With the beginning of another academic year, a number of developments in the Libraries are evident, while some are forthcoming.

Renovations and new services

The Medical Library has completed both phases of its renovations. Phase 1 of the project saw the introduction of a 24-hour Study Room and an upgraded computer instruction facility (Knowledge Hub) with much improved hardware, furniture and related peripherals. Phase 2 was completed in September and provides an array of facilities that represent significant improvements. The Medical Librarian's report in this issue provides a comprehensive overview on these improvements.

The Main Library's renovations continue with a likely end date being December. Much, however, has already been achieved. The Ground Floor improvements are almost complete with the new study area the Think Tank, the Seminar Room, the Special Collections Joseph Needham Room, study carrels and general facilities upgrades now all functioning. The new staircase and related social space will be completed in October while the bathrooms will take some more time.

The 2nd floor of the Main Library (Ingenium*) will see the most dramatic resurgence with the introduction of the LIC (Library Innovation Centre) which will include a One Button studio, editing/​DIY studios, new hardware including multimedia workstations for transmedia skill development and production, 3d printers, 3d scanners, a laser cutter and others, a digital interactive lab with a visualization wall for big data analysis and digital humanities and more. Additional features in Ingenium will include advanced dedicated facilities for visually impaired students and other students with special needs, extensive study spaces that will allow for special functions, workshops and related activities within a flexible environment as well as a rejuvenated exhibition space catering to physical and digital displays. The introduction of these facilities and related services enables the Library to further participate in student and faculty learning and research activities as well as providing opportunities for library staff to develop their skills within this dynamic environment.

* “genius; talent” - https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/ingenium
ReadingList@HKUL

With the introduction of the new shared ILS (integrated library system) across the 8 UGC libraries in July 2017, HKU Libraries has introduced an additional module, Leganto, that is part of the Ex Libris (the company behind the shared ILS) suite of products. Branded at HKU as ReadingList@HKUL, this service provides a streamlined approach to reading lists that enables faculty and librarians to work together in facilitating access to high demand library resources, both print and digital. With its seamless integration with Moodle, ReadingList@HKUL has the potential to centralize access to core readings where students and teachers both regularly traverse. Librarians, students and early faculty adopters of ReadingList@HKUL have provided positive feedback that will serve as a basis for extending the service across all courses. HKU Library is the first in Hong Kong to have introduced this service.

Professional Services Award

Finally, while there is much to read in this issue of Focus, I would like to draw attention to the 2017 Professional Services Awards and take this opportunity to congratulate Connie Lam and her Electronic Resources Cataloguing Team as one of the finalists of the Team Award as part of the SMARTER@HKU initiative. Through the use of technology and sheer determination, the Team has persistently set high standards of quality as well as output that are internationally recognized and appreciated across the world.

With best wishes for a successful academic year ahead.

Peter E. Sidorko
University Librarian
Wales Librarian Visit

15 March, 2018

On 15 March 2018, University Librarian, Peter Sidorko hosted a visit with Mr Rhodri Glyn Thomas, President of the National Library of Wales and discussed possible collaboration related to indexing rare Chinese manuscripts.

Mr Thomas presented Mr Sidorko with In This Place - The National Library of Wales.
Professional Services Award

29 March, 2018

On March 29, 2018, SMARTER@HKU organised a Celebration Gathering to recognise the Award Recipients and Finalists for the Professional Services Individual and Team Award 2017 and to celebrate their outstanding contribution in professional services.

The event was hosted by Executive Vice-President (Administration & Finance) Dr Steven Cannon. Over 90 colleagues including the Award Recipients and Finalists, their nominators and colleagues, members from the SMARTER@HKU Executive Action Group, Steering Group and Task Forces and colleagues from across the University joined the event.

The Electronic Resources Cataloguing Team of the University Libraries was one of the finalists of 2017 Professional Services Team Award. The team was nominated by Mr Peter Sidorko, University Librarian.

Over the years, the University Libraries have acquired a large number of Chinese e-books. However, vendors of these e-books did not provide cataloguing records of acceptable quality. The Electronic Resources Cataloguing Team created value by setting up original cataloguing to ensure users can access these Chinese e-books easily.

The Chinese e-book packages are sizeable, comprising tens of thousands of titles. The Team continuously developed new ways to enhance their workflow. These included using computer scripts for batch processing and upgrading the computer program whenever there were updates on cataloguing standards. The team worked closely with the Technical Support Services Division of the University Libraries.

