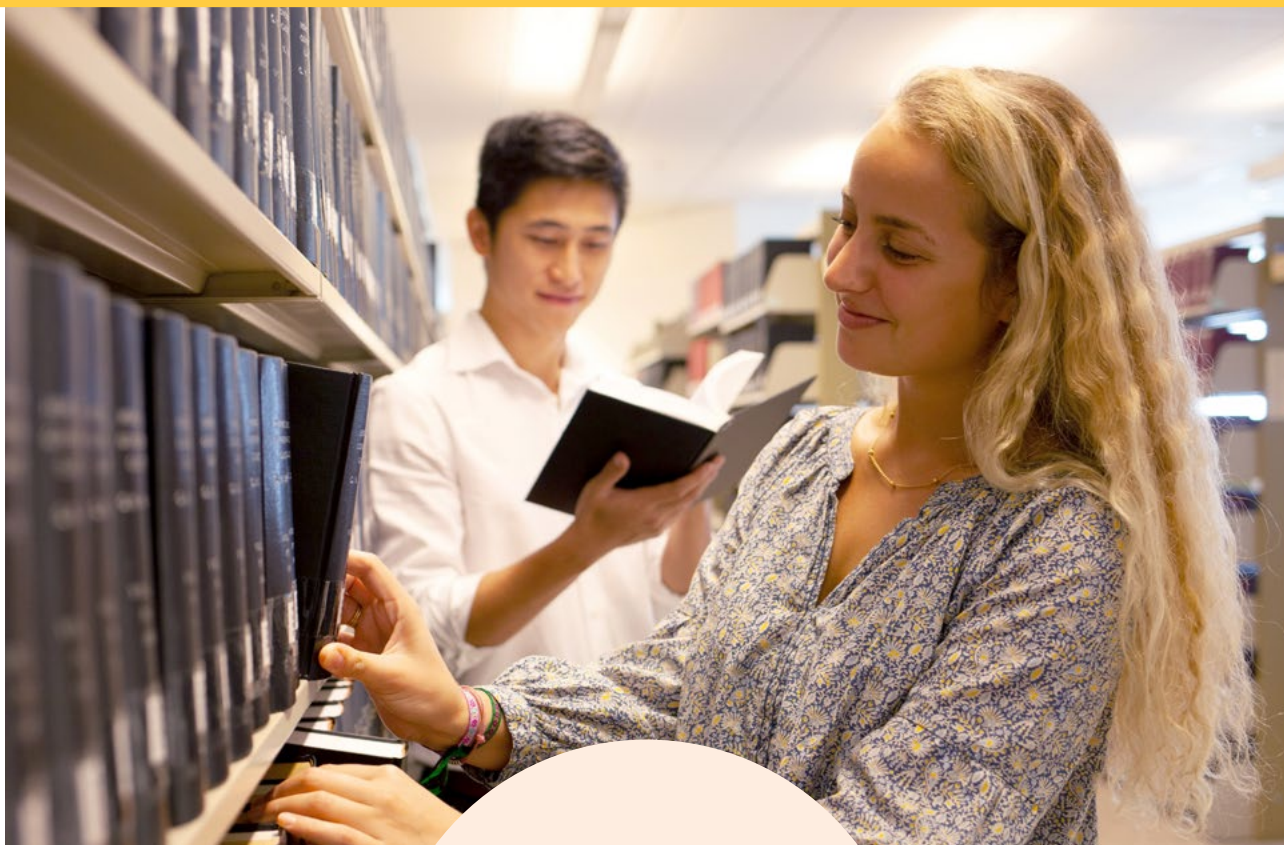


# The University of Hong Kong Libraries

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ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

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THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG LIBRARIES  
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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 and learning, research and knowledge exchange pursuits of the University.

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# Librarian's Review

This year we concluded the renovations that commenced in 2017. Upgraded facilities in the Main Library (G/F, 2/F and atrium area of 4/F) as well as the Medical Library have provided for enhanced study spaces as well as new services. In the Main Library we launched a host of new technology related services through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Ingenium (<https://lib.hku.hk/ingenium/>). Included among these are 3D printers and scanners, a Digital Interactive Lab (DIL), One Button Studio with editing rooms, laser engraver & cutter and a vinyl cutter, all available through the Library Innovation Centre (LIC). Additionally in the Tech@Ingenium we are providing Concept and Creation Rooms, an artificial intelligence (AI) commons and a virtual reality (VR) space. These have all been well received and proven to be enormously popular with several major events being held at Ingenium within weeks of its opening including the Student Learning Festival and the CITE Research Symposium 2019.







The need for a major academic library to continue to progress in this digital age is essential and these developments in our Libraries represent a significant stride forward. Infrastructure is important but the human element is equally so. Library staff have been upgrading their skills to ensure that these new services are suitably supported with professional and knowledgeable assistance.

Library physical spaces continue to play an important role in this digital age and at HKUL we have been undergoing dramatic changes to the infrastructure of our libraries for 10 years. Yet much remains to be done. Our next priorities are to focus on the first floor of the Main Library (Special Collections, University Archives and

space vacated by the former Audio-Visual Unit) as well as our Dental Library at Prince Philip Hospital. Funding will be sought in order to realise those projects.

With the launch of a new integrated library system (ILS) in 2017, we pursued an additional module of the system called Leganto which is essentially a management system for reading lists. Branded at HKU as ReadingList@HKUL, the system is fully integrated with the ILS as well as with HKU Moodle to provide students with easy access to core teaching materials and to enable teachers to conveniently create dynamic reading lists. Launched in September 2018, ReadingList@HKUL was the first implementation of Leganto in Hong Kong.

Quietly working behind the scenes, our Digital Development Team have been developing a new platform for accessing the Libraries' digital initiatives, i.e. those collections we have digitized in house. DigitalRepository@HKUL (<https://digitalrepository.lib.hku.hk/>) is accessible in beta form and includes enhanced access and functionality to a number of previously digitized works as well as several new ones, most notably the Hong Kong Image Database containing more than 5,000 images scanned from a variety of resources largely collected by Special Collections.

These few developments represent just a fraction of the activities undertaken by the Libraries this past year. Many more can be found within the pages that follow. Of course like any major research library we continue to encounter challenges and limitations (space, budget, skill upgrades, etc.) but, again like any major research library, we continue to strive to advance ourselves as core partners in the University's mission.




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AS ALWAYS, I AM INDEBTED TO ALL LIBRARY STAFF, ALL SUPPORTERS OF THE LIBRARIES, AND TO OUR DONORS FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE LIBRARIES THIS PAST YEAR AND, WE HOPE, INTO THE FUTURE.

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**Peter E. Sidorko**  
University Librarian





# Excellence and Innovation in Teaching and Learning. Research and Knowledge Exchange

## Resources

### COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Library materials spending through the Library Resources Fund (LRF) continued to be stretched in order to keep up with cost increases and growth in the university's new curriculum and research areas. We were able to purchase some new digital contents, primarily recurring digital resources and electronic/print journals as well as print and electronic books with inflation in the range of up to 6%.

Following the spending pattern of the previous year, print monographs expenditures during 2018 /19 continued to decrease with surplus balances used for purchasing new electronic resources and e-journals. On the other hand, support for core e-book interdisciplinary and subject collections, primarily made possible through the collaborative efforts of the **JULAC** (Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee) consortium, enabled a broader access to research contents and a sustainable mode of acquisitions.

The Electronic Resources collection remained robust with a number of new subscriptions taken up and more print duplicates and low used resources cancelled to release funds for higher priority resources. Due to the overall tight library budget situation, some small balances were used to cover high priority electronic subscriptions with a partial shift of the faculty's book budget used to cover new serials or electronic database or both.

