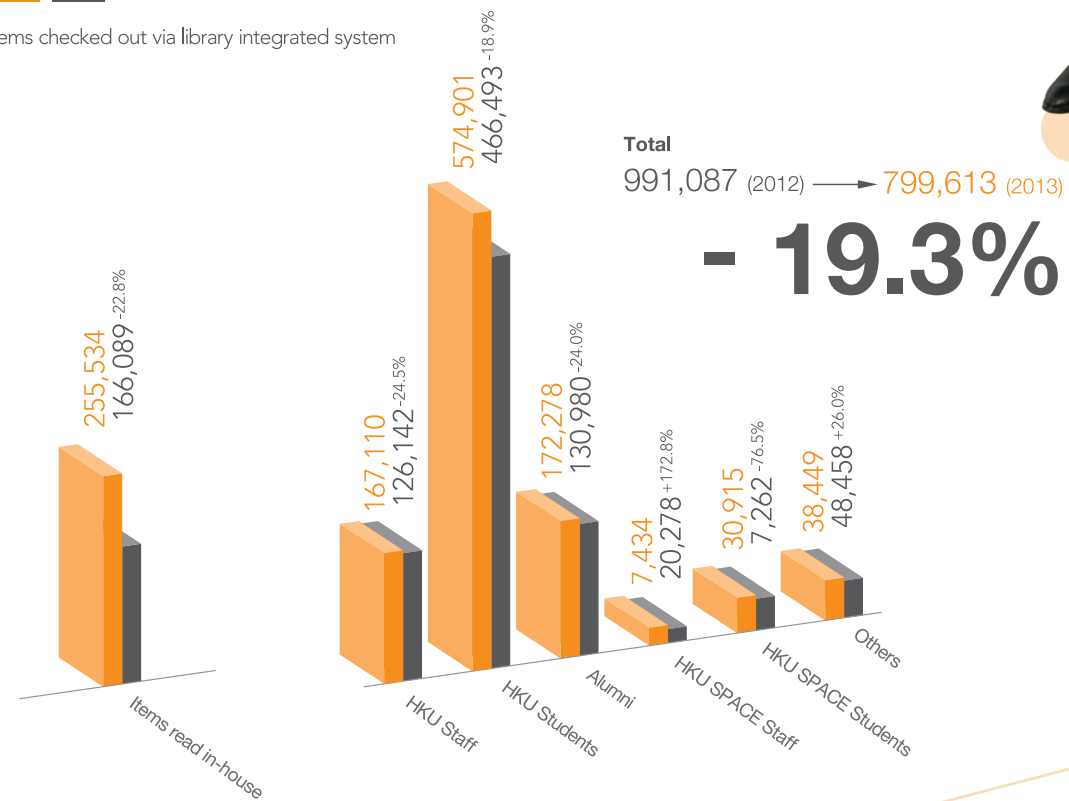
## F. E-resources Use



## G. Library Materials Use Statistics

2012 2013

Items checked out via library integrated system



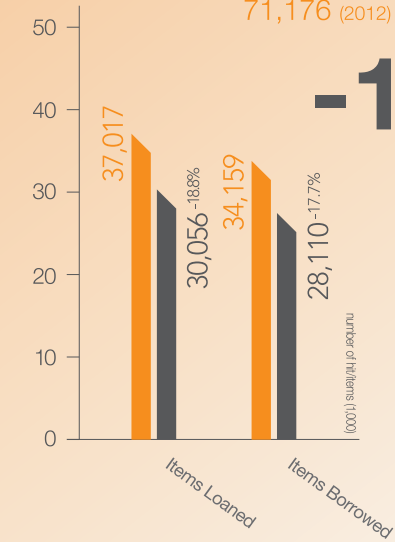
## H. Interlibrary Loan Transactions with Other Libraries

2012 2013

Total

71,176 (2012) → 58,166 (2013)

**-18.3%**





# NOTABLE ACQUISITIONS

## 中華醫學會系列 (Chinese Medical Association Series) and 中醫藥管理局系列 (State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine Series)

Imprints of both series: Shanghai : Shanghai Wan Fang Shu Ju You Xian Gong Si, 1995-2011.

上海 : 上海萬方數據有限公司, 1995-2011.

Chinese Medical Association Series include education programs made by the Chinese Medical Association for the public or medical practitioners while the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine Series contains intensive lecture courses hosted by renowned professors from major universities of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Both series are catalogued under the uniform title Wanfang video.