In 2017, the Team achieved a high output of 61,073 original cataloguing records. The usage has further been boosted as other libraries across the world are able to copy the records as the Team has shared their records with the OCLC WorldCat database. This has not only helped raise the University’s profile in the library world, but also ensured that the University Libraries assume a leading role in the cataloguing of Chinese materials.

The Team demonstrated their outstanding solutions to streamlining workflows and their strong determination to improve professional services. Their high output provides solid evidence of their efficiency. Their great efforts have strengthened the University’s reputation globally and benefited library users internationally.
Earth Day Celebration x HKU Herb Garden Opening

20 April, 2018

The Herb Garden, opened for Earth Day 2018, Official Earth Day is 22 April, aims to promote sustainable living and human-nature connection.

The day’s event at the Herb Garden Opening included music, workshops, and herbal tea made from the Herb Garden's fresh produce!

Long Service Awards

12 June, 2018

Thirteen Library colleagues were awarded the Long Service Award by the University on 12 June 2018. Mr Choi Kam Shing, Ms Lam Lai Wai Carol and Mr Li Kin Wing Elton from Acquisitions and many Library colleagues attended the ceremony at Loke Yew Hall, Main Building.

https://www.cpaohku.hk/cpaoevents-ceremonies/long-service-awards-presentation-ceremony
Library Retirees 2018

Eight colleagues retired from the Libraries on 30 June 2018. They include:

- Ms Chan Miu Ching, Medical Library
- Mr Lai Chung Kin, Preservation and Conservation
- Mr Law Chung Kwong, Vitus Cataloguing
- Ms Tung Yee Ha, Delta Lending Services
- Dr Wan Yiu Chuen, Deputy University Librarian / Fung Ping Shan Librarian
- Mr Wong Hung Chiu, Peter Medical Library
- Ms Wong Oi Lin, Lisa Dental Library
- Mr Yeung Kin Tong, Ken Lending Services

After serving the Libraries for thirty-one years, Dr Wan Yiu Chuen, the former Deputy University Librarian and Fung Ping Shan Librarian retired this year. A farewell dinner was held to celebrate his retirement.

In June 2018, a farewell party was held to celebrate the retirement for Mr Wong Hung Chiu Peter from the Medical Library and Ms Tung Yee Ha Delta from Lending Services.

A million thanks to all the retirees for all their support and excellent work at the Libraries for so many years. Best wishes on their retirement!
Capturing and understanding user needs as a means of improving academic libraries: *the case of a Cambridge College: A Library Talk* by Janet Chow

30 August, 2018

Janet Chow, Academic Services Librarian at St John’s College, Cambridge University delivered a talk to librarians on 20th August 2018. The St John’s College Working Library serves the staff and students of St John’s College within Cambridge’s college structure. Janet shared with us how important the Working Library is to the College’s community and learning environment. She conducted a comprehensive survey last year to investigate the extent to which the Library was serving user needs. During the talk, attended by librarians from HKU and other UGC libraries, Janet made an argument for updating and adapting the library survey in order to get the best and most useful feedback from users. She emphasized the need to design survey questions based on clear aims and research questions, and provided advice on pilot testing and making good use of the Qualtrics survey product.

The librarians in attendance were interested to learn about the evidence-based decision making that arose from the survey findings. The Working Library reviewed its book stock, purchased core text e-books, created a silent study room, and introduced ‘Desk-in-use’ slips for users to reserve study spaces, among other initiatives. Janet highlighted the challenges and benefits of the survey project and exchanged ideas with those in attendance. HKU Libraries was glad to host this insightful talk, and the audience certainly benefited from the practical advice and sharing.
The Libraries NEWS

Medical Library

We are pleased to report that the renovation works of the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library were completed on 21 September. The works were done in 2 phases, 2 January – 27 February (Phase 1) and 14 June – 21 September 2018. The overall aim of the renovation was to upgrade the G/F of the library into a technology-rich, flexible and collaborative learning space by creating and reorganizing areas with improved or new facilities to fit in with current teaching and learning needs. The overall decor has a natural, bright and comfortable design.

Phase 1 of the renovation brought in a new Printing Room, a much needed 24-hour Study Room and an updated Knowledge Hub (instruction room). The 24-hour Study Room was the long-awaited answer to students’ demand for an overnight study facility on the Sassoon Road campus. The renovated Knowledge Hub offers improved teaching and facilities including a high-resolution projector and new laptops for student learning.