The Hong Kong Collection housed in Special Collections increased by:

- 2,984 volumes (2.4%) in monograph
- 176 serials titles (5.5%)
- 1142 bound volumes (1.8%) of periodicals
- 161 bound volumes (1.6%) of newspapers.



In order to improve access to our collections, the following digital projects were realised:

- 1. *Music Manuscripts of Lai Cho-tin (KE Impact Project)*  
A collection of 600 pieces of music scores with MIDI music files
- 2. *HKU School of Chinese Lecture Series*  
Collaboration with Dr SOO Yiu Chung of the HKU School of Chinese to digitize old lecture handouts produced by the School of Chinese
- 3. *Sir John Newell Jordan, 1852-1925*  
Archives of Sir John's work as Minister at Peking Legation; images contributed by Mr Adam Jordan
- 4. *Flora Sinensis*  
Two hundred images of paintings of flowers and plants of China from the 1920s and 1930s.

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**MEMORY**

曲 Andrew Lloyd Webber  
詞 Trevor Nunn  
編曲 草田

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'ry, All a-lone in the moon light, I Can smile at the

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渡，繞城外老龍堤，  
公掃花遊，之，  
一平波落照涵，  
時所賦同調。  
只有別愁三萬斛。  
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句，有作不同。見下。

Dear Sir Jordan,  
Will you give me  
pleasure of your company  
dinner on Tuesday, at the



NOTABLE GIFTS IN KIND

- Philip Cracknell & Dr Mary Tiffen donated one box of photos and private papers of Wing Commander Alfred Horace Steel Steele-Perkins (1886-1963)
- The Excelsior Hotel Hong Kong bestowed us with hotel publications, artefacts and more. (For details, visit the Library's [FOCUS](#) Newsletter October edition)
- HKU Faculty of Arts Alumna Ms Judy To donated a rubbing of the stele contributed to Confucius by Emperor Kangxi 康熙御製孔子贊碑長軸
- Art works and book collections of the late Hong Kong artist, Mr Kwan Ying Leung 關應良, and his nephew Ms Kwan Man kwong 關民光. The donation was from Mr Kwan's relatives and his student, Mr Chiu Quin Fe 趙焯輝
- A collection of books from the Zhejiang Publishing Joint Group



## COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

The Libraries continued its space management efforts to relegate and weed library material with the Main Library relegating and weeding over 25,000 volumes to our Hing Wai Storage facility, to the Main Library compact shelves and, to our partner institutions.

To follow-up with the feedback of the 2017 survey, a stock-taking exercise was started in April 2019 in the **Fung Ping Shan Library** (FPSL), the Leisure Reading collections, the Po Chung's Personal Development Collection and the Po Chung's CEO Collection. The stock-taking exercise updated the status of more than 365,000 items on the shelves. Misplaced materials were re-catalogued correctly. This exercise will improve library patrons' access to information.

The Branch Libraries also conducted another round of stocktaking during the latter half of 2018. A total of 370,319 library items, including books, audio-visual and other multimedia materials, bound journals, pamphlets, reference books, music scores, CDs, etc. on open shelves in

the branch libraries were scanned during the stocktaking exercises.

While the missing rate in all individual branches has decreased, the average missing rate in the Branches, compared with that of the previous stocktaking in 2014, reduced from 0.34% (2014) to 0.15% (2018). These are encouraging results as we continue to work to improve the security and traceability of library materials.

The Dental Library compiled a list of 397 e-journals to ease library patrons searching for dentistry-related journals varying from paediatric dentistry to oral & maxillofacial surgery into one webpage: <https://lib.hku.hk/denlib/e-journal.html>.

Special Collections digitised 67,252 images from books, periodicals and newspaper clippings for preservation as well as for easy accessibility for Library patrons and researchers.





## Services

### INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

#### RESEARCH SUPPORT

##### • TOP 1% SCIENTISTS EXERCISE

This year, 114 HKU researchers were identified as the world's Top 1% scholars with data drawn from the July 2018 update of Clarivate Analytics' *InCites Essential Science Indicators*. The information is publicized in the [Scholars Hub](#) and HKU's *First and Foremost*, enhancing the visibility of HKU researchers.

##### • CITATION CERTIFICATION REPORTS

In 2018-19, the Information Services Division (ISD) compiled citation reports for nine researchers in support of their award and research funding applications.

##### • RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT (RDM)

In alignment with the [HKU Policy on Research Data and Records Management](#), the Libraries continue to provide support to researchers in research data management training and submission workflows.

- The Division managed 351 requests for reading materials in an accessible format from SEN (Special Education Needs) students compared to 91 requests in the last reporting year.

#### SUPPORTING RESEARCH INTEGRITY

##### • TURNITIN

The Libraries continues to coordinate [Turnitin](#) in support of eLearning. Turnitin is used university-wide, especially for the submission of Moodle assignments and Research Postgraduates (RPg) theses. The number of active instructors slightly increased by 8.68% to 7,934. The total number of originality reports generated was 231,442. We offered four seminars to 107 postgraduate students.

##### • TRAINING ON "WHAT IS PLAGIARISM"

The Libraries collaborated with the Registry, Technology-Enriched Learning Initiative (TELI) and the Centre for Applied English Studies (CAES) in the creation of a new website "What is plagiarism" - <https://tl.hku.hk/plagiarism/>. The site includes policies and regulations as well as online learning resources. A significant resource provided by the Libraries is the Online Course on *Plagiarism@HKU Online Learning*, which undergraduates and taught postgraduates are expected to partake. The course includes videos supported by formative assessment questions and a final quiz.

#### INFORMATION AND DATA LITERACY TRAINING

The Division offered library training to align with the different stages of the research cycle:

##### • ORIENTATIONS

In 2018/19, a total of 60 orientations sessions were offered to 2,280 new staff and students. Through these sessions, participants gained an overview of the library's learning facilities, services and information resources

##### • WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

The Main Library offered 159 training sessions ranging from information searching, reference management and research data management. Of special note were the 39 Endnote workshops, 28 research data management sessions and the 30 postgraduate workshops. Faculty Librarians organized 69 customized training sessions to over 2,400 patrons during 2018/19 on a wide range of subjects, spreading across the Arts, Architecture, Business and Economics, Engineering, Science and Social Sciences. These sessions covered information skills and resources, bibliographic management pertinent to specific courses or subject disciplines.



The Information Services Division also invited vendors to deliver research seminars and training. The 22 sessions held reached out to over 550 students and staff members. The focal point was *Research Week* held from the 24-31 October. Over 250 attended the seminars which covered a wide variety of research topics including copyright, publishing, research metrics, research trends and special research topics. We also invited different journal editors and renowned publishers to give insightful talks for research postgraduate students and early career researchers. An analyst from the Economist Intelligence Unit was invited to give a talk on the Sino-American Trade War which gave inspiring ideas to the attendees. Throughout the year, we also organized other research seminars such as *Manage your researcher profile with Publons and ORCID*.

In collaboration with HKU's International Undergraduate Admissions Office, a *Pathways to HKU Mini Info Day* was held on 11 February. Ten sessions of introductory talks about the Libraries were conducted for potential Mainland students and their parents. Over 400 visitors attended the event, and they were very impressed with the Library's learning facilities and services.



A very well attended seminar in the Research Week on Web of Science and other metrics databases.



