The Dental Library is the only library of its kind found in the HKSAR to provide study and research facilities for students and teaching staff of the Faculty of Dentistry, as well as the dental practitioners in Hong Kong.

https://lib.hku.hk/dentlib/

The Fung Ping Shan Library offers a specialised collection of Chinese, Japanese and Korean materials. It has a worldwide reputation for the strength of its Chinese collections and plays an active part in resources sharing with libraries in China, Taiwan and other parts of the world.

https://lib.hku.hk/fpslib/

The Lui Che Woo Law Library has strong collections of legal materials from Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, China, and the major Commonwealth jurisdictions, and with its unique geographical location and commercial relationships with the vicinity, resources from the Asia-Pacific jurisdictions are also covered.

https://lib.hku.hk/lawlib/

The Music Library is the primary repository of musical materials at HKU. The collections comprise books, journals, scores, audio-visual materials and electronic resources that support research and teaching as well as the broad musical interests and activities of the University community.

https://lib.hku.hk/muslib/

The Tin Ka Ping Education Library provides a wide range of materials in support of teaching and learning, including pre-school to secondary school textbooks, teacher’s manuals, children’s literature, Hong Kong examination papers and audio-visual materials. Books and journals on education theory are housed in the Main Library.

https://lib.hku.hk/edulib/

The Yu Chun Keung Medical Library comprises significant digital resources, multimedia, and print collections on medical and health sciences in support of the curriculum, research, continuing education, and patient care needs of the HKU community. The Library became a World Health Organization Depository Library in 1993.

https://lib.hku.hk/medlib/

The University of Hong Kong Libraries is a central resource for research and knowledge discovery. Since its establishment in 1912, the library collections and services have evolved to meet the emerging needs of its patrons. Leading into the 21st century, the University Libraries enhances its role in the knowledge community, striking a balance in the provision of both print and electronic information resources, further integrating these resources into the teaching, learning and research environment. The HKU Scholars Hub, the current research information system of the University, enhances the visibility of HKU researches and fosters knowledge exchange.

The Libraries’ premises have also evolved over the years. Located on the ground floor, second floor and third floor of the Main Library, the Think Tank, Ingenium and Level 3 (respectively) are learning commons style facilities providing a variety of spaces suitable for different learning styles including reflective self-study as well as collaborative study. The Information Counter at Level 3 provides face-to-face support in the use of the facilities and in searching the myriad information resources subscribed by the Libraries or available on the Internet.

The Libraries consists of the Main Library and six branch libraries, namely the Dental Library, Fung Ping Shan Library, Lui Che Woo Law Library, Music Library, Tin Ka Ping Education Library and Yu Chun Keung Medical Library.

The Main Library comprises an all-rounded collection of materials in the arts, humanities, architecture, social sciences, and science and technology. Of scholarly interest is the Special Collections which houses a unique collection of Hong Kong materials and other specified collections including Western rare books on China.

https://lib.hku.hk/mainlib/

Ingenium derives its name from the adjective, ‘ingenious’, which evokes invention, imagination, and innovation. Located on the 2/F of the Main Library, the Ingenium is an interdisciplinary space for the University community to be inspired by and to interact with technology. The Ingenium comprises of 3 zones: Exhibition and Event Space, Library Innovation Centre and Tech@Ingenium.

https://lib.hku.hk/ingenium/

Think Tank situated on the G/F, the Think Tank comprised of the Quiet Study area and the adjacent Deep Quiet Study area, the Special Collections Joseph Needham Room, and the Seminar Room. The Think Tank lies central on the Ground Floor both geographically and psychologically.

https://lib.hku.hk/mltt/

Patrons benefit from the virtual learning environment through the rich and diverse base of knowledge resources provided by the Libraries.

Information skills training, both online and face-to-face, foster active and independent learning among our users.
1912 Establishment of The University of Hong Kong Libraries

1962 Main Library Old Wing opened

1978 First automation project with the development of a Machine-Readable Cataloguing (MARC) database

1979 Purchase of a turnkey system (DRA) for western language materials

1981 Development of an in-house automation system with modules covering circulation, serials control, acquisitions and an online public access catalogues

1989 Network infrastructure upgraded to Fast Ethernet (100Mbps)

1990s

1991 Main Library New Wing opened

1993 First CD-ROM tower installed

1995 HKU Libraries Homepage launched

1996 Innopac brought into use making possible the integration of western and CJK (Chinese, Japanese and Korean) materials. Simultaneous search on several library catalogues made possible

1997 WebPac provides hyperlinked access to e-resources on the network

1998 Launching of the Knowledge Navigation Centre (KNC) providing a one-stop shop environment for research and learning

2000s

2001 Re-design of the Libraries web page in anticipation of the information needs of the knowledge community

2002 Became the China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI) Databases Exchange Centre in Hong Kong

2003 Launching of Circle of Friends

2005 Became the first overseas member of Center for Research Libraries (CRL)

2006 One Millionth E-Book Celebration

2007 Partnered with the Hong Kong Central Library to launch the first referral service for public library readers to apply for a temporary pass to an academic library in Hong Kong

2008 Installed over 1.1 million radio frequency identification (RFID) tags into items with barcodes. This enabled users to check out and check in Main Library books using self-check stations

2009 Provided an open access compact shelving facility with an additional 10,940 linear metres of shelving space on 2/F, Main Library

2010 Upgraded to e-Video 2.0 by using streaming technology to stream digitised library video content

2011 HKU Libraries Centenary

2012 Opening of Level 3, a learning commons style facility, at Main Library

2013 The Education Library relocated from the Runme Shaw Building to the 8th floor of the Meng Wah Complex, occupying the renovated, former Council Chamber

2014 Interbranch Delivery Services for books extended to all branch libraries

2015 Three millionth print volume

2016 Second Floor Entrance opened in June connecting the Main Library to University Street and the HKU MTR

2017 A new Integrated Library System (ILS) was introduced in July

2018 The Yu Chun Keung Medical Library Renovations completed in September

2019 The official opening of 2/F Ingenium and the G/F Think Tank and learning spaces

Acquisition of the FormAsia Books photographic collection

2020 Launch of DigitalRepository@HKUL, Mobile@HKUL app and E-learning Resource Hub

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