Phase 2 of the renovation created a bright and comfortable collaboration zone with six spacious discussion rooms, all with sea view. There is also a revitalized technology zone with computers on more comfortable desks for prolonged usage. All study carrels now have a larger desktop and are equipped with dual power points and USB ports for recharging mobile devices. Thirty research carrels with a smart-card operated cabinet will be offered to postgraduate students for booking from October. A long-standing desk with full sea view is also available to accommodate six library patrons. To help students take a break from their studies, the Exhibitions and Relaxation Zone offers soft-seating and a circular bookshelf for housing leisure reading. A games corner is also available to students, a first among HKU libraries.

The total seating capacity has been increased by 65 on the Ground Floor to cater to the increasing number of student intake in the coming years. We trust that the renovated Medical Library will become an attractive and welcoming place for Library patrons with its technology-rich, flexible and collaborative learning space.
Taking teaching and learning support to the next level …

**University Libraries Goes Live with ReadingList@HKUL**

The University Libraries is pleased to announce the soft launch of [ReadingList@HKUL](https://www.readinglist.hk/) on 11 September 2018 to enhance library support for teaching and learning.

ReadingList@HKUL is the Leganto reading list solution from Ex Libris, the company behind the shared integrated library system (ILS) introduced for the 8 UGC libraries in July last year.

With the implementation of this reading list solution, the HKU Libraries joins a growing global community of libraries that are now able to integrate course readings with library workflows. The University Libraries is also proud to be the first library in Hong Kong to add to this growing community.

ReadingList@HKUL is a cloud-based service for creating, maintaining, using, and sharing course reading lists. HKU course reserve materials and reading lists are now available via ReadingList@HKUL from the Libraries’ search tool FIND@HKUL.

University Librarian Peter Sidorko explained: “ReadingList@HKUL is seamlessly integrated with the library system and HKU Moodle, and has a great opportunity for success on campus by streamlining reading lists and providing a central location for course materials. We are pleased to have ReadingList@HKUL not only as a convenient and powerful tool that helps course instructors build reading lists, but also as a service through which we can take a more active role in the teaching and learning processes of the university community.”

**Small Beginnings**

The soft launch of the Libraries sees the relocation or creation of over 255 reading lists from courses of 10 faculties, the Libraries, and Common Core courses, with nearly 2,309 citations. During the summer, Faculty and Branch Librarians have also worked closely with pilot volunteers in each of the faculty to test build reading lists for their Moodle courses. The creation of 28 reading lists with 456 citations accessible from Moodle courses of almost all the faculties is encouraging as we seek to deepen collaboration between instructors, librarians and students.

**What’s Next?**

**For students & faculty:** Visit [ReadingList@HKUL](https://www.readinglist.hk/) for your course readings, and get a feel of the new interface and improved user experience. Search by list title, course title, course code, or course instructor. Or browse by faculty. And start accessing resources!

**For course instructors:** Interested in preparing course reading lists for your students with ReadingList@HKUL and have them linked directly to your Moodle course? Add ReadingList as an external tool in your Moodle course. [View this video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1234567890) to see how to add the tool. Check this [guide for instructors](https://www.readinglist.hk/guide) on details of using the tool. Or contact your Faculty or Branch Librarians for further details. Stay tuned to demonstrations and workshops that will be offered to instructors in the coming semesters.
Endnote Mac (BYOD) in new Seminar Room on G/F

With the opening of the G/F Seminar Room, the Information Services Division organized several Endnote Mac Workshops there. The sessions were very successful in view of the extremely positive feedback. We are especially pleased to see the record high score received for the items under “Environment”.

The Libraries will continue to capitalize on the great learning facilities in offering the information literacy programmes. Watch out for upcoming training events, which include Research Data Management Workshops and research seminars.

Top 1% Scientists at HKU

The Information Services Division has just completed the compilation of the list of Top 1% Scientists at HKU. This year, the list includes 114 researchers with publications exceeding the citation threshold in their respective fields. The analysis is based on the July 12, 2018 update of the Essential Science Indicators database, which covers the 10-year + 6 months period from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2018. The list will be published in the Scholars Hub and the data reported in the University's Top and Foremost publication.
Sustainable Sunday Couture
Domestic Workers Upcycling Fashion
18 March – 2 April, 2018

In collaboration with the Department of Sociology, Sustainable Sunday Couture: Domestic Workers Upcycling Fashion, supported by the HKU Knowledge Exchange Fund was showcased in HKU, the Main Library from 18 March to 2 April 2018.