Using the new Seminar Room on G/F Main Library to host the seminar on Getting published in academic journals during the Research Week



Pathways to HKU Mini Info Day: Introducing library services and facilities to potential Mainland students and their parents.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Special Collections also provided training sessions to several departments and courses, including students from the Master of Journalism and Department of History.

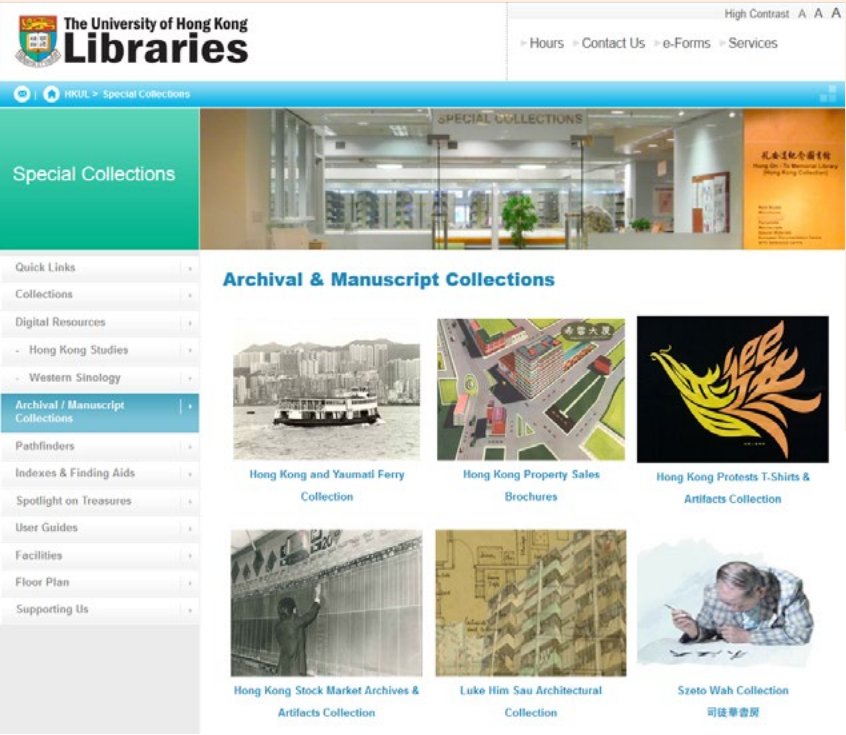
Most notable was showcasing fifteen western rare travel books for supporting Professor Greg M. Thomas of the Fine Arts Department for his class on *Cross-cultural interactions in the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century*. The session was held in the Supervised Reading Room in January 2019.



Professor Greg M. Thomas from Department of Fine Arts showed 15 rare travel books to FINE3012 students on the topic of cross-cultural interactions in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries (January 2019)

To facilitate the best experience for our patrons in exploring the breadth and depth of our collections, the [Archival & Manuscript Collections webpage](#) has been revamped and was launched in February 2019. It features a modernized and simplified design, with improved functionality to grab and hold visitor’s attention.

New interface of the Archival & Manuscript Collections Webpage



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ENJOYED AN ESPECIALLY BUSY YEAR WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN ENQUIRIES (+92.5%), ITEMS RETRIEVED (+80%) AS WELL AS USERS ENTERING (+10.9%).



BRANCHES

MEDICAL LIBRARY

The Medical Library implemented the use of online workbooks for students to follow course content and hands-on exercises during library courses in the new academic year, resulting in the following gains:

- saving on staff time to print, collate and distribute paper workbooks
- saving on paper for printing hundreds of workbooks
- reduce cluttering of workbooks on desks in the Knowledge Hub creating a more comfortable learning experience
- students can easily find and download copies anytime from our newly created course materials webpage: ([https://lib.hku.hk/medlib/course\\_materials.html](https://lib.hku.hk/medlib/course_materials.html)), which also includes materials of other library courses, e.g. Endnote, Browzine, and courses by vendors, e.g. SciVal.

Instruction guides for installing mobile apps of 11 medical databases were updated and resulted into a relevant database entry on the Quick Links page (<https://lib.hku.hk/medlib/quicklinks.html>) to make it easier for Medical Library users to locate the relevant mobile app to download. This was an enormous improvement on the hidden “Electronic resources go mobile” page on LibGuides. The cataloguing department also helped add the permanent URLs of the installation guides to corresponding title records in Primo.

To enhance communications with library patrons on the latest library events, resource updates or news, the Medical Library launched a blog page in LibGuides ([https://libguides.lib.hku.hk/med/Medical\\_Library\\_blog](https://libguides.lib.hku.hk/med/Medical_Library_blog)) and a Libguide for Browzine for medical journals. The blog page was also shared on the Medical Library’s Facebook page. An Instagram account, @hkumedlib, was created to showcase the newly renovated Medical Library and other news.

The Medical Library planned and coordinated more than 40 courses that were attended by almost 1100 participants.

EDUCATION LIBRARY

The Education Library offered a new workshop entitled *Evaluate Journals with Journal Citation Reports* and Scopus for academic staff and research postgraduate students at the end of the Spring semester. Also, the Education Library held regularly scheduled workshops for EndNote & Plagiarism, Essential Research Skills, and course-integrated sessions to students. A total of 18 sessions were conducted with 558 participants.

DENTAL LIBRARY

The Dental Library arranged six sessions of research consultation, one Postgraduate Library Workshop, and two Endnote courses for the postgraduate students in 2018-2019.



## PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

We continue to work collaboratively with key partners both from HKU and beyond. Our recent renovations have served to facilitate these collaborative partnerships.

Two notable University-wide events, the *Student Learning Festival* and the *CITE Research Symposium 2019, Learning Design and Learning Environment: Innovation and Interactions*, were held at the 2/F Ingenium of the Main Library on 24 April 2019 and from 31 May - 1 June 2019, respectively.

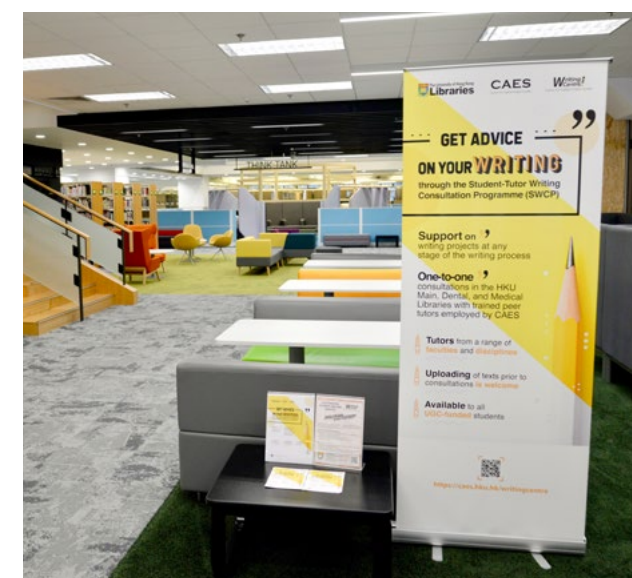


The Student Learning Festival, co-organized by the Common Core, HKU Horizons, and Gallant Ho Experiential Learning Centre showcased interdisciplinary and international student work from across the campus. Their labours were featured as posters, videos, experiments, debates, drama and music performances. There were also virtual reality programmes, maps of Hong Kong, student-made phones, beach projects, and rooftop gardens. The festival welcomed over 150 participants to the Library Innovation Centre (LIC), Tech@Ingenium and the Exhibition & Event space.