<http://library.hku.hk/search~S5?/tWanfang+video/twanfang+video/-3%2C-1%2C0%2CB/exact&FF=twanfang+video&1%2C279%2C>

## 近代史所藏清代名人稿本抄本. 大象出版社, 2011.

本叢書影印中國社科院近現代史所收藏的清代一百多位名人的書劄、日記及各種公私文檔, 多為手稿真跡, 涵蓋清朝一代政治、經濟、文化、社會, 涉及歷史人物包括林則徐、曾國藩、左宗棠、李鴻章、胡林翼、琦善、張之洞、鄧廷楨、葉志超、袁世凱、徐世昌、張謇等。全部資料按人物排列, 共3輯450卷, 掃描圖像30余萬幅。國家清史編纂委員會將此叢書列入“國家清史編纂工程項目”。

A collection of reprint letters, diaries, documents and manuscripts of more than 100 officials and individuals of the Qing Dynasty. It includes works of Lin Zexu, Zeng Guofan, Zuo Zongtang, Li Hongzhang, Zhang Zhidong, Ye Zhichao, Yuan Shikai, Xu Shichang, and others. The collection was part of the national project, compiling the History of the Qing Dynasty.

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AccessPediatrics

New York : McGraw Hill  
Online resource : <http://library.hku.hk/record=b5042693>

It is an integrated online resource that covers the entire span of pediatric practice, from neonatology through adolescent medicine; organized around a set of Core Topics developed by an advisory board of renowned pediatricians. It is for medical students, pediatric residents, general practitioners and pediatric specialists.

Anatomy.tv

Premier package + 3D real time  
Primal Pictures Ltd.  
Online resource : <http://library.hku.hk/record=b4464865>  
It is a perpetual database providing detailed 3D interactive models of the human anatomy. These models are: head and neck, shoulder, hip, thorax and abdomen, spine, knee, and pelvis and perineum.

CRCnetBase

Boca Raton, Fla. : CRC Press  
Online resource : <http://library.hku.hk/record=b5047527>  
Full text access to over 400 e-book titles covering the subjects of clinical medicine, surgery and general reference.

Encyclopédie : ou Dictionnaire raisonné des sciences, des arts et des métiers

Geneve : J.L. Pellet, 1778-79.  
Library catalogue : <http://library.hku.hk/record=b4786850>  
The Encyclopédie, a monumental work of Western civilization representing the thought of the Enlightenment, was the first encyclopaedia to include contributions from named contributors with lavish attention on the mechanical arts.

How stands the theory & practice of monetary today

Library catalogue : <http://library.hku.hk/record=b4830272>  
This is Milton Friedman's heavily revised initial draft of the first two pages of his address to the Mont Pelerin Society at its twenty-second meeting held in Hong Kong on September 8, 1978.

Medical Letter (1988-)

New Rochelle, N.Y. : The Medical Letter  
Online resource : <http://library.hku.hk/record=b3111872>  
The database includes issues of:  

- The Medical Letter on Drugs and Therapeutics
- Treatment Guidelines
- Adverse Drug Interaction Program
- Medical Letter and the Handbook of Antimicrobial Therapy

A mobile App is available.

Narrative of the surveying voyages of His Majesty's ships Adventure and Beagle: Between the years 1826 and 1836, describing their examination of the southern shores of South America, and the Beagle's circumnavigation of the globe

London : Henry Colburn, 1839.  
Library catalogue : <http://library.hku.hk/record=b4529270>  
This early 19th century work recounts the voyages of the British ships Adventure and Beagle between the years 1826 and 1836. The information gathered on these expeditions might be considered a precursor to modern oceanography.

Photo albums of Hong Kong, Kowloon, Japan, Macau, Canton, Hanchow, Swatow, Saigon, Angkor Vat, Philippines, Siam, 1915-1929

Library catalogue : <http://library.hku.hk/record=b4558235>  
A collection of 540 black and white photographs, taken from 1915 through 1929 by Kenneth Krenz, documents the journeys he made throughout Hong Kong, New Territories, Canton, Amoy, Swatow, Macau, and Hangchow while he served as an American diplomat in Hong Kong from 1926.

Springer protocols

New York : Humana Press  
Online resource : <http://library.hku.hk/record=b5042893>  
Springer Protocols contains more than 31,000 peer-reviewed, tried and trusted molecular biology, and biomedical protocols, many from the classic series Methods in Molecular Biology.

VisualDx

Rochester, NY : Logical Images, Inc.  
Online resource : <http://library.hku.hk/record=b5027900>  
The database is a diagnostic decision support system for clinicians providing instant access to more than 16,000 images representing over 900 visually identifiable diseases, drug reactions, and infections at the point of care.

Y.K. Cheung Symposium: Proceedings and messages

Hong Kong : Dept. of Civil and Structural Engineering, University of Hong Kong, 1994  
Library catalogue : <http://library.hku.hk/record=b1376617>  
This volume of proceedings contains 11 invited papers including 3 keynote papers contributed by world renowned specialists in the field of computational mechanics to pay their tributes to Professor Y.K. Cheung.



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