The exhibition showcased 12 costumes and crafts made of everyday upcycled materials like coffee sachets, soda tabs, and plastic straws, etc. designed and created by Ms Elpie A. Malicsi. One of the costumes was a product of collaboration with the university’s Sustainability Office. In an effort to reduce the use of plastic straws in campus, hundreds of used straws were collected from canteens in the campus in a span of few days and turned into an extravagant gown. Along with the costumes, Ms Malicsi’s tools, previous acknowledgement of her talent and achievements were also displayed.

As a Filipino domestic helper in Hong Kong, Elpie’s costumes speak to the need for a more inclusive dialogue about sustainability, one that addresses the links between sustainability and labour rights, decent work and domestic workers’ creative contributions to Hong Kong culture.

The exhibition attracted diverse groups of public from students to domestic helpers, migrant workers’ right activists and upcycle enthusiasts. Visitors showed great support and appreciation towards Ms Malicsi’s works through comment cards. One visitor wrote:

“Fascinating! Very creative and artistic. I’m deeply impressed by the artwork and efforts in protecting the environment. Thank you for the beautiful display. You open up my eyes!”

For more information and photos of the project, please visit our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/SustainableSundayCouture or visit Sociology Department page at: https://sociology.hku.hk/our-research/projects/sustainable-sunday-couture/

Ms Merina Sunuwari and Dr Julie Ham
Past EVENTS / EXHIBITION

Used Book Sale  
27 March, 2018

Unveiling The Veil: Muslim Women in Hong Kong Art Exhibition  
18 April – 3 May, 2018

Supported by the HKU Class of '84 Social Inclusion Fund and the General Education Unit and in collaboration with the Main Library, the Muslim Students’ Association, Muslim Women in Hong Kong was pleased to present the art exhibition *Unveiling the Veil: Muslim Women in Hong Kong* from 18th April to 3rd May 2018.

The exhibition showcased more than forty-five art pieces created by over twenty-five local female Muslim artists. Although differing in race, ethnicity, nationality, age, profession and social class, all of them belong to Asia’s multicultural world city, sharing the same breathing space with the rest of us. Through the universal language of art, they conveyed their thinking and feelings, aspirations and reflections, which were otherwise often shielded from the mainstream society. Three non-Muslim artists also participated in the show with their observations as “outsiders”, thus speaking to a broader concept of solidarity in the present struggles of identity politics.

The exhibition was well received by local Muslim communities and their non-Muslim counterparts. Feeling empowered, one Muslim woman visitor commented:

“This really has been able to tell the story from a different angle. From a side that we would agree...My veil is my freedom and my liberation. A BIG THANK YOU for organizing this!”

“Let’s embrace and respect the differences. Thank you for staying in and choosing Hong Kong.” One non-Muslim visitor wrote.

For more information and photos of the project, please visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/HKMuslimWomen/.

Ms Yang, Zi Shi
Notable ACQUISITIONS

East India Company
Marlborough, Wiltshire, UK: Adam Matthew Digital 2017-

It offers access to a unique full-text collection of India Office Records from the British Library, London. Containing royal charters, correspondence, trading diaries, minutes of council meetings and reports of expeditions, among other document types, this resource charts the history of British trade and rule in the Indian subcontinent and beyond from 1595 to 1947.

http://www.eastindiacompany.amdigital.co.uk.eproxy.lib.hku.hk/

Local Gazetteers 新方志
Beijing: Wanfang data Corporation (International) Ltd, 200?

The China Local Gazetteers Database is jointly developed by Wanfang Data and the Institute of Scientific and Technology Information of China. It is a collection of 26,075 full-text titles of China local gazettes or chronicles published after 1949. Documenting social, economic, political and cultural development of new China.

http://c.g.wanfangdata.com.hk.eproxy.lib.hku.hk/LocalChronicle.aspx

Gift-in-Kind ceremony with the Consulate General of India
29 August, 2018

The Consulate General of India presented over 30 books related to, Bharat Ek Parichay (Know India) – Sharing India with the World, to the Libraries.

Mr Ajith John Joshua, Consul (Commerce, Political and Media) and Mr Peter Sidorko
The Libraries received a Gift-in-Kind collection from the Zhejiang Publishing Joint Group. The collection, 28 parcels, included material related to the Zhejiang culture, "Zhejiang Wen Cong", as well as materials on Dunhuang art, Liangzhu culture, calligraphy, and painting from famous artists.

Donation Titles:

- 绿园地图书(精)
- 西山之歌—美丽的中国的日记
- 赵特选作品集
- 捐赠华中科技大学出版社
- 2050中国全面建设社会主义现代化强国(精)
- 莫言长篇小说全集
- 他们期望上苍
- 姜村史志(六部曲)：