CITE Research Symposium 2019 was organized in collaboration with HKU's CITE (Centre for Information Technology in Education), TELI (Technology-Enriched Learning Initiative), the Libraries, and with HKEdCity. Symposium participants, including educators and students who gathered together and shared essential research findings and outcomes. Poster sessions and demonstration were also presented on Level 3 of the Main Library.

The Library served as one of the sites for the Centre for Sports and Exercise's "Exercise is Medicine" month events: two one-hour exercise sessions were conducted in the Library in **October 2018** and four one-hour sessions in **May 2019**.

In partnership with the Centre for Applied English Studies (CAES), the Library served as one of the sites for peer tutoring sessions by the CAES' Writing Centre. Two thousand three hundred fifty-one tutoring sessions were held during the year.



The Medical Library also collaborated with CAES to launch a Student Writing Consultation Program from October 2018. Three student tutors from the Li Ka Shing (LKS) Faculty of Medicine were recruited to provide peer tutor writing consultations conducted in one of the discussion rooms.

The Libraries held a Student Design Competition in March 2019. The competition was aimed at engaging students in re-designing and creating a new book display space for the Main Library and university community. With a panel of judges, including Dr Cole Roskam of the Faculty of Architecture and Estates Office Assistant Director John Sung, Karen Ho, a Master of Architecture Year 2 student, was identified by the panel judges as the winner of the competition. The prize presentation ceremony was held on 20 June 2019. A working group was formed and had been working with Karen to realize her design proposal for the new display space.

For details, visit the Library's **FOCUS** Newsletter October edition.





We coordinated with several HKU faculties, departments and the President’s office to support workshops, seminars and special events at the Main Library’s G/F Seminar Room, 2/F Ingenium Multi-purpose Area and Digital Interactive Lab, and the Multi-purpose Zone on Level 3.

G/F Seminar Room	60
2/F Ingenium Multi-purpose Area <sup>1</sup>	14
Digital Interactive Lab <sup>1</sup>	32
Multi-purpose Zone on Level 3	32

<sup>1</sup> Opened in January 2019



RESIDENT THERAPY DOG PROGRAMME

Jasper, the Library’s therapy dog, continued to bring a smile to current and new students and staff. Students and staff were treated to ad hoc sightings of Jasper throughout the semester, and notably the de-stress therapy sessions in the Branches. Before and during the assessment periods in the past year, a total of 26 sessions were organized in the Branch Libraries and attended by 165 students.

On 17 May 2019 from 1:30-2:00 pm, Jasper and the family, HKUL Public Relations manager, Gary E. Chin and HKU Faculty Secretary, Cordelia Chan were invited to an interview at RTHK Radio 1 *Healthpedia*.

Revisit the broadcast at 39:50 minutes into the programme  
<https://www.rthk.hk/radio/radio1/programme/healthpedia/episode/571457>

In June 2019, the HKU Visitor Centre launched the Jasper Series, a *Stay Pawsitive* collection of merchandise for visitors, students and staff.

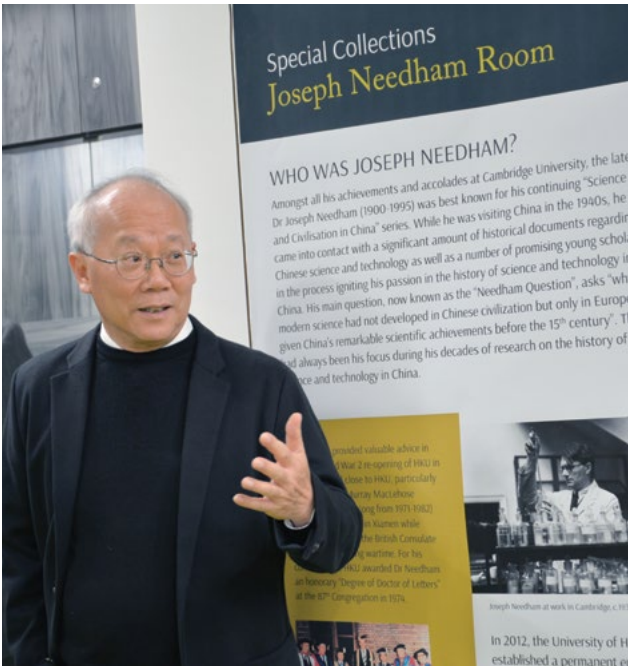


Environments

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS

The completed renovation of the G/F, 2/F and atrium area of 4/F at the Main Library provide diverse but inclusive facilities and services with advanced educational technology and inspiring ambience to support teaching and learning, research and knowledge exchange.

The Special Collections Joseph Needham Room officially launched on 10 December 2018 forming an integral part of the Ground Floor renovation. The room serves as a quiet study space dedicated to the memory of Joseph Needham and as recognition of the 2012 endowed chair, the Joseph Needham – Philip Mao Professorship in Chinese History, Science and Civilization. For details, visit the Library’s **FOCUS** Newsletter April edition.



To assist Library patrons with wayfinding, a project team was set up to help improve the library signage system to facilitate wayfinding. The team with the assistance of an intern from the HKU SPACE (Master of Information Studies student of Charles Sturt University). The team completed a signage inventory and two focus group study sessions which involved staff and students. Based on the findings, recommendations were made by the team in improving the signage and wayfinding in the Main Library.

Another team reviewed the food & drink policy, noise zoning, overnight arrangements and other measures to improve the patrons’ experience at the Main Library. Based on the review, a new food & drink policy and an overnight arrangement will go into effect in the 2019/20 academic year.

The Medical Library completed Phase 2 of its renovation works in September 2018. The Medical Library’s ground floor was transformed into a modern facility to meet library users’s needs for a technology-rich, flexible and collaborative learning space. The Medical Librarian’s report in the October 2018 edition of the **FOCUS** newsletter provides a comprehensive overview of these improvements.

In collaboration with **CEDARS**, the Libraries undertook the second phase of a project funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) to upgrade facilities for Special Education Needs (SEN) students in the Main Library. New furniture was installed in the two SEN rooms on the 2/F of the Main Library, and a professional scanner and digitization projector were added. The Libraries also recruited a library assistant to process digitized materials.





VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

In the virtual environment, the Main Library provided cutting-edge facilities in the 2/F Tech@Ingenium, which includes hands-on interaction with Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual Reality (VR) services, noise-cancelling headphones and 360° cameras. The virtual environment has been demonstrated and adopted during the Student Learning Festival, CITERs Research Symposium 2019 and Common Core courses supporting these services in their curriculum such as CCHU9056 *Virtual Worlds, Real Bodies* and ENEG 3137 *VR for Systems Engineering*.

Following the launch of the shared ILS (integrated library system) in July 2017, the Libraries introduced an additional module, *Leganto*, in September 2018. HKUL is pleased to be the first among UGC libraries to have implemented it. Branded at HKU as ReadingList@HKUL, it is fully integrated with ILS and HKU Moodle to provide students with easy access to core teaching materials and for teachers to create conveniently dynamic reading lists. During the pilot launch in 2018-19, a total of 426 library-created reading lists, covering all ten faculties and 23 Common Core courses, with over 4,300 citations, were made available to students in the [ReadingList@HKUL](#). Also, faculty and branch librarians have partnered with early faculty adopters to create 56 reading lists directly accessible by students via HK Moodle.

The Libraries’ new Electronic Resources webpage was launched in August 2018. The new page resides on the Libraries’ LibGuides research guides platform and provides easy access to resources subscribed to by the Libraries. <https://libguides.lib.hku.hk/az.php>



In addition, some online webpages were created to help students and staff submit applications and forms through a more convenient channel.

- 1. HKU SPACE [Part-time Student / Staff Library Card Application eform](#)
- 2. [Branch Libraries course reserve collection eform](#)
- 3. [Medical Library Knowledge Hub Booking System](#)

Other virtual environment additions and upgrades included:

- 1. Research Data Service System: Implementing a system for RPg/researcher to submit their DMP/Dataset submission and a simple approval/rejection system for their relevant head and supervisor
- 2. Facility Booking and Access Control System: replaced the backend web and database servers with more computing resources and the latest Windows Server and MS SQL Server versions
- 3. eProxy High Availability (HA): Move eProxy into an HA environment to support load balancing and failover
- 4. Scholars Hub maintenance and migration planning
- 5. Electronic Resources (LibGuide) web enhancement.

Plans were in the works to develop a strategy to introduce and implement uPrint service in the Libraries. The plans would include replacing thirty-five multi-functional printers and adding seven Add Value Machines (AVM).

Community

RTHK interviewed staff from the Preservation and Conservation Division for a programme called 830 Magazine. The episode highlighted some of the cutting-edge work done in the Libraries' Preservation Centre.

Revisit the broadcast at 9:05 minutes into the programme.

<https://podcast.rthk.hk/podcast/item.php?pid=1512&eid=137548&year=2019&lang=zh-CN>



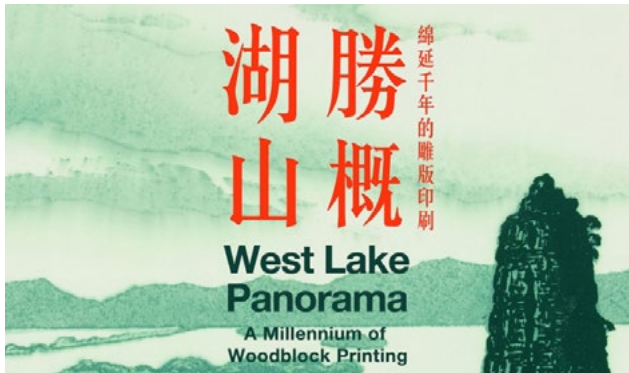
Within the reporting year, Special Collections received 28 loan requests from various government departments, associations, academic institutions, corporations and the media for events, publications and video productions.



An [image](#) was also provided to Slatkine & Cie (a Swiss-French general publishing company) for their novel book cover entitled [Hong Kong Gang](#) (馬家輝先生著作《龍頭鳳尾》的法譯本).



Most notable was an image to the BBC History Extra Magazine. The image was used in a re-print of a special edition of *Portraits of a plague-The History of Medicine* words by Charlotte Hodgman.



Four rare books from the [Fung Ping Shan Library](#) (FPS) were loaned to the [University Museum and Art Gallery](#), HKU for the exhibition *West Lake Panorama: A Millennium of Woodblock Printing*, December 2018 – February 2019.

LOCAL COMMITTEES

- Chan, G.R.Y.C.  
Member, JULAC Consortiall Committee, 2013 –  
Member, JULAC ERM Group, February 2018 –.
- Ko, A.  
Editorial Advisory, Committee member of Catholic Truth Society, 2017 –.  
<https://cts.catholic.org.hk/introduction.php>  
Advisor, Hong Kong Chinese Art Club, March 2018 –.  
<http://hkcacl.com.hk/76/>
- Ku, K. M.  
Member, JULAC JTech Committee, JULAC Shared ILS Steering Committee.
- Pau, A.  
Hong Kong Library Association council member,  
Academic Libraries Liaison Officer, January 2019 - December 2019.
- Sidorko, P.E.  
Chair and Director, Board of Directors,  
JULAC Joint Universities Research Archive (JURA) Inc.  
September 2011 – March 2019.  
[http://www.julac.org/?page\\_id=258](http://www.julac.org/?page_id=258)  
Chair, JULAC Access Services Committee, 2015 –.  
Vice-president (Elected), Hong Kong Library Association,  
1 January 2017 – 31 December 2018.
- So, V.  
Honorary Librarian of the Royal Asiatic Society (Hong Kong).



## LOCAL EXHIBITIONS

The Honourable Andrew Li Kwok Nang, former Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, kindly donated various items of interest from his working life to the Faculty of Law in 2014. His court dress and accessories previously on display in the Faculty have been relocated for display in the Law Library, together with another batch of historical items also donated. These include Mr Li's Instrument of Appointment by Letters Patent as Queen's Counsel (QC) and Instrument of Appointment as Chief Justice. Other precious items include his Grand Bauhinia Medal and Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire Medal.

An online exhibition will be launched in November 2019 highlighting the former Chief Justice's donations housed at the Law Library.

Additional exhibitions held at the Libraries:

- HKU No.1 Satellite Model Exhibition, 29 January – 30 June 2019
- A Life in a Sea of Red - Photo Exhibition, 19 March – 1 April 2019
- FormAsia Photographic Archive, 28 May – 14 Jun 2019
- HKUL Book Display: Selected HKUL resources on I.M. Pei, 3 - 28 June 2019
- The Pulse of Nature - Lung Fu Shan 感知自然 就是龍虎山, 18 June – 8 August 2019
- Selected titles from The University of Hong Kong Libraries Publications, February – May 2019.

\* Revisit the exhibition at <https://www.facebook.com/hkulevents/>



## BOOK TALKS / TALKS PRESENTED AT THE LIBRARIES

The Preservation and Conservation Division arranged a talk, *Playing our Part: conserving a special collections library* by Renate Mesmer, Head of Conservation, Folger Shakespeare Library on 8 November 2018.

Material science, book and paper history, hand skills, passive climate controls, custom designed book supports, outreach, and risk management are all key attributes of the Folger conservation team's experience. Individual conservators are also expected to contribute in many more areas, as varied expertise and innovative approaches are vital to a successful research institution in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Along with the discussion of conservation work being carried out at the Folger, in this lecture Ms Mesmer presented the Folger's 2016 First Folio tour, which was curated to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shakespeare's death. The Folger Shakespeare Library houses the world's largest collection of materials relating to Shakespeare and his works and date back as far as the late 13<sup>th</sup> century.

Additional book talks:

- Handling the most difficult Chinese novel 「紅樓夢」閱讀 — Made Simple, 9 July 2018
- 香港六七暴動始末 解讀吳荻舟, 18 September 2018
- The Odyssey of Eradication, 11 October 2018
- Billion Dollar Whale: The Man who fooled Wall Street, Hollywood and the World, 8 November 2018
- Colouring Old Hong Kong, 23 January 2019
- Journeys with a Mission : Travel Journals of the Right Revd George Smith, first Bishop of Victoria, 28 February 2019
- Last Boat Out of Shanghai: The epic story of the Chinese who fled Mao's Revolution, 28 March 2019
- Underground Front: The Chinese Communist Party in Hong Kong, 11 April 2019
- 水泥森林中的武者 — 武術文化訪談錄, 5 June 2019.

# Organizational Culture

## STAFF TRAINING

The Library continued to arrange training and staff sharing sessions on services and tools offered at the Libraries. Still, the most notable training was before the opening of **Ingenium** in January 2019. The Library staff attended several training courses in support of the new technology-rich services and equipment; with the first and foremost being the introduction of Ingenium to the staff.



- Training included:
- 3D printing
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Audio Basics & Wireless Microphone Management and Application in Learning Spaces
  - Digital Video Principles and Application in Classrooms
  - Fundamentals of Laser Safety
  - Laser engraver & cutter training
  - Vinyl cutter training
  - Virtual Reality

Andy Yu was selected as one of 24 participants to take part in the Fourth annual conservation training workshop organized by the International Training Centre for Conservation (Beijing) and the International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (UK). The training session was followed by a two-day symposium at the Palace Museum in Beijing. The symposium was also attended by Lesley Lau, Victoria Wong, and Jody Beenk from the PCD team.



# Knowledge Exchange

## REGIONAL (CHINA, TAIWAN, MACAU) PRESENTATIONS

Beenk, J.  
The Development of rare book conservation in Hong Kong (Invited, speaker). *National Advanced Research Course and Symposium: Research on Rare Book Preservation and Application of New Technologies in a New Era*, Tianjin, China, 10 – 12 October 2018.

Chan, W.M.  
Collecting the past: Treasures in the Fung Ping Shan Library, The University of Hong Kong (Subject Talk). *Talk Series on Chinese Culture 2018*, Hong Kong, 14 September 2018.  
The Chinese book: Its Origin and bookbinding evolution (Invited, facilitator). *Talk Series on Chinese Culture 2018*, Hong Kong, 19 September 2018.  
Stories behind the text: Rare books from the Fung Ping Shan Library, The University of Hong Kong. *Talk Series on Chinese Culture 2018*, Hong Kong, 21 September 2018.

Ko, A.  
香港大學圖書館館藏發展與採訪 (Collection development and acquisition of The University of Hong Kong Libraries, invited, facilitator). *Exploration and the Collection Development Advance Training Seminar for Librarians*, Fudan University Library, 15 – 16 October 2018.

Ko, A. & Lau E.  
香港高校圖書館資源與服務轉型與發展：以香港大學圖書館為例 (Development of resources and services of Hong Kong academic libraries: Using HKU libraries as an example, Invited, keynote). 港台台高校圖書館資源與服務轉型發展專題報告會 *Forum on Changes and Development of Resources and Services of Academic Libraries of Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau* hosted by 廣東省高校圖工委服務創新委員會 Committee for Academic Libraries of Guangdong, 19 April 2018.

Sidorko P.E., Man, M. & Woo, E.  
Creating innovative library spaces. *Library Leadership in the Asia Pacific Century: The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Library Leadership Institute*, University of Macau, Macau, 31 March - 4 April, 2019  
<https://lib.hku.hk/leadership/2019.html>

Sidorko P.E.  
Skills and leadership in the future academic library. *Libraries of the Future - Value, Influence, and Positioning*, Elsevier and LAROC (Library Association of the Republic of China), National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, 17 April, 2019.  
[https://www.elsevier.com/zh-tw/events/Libraries\\_of\\_the\\_Future](https://www.elsevier.com/zh-tw/events/Libraries_of_the_Future)  
A Digital HK: Myth or reality. *2018 International Conference on Integrated Development of Digital Publishing and Digital Libraries*, Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, China, 16 – 17 August 2018.  
Discovering and responding to library users’ information needs. *User Oriented Information Services: Peking University Library 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference (CDPDL)*, Peking University, Beijing, China, 24 – 25 October 2018.  
JULAC: Electronic document delivery and interlibrary loan trends 2004 – 2018. *Guangdong Hong Kong Macau University Library Alliance (GHMULA) Annual Meeting*, Guangzhou China, 23 – 24 May, 2019.

Woo, E.M.W., Cheng M, Pan N.  
University libraries: Evolving from book repository to learning spaces - the Case of HKU, *Teaching by Design3 – Designing New Spaces for Creativity and Innovation in Schools and Universities*, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 23 March 2019.

## REGIONAL COMMITTEES

Sidorko P.E.  
Council Member, Guangdong – Hong Kong – Macau University Library Alliance, 2018 –.



## REGIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Chan, W.M.  
“古籍雋永 滿目琳琅：香港大學馮平山圖書館古籍收藏” (Collecting the past: Treasures in the Fung Ping Shan Library, The University of Hong Kong), *承前啓後：中國文化講座續編 香港：學海書樓*, 2019, pages: 81 – 106.

Ko, A.  
“香港的大學出版社” (University Press in Hong Kong), *臺灣出版與閱讀* (Taiwan Publishing and Reading), v.5 pages: 74 – 78, March 2019.  
<http://isbn.ncl.edu.tw/FCKEDITOR UploadFiles/1558422256.pdf>

## NOTABLE VISITORS TO THE LIBRARIES

- Faculty of Architecture alumni Mr and Mrs Wah Chee and Elsie Lo, Dr Nicolas S Y Yeung (2012 Honorary University Fellow) and Ms Anila Ma, HKU Horizons Mingde, 18 January 2019.  
For details, visit the Library's **FOCUS** Newsletter April edition.
- Ms Wang Le (Deputy Librarian, Fudan University), 28 February 2019.
- Professor XIONG Qingnian (Director and Professor, Research Institute for Higher Education, Fudan University), 22 May 2019.
- Ms Luo ZHOU (Chinese Studies Librarian, Duke University Libraries), July 2018.
- Professor Li Zhizhong (National Library of China), 19 October 2018.



## GLOBAL

The Libraries organized the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Library Leadership Institute, *Library Leadership in the Asia Pacific Century* at the University of Macau Library from 31 March to 4 April 2019. The Institute was well received with thirty-nine attendees from Canada, Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia, Philippines, China, Taiwan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom.

## PRESENTATIONS

Chan D., Kwan L. & Sidorko P.E.

Climbing up the unfathomable mountain of shared ILS: Experience sharing from JULAC. *Access in a Networked World: Challenges, Opportunities and Solutions for PRRLA Libraries: Pacific Rim Research Libraries Alliance 2018 Meeting*, University of California, Berkeley, California, United States of America, 16 – 19 September 2018.

Chan, G. R.Y.C.

**Research engagement: Belt and Road initiative.** Paper presented at: *IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2019, Libraries: Dialogue for Change*, Session S12 – Serials and Other Continuing Resources with National Libraries. In: *Grey Literature: Scholarly Communication in a Digital World*, Athens, Greece, 23 August 2019.

Ko, A.

捐贈文化：以香港大學圖書館為例 (Donation culture and The University of Hong Kong Libraries). *International Conference on Integrated Development of Digital Publishing & Digital Libraries (CDPDL)*, Taiyuan, 15 – 20 August 2018.

Kwan, Y. Y.

A Taste for the real thing: Facsimile manuscripts in the 'cloud era'. *The International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML) Congress*, Leipzig, Germany, 22 – 27 July 2018.

Free online services and instruction (Invited, panel member). *The International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML) Congress*, Leipzig, Germany, 22 – 27 July 2018.

Lam, C.

Metadata standards can help: Addressing issues for Chinese e-resources on presentation and discovery. BIBF Forum, Beijing, China, 20 August 2018.

Sidorko, P.E.

The Future of library leadership. *Wiley Webinar Series*, 15 November 2018.

Member, International Consultative Committee of "Digital Dunhuang", October 2016 – October 2019.

Woo, E.M.W.

OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) Research Library Partnership – Library Assessment Interest Group (Invited, speaker). *OCLC Asia Pacific Regional Council Meeting 2018 (APRC18): Change the Game*, Bangkok, Thailand, 28 – 29 November 2018.





## GLOBAL PUBLICATIONS

Chan, G. R.Y.C.

Research engagement: Belt and Road initiative. *IFLA WLIC*, 23 August 2019.

<http://library.ifla.org/2712/>

Lo P., Chiu D. K.W., Cho A., Allard B., Sidorko P.E.

Chapter 21 - Peter Sidorko, University Librarian, The University of Hong Kong, in *Conversations with Leading Academic and Research Library Directors: International Perspectives on Library Management*. Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States of America: Chandos Publishing, pages: 319 – 334, 2019.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-08-102746-2.00021-2>

Woo E.M.W., Serenko A., Chu S.K.W.

An Exploratory study of the relationship between the use of the Learning Commons and students' perceived learning outcomes in *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*. Volume 45 Issue 4, pages: 413 – 419, 2019.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.acalib.2019.05.007>

## GLOBAL COMMITTEES

Chan, G. R.Y.C.

Reviewer for MDPI Publications, February 2018 – . <https://www.mdpi.com/>

Manchester University Press Advisory Board, 2016 – , Virtual Report: September 2016 – .

Cambridge University Press Advisory Group (UK, International Group), June 2014 – , virtual meetings, Fall 2017 – Summer 2019.

Global Member, Centre for Research Libraries (Global Resources Network), Chicago, USA, 2008 – .

Beenk, J.

Member, Education & Training Committee, American Institute for Conservation, May 2018 – .

Sidorko, P.E.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Library Management*, ISSN: 0143-5124, Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2009 – .

Member, Steering Committee, Pacific Rim Research (formerly, Digital) Libraries Alliance (PRRLA), 2011 – 2018.

Director, Board of Directors, CLOCKSS, January 2011 – . <http://www.clockss.org/clockss/Home>

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Library Management (China Issue)*, ISSN: 0143-5124, Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2011 – .

Honorary Advisor, The International Proverse Prize for Unpublished Writing, 2015 – .

Member, ProQuest Asian Regional Advisory Board, February 2016 – January 2019.

Member, Wiley Publishing Asia Pacific Library Advisory Board, May 2016 – April 2019.

Member, CLOCKSS Trustee Committee, July 2018 – June 2022. <http://www.clockss.org/clockss/Home>

Yang, T.

Secretary, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Regional Standing Committee of Asia and Oceania, 2017 – 2019.

# Staff Matters



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Woo, E.M.W.  
Doctor of Education programme, HKU
- Yip, M.  
Professional Diploma in Human Resource Management and Development, HKU SPACE

## STUDENT PLACEMENTS AND INTERNSHIPS

- LENDING SERVICES
- Tremy Cheng Ying-ha  
HKU SPACE / Charles Sturt University
- Elsie Dai Yinglin  
HKU Faculty of Education
- Alice Lee Lai-ming  
HKU SPACE / Charles Sturt University
- Yang Manqi  
HKU Faculty of Education

- PRESERVATION & CONSERVATION
- Karen Ng  
University of British Columbia
- Victoria Wong  
University of Delaware /  
Winterthur Museum
- Erica Lo  
University of Amsterdam

- TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES
- Henri Lau Ching-tin  
HKU SPACE / Charles Sturt University

## RETIREMENTS

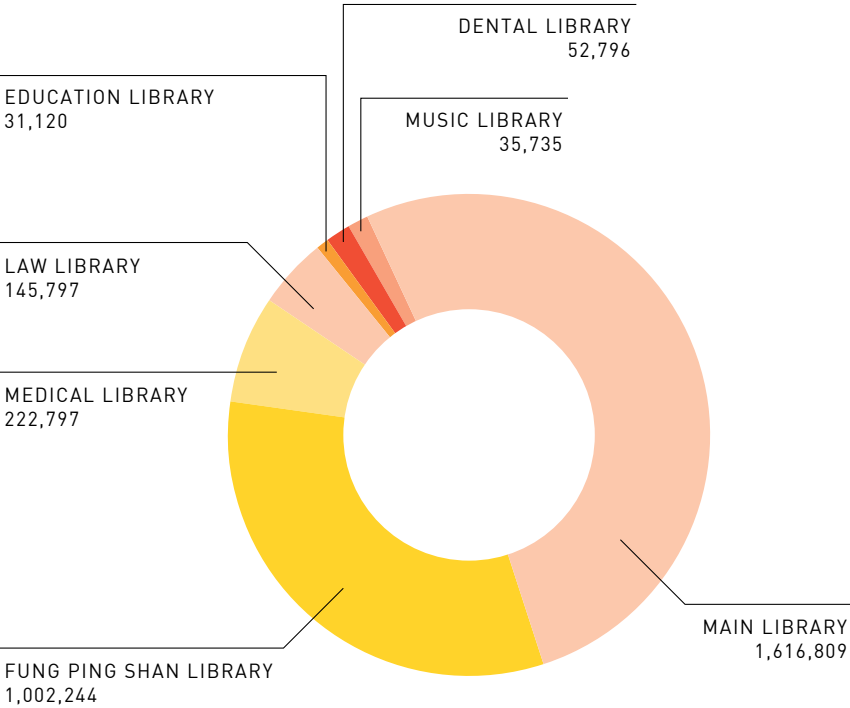
- Lilian Chan Man-lai (Library Assistant I),  
CJK and AV Cataloguing
- Lee Sze-keung (Library Assistant III),  
Dental Library
- Elton Li Kin-wing (Library Assistant II),  
Acquisitions
- Tam Hok-shing (Library Assistant),  
CJK and AV Cataloguing
- Marina Yeung Sau-ting (Library Assistant),  
Public Relations and Development



# Statistics

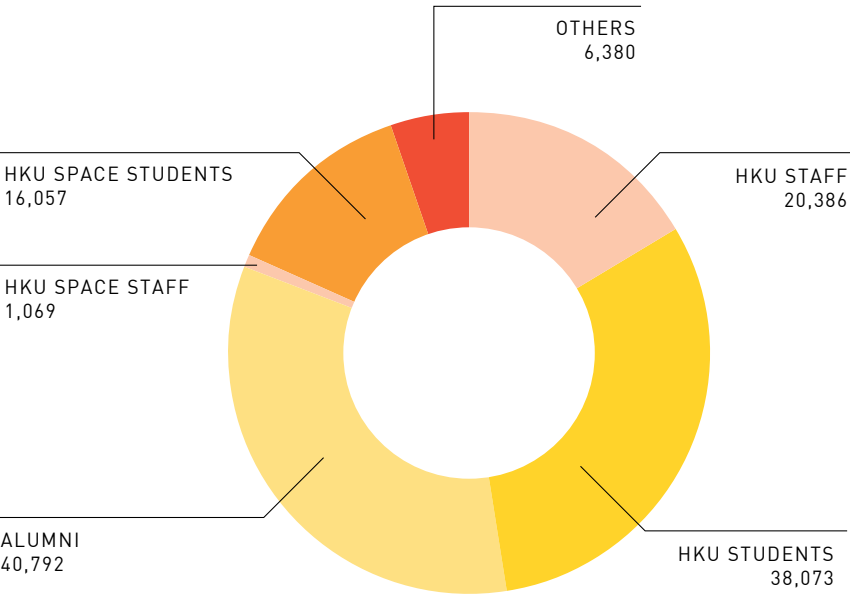
## VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES

TOTAL **3,107,298**



## REGISTERED USERS

TOTAL **122,757**



## E-RESOURCES\*

E-journals (Subscriptions)	248,736
E-journals (Titles)	201,074
E-databases	903
E-books	6,903,546
Computer files	16,515
E-video	96,362
E-audio	171,111

## E-RESOURCES USE\*

Access to library websites (hits)	9,167,783
Access to e-resources (times)	9,131,929

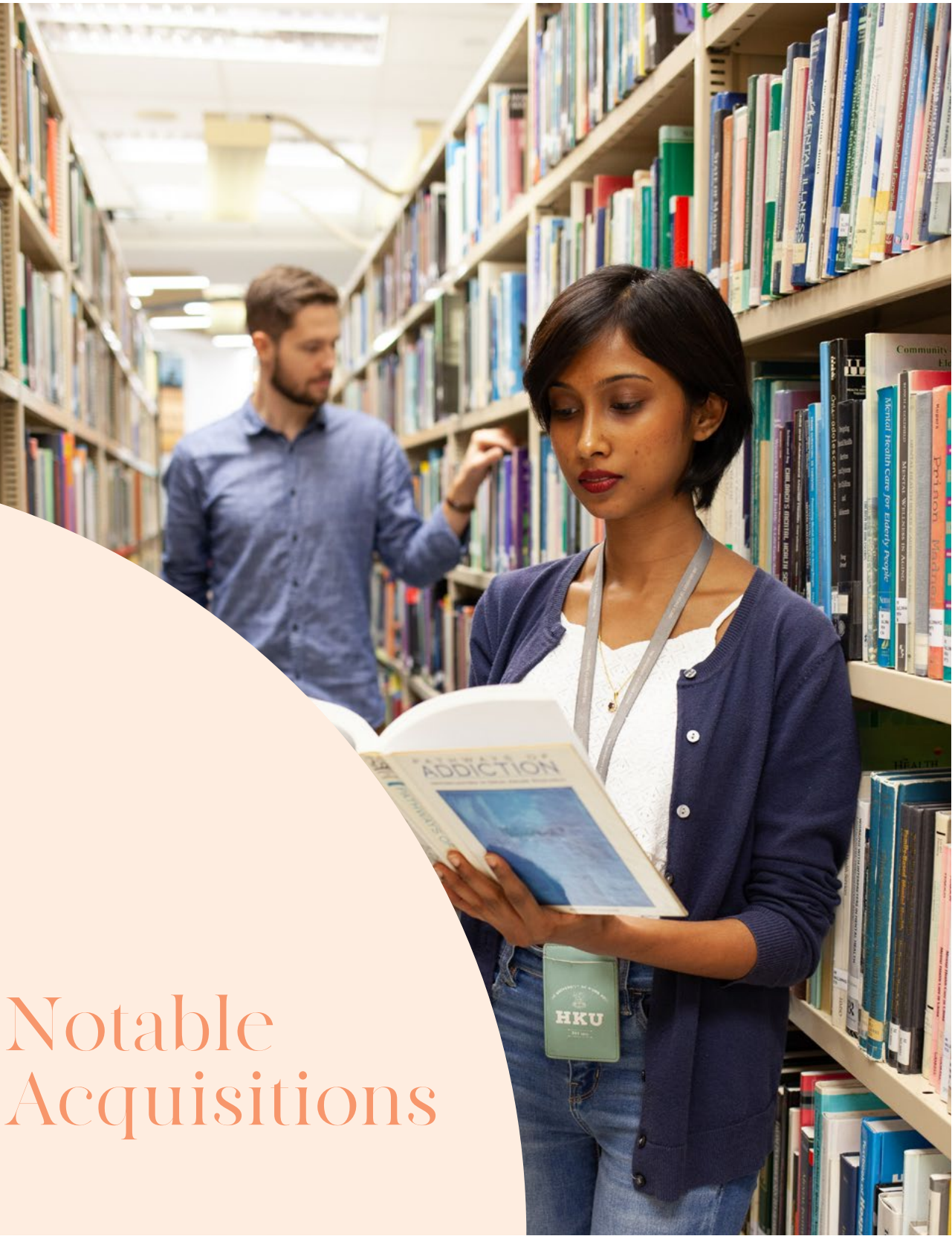
## INFORMATION SERVICES

Library instructions (Attendees)	13,868
Enquiries	58,435

## HKU SCHOLARS HUB

Number of items	221,535
Number of downloads	993,785

\* The new discovery tool FIND@HKUL and its online request function significantly reduced the steps in accessing information of our collections and completing e-forms on the library website.



# Notable Acquisitions

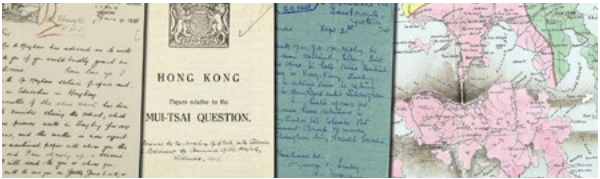


## CHINA AND THE MODERN WORLD, MODULE 3: DIPLOMACY AND POLITICAL SECRETS 1869 – 1950

Farmington Hills, Mich.: Gale Cengage Learning 2016 -

This module contains rare China-related historical documents from selected records within the Indian Office Records. They reflect the security concerns of British India.

[http://find.lib.hku.hk/record=HKU\\_IZ61531640750003414](http://find.lib.hku.hk/record=HKU_IZ61531640750003414)



## CHINA AND THE MODERN WORLD, MODULE 4: HONG KONG, BRITAIN AND CHINA 1841 – 1951

Farmington Hills, Mich.: Gale Cengage Learning 2016 -

A collection of British government documents on colonial Hong Kong. It contains the fabulous Colonial Office series 129 in digital format plus the letters and telegrams of other government departments and organizations.

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## NEWSPAPERS.COM (LIBRARY EDITION)

Ann Arbor, Michigan, ProQuest 2017

Provides 4,000+ digitized newspapers from 1700s into 2000s. It includes full runs and portions of runs of well-known, regional and state titles to small local newspapers in the United States and other countries.

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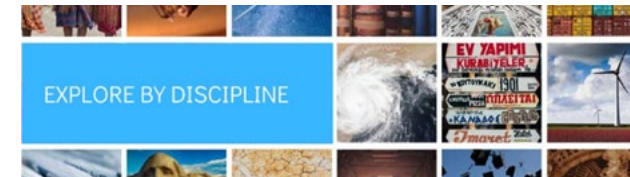


## PROQUEST STATISTICAL INSIGHT

Bethesda, Md.: ProQuest 1997

It provides access to statistical information produced by U.S. federal agencies, states, private organizations, and major intergovernmental organizations. It also offers broad perspectives and insight on long-term national trends and implications.

[http://find.lib.hku.hk/record=HKU\\_IJZ61552211270003414](http://find.lib.hku.hk/record=HKU_IJZ61552211270003414)



## OXFORD RESEARCH ENCYCLOPEDIAS

New York; Oxford: Oxford University Press 2013 –

Offer long-form overview articles written, peer-reviewed, and edited by leading scholars and cover both foundational and cutting-edge topics in order to develop, over time. Users can access ORE in social work, politics, communication and climate science.

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## SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

San Francisco, Calif.: Chas. D. Young & Co. 1869 –

Known as the “voice of the west”, the San Francisco Chronicle offers valuable research materials for the studies of the Chinese Immigration to the West Coast of the United States.

[http://find.lib.hku.hk/record=HKU\\_IJZ51552966590003414](http://find.lib.hku.hk/record=HKU_IJZ51552966590003414)



## THE JAPAN TIMES ARCHIVE

Minnetonka, MN: East View Information Services, distributor 2016 –

A searchable archive to the full-text and page images from the Japan Times from its founding in 1897 until 2017. It is Japan’s oldest English-language newspaper.

[http://find.lib.hku.hk/record=HKU\\_IJZ61547962670003414](http://find.lib.hku.hk/record=HKU_IJZ61547962670003414)



## GALLUP ANALYTICS

United States: Gallup

Users can access Gallup’s U.S. Daily tracking and World Poll data to compare responses by region or by nation to questions on topics such as economic conditions, government and business, health and wellbeing, infrastructure, and education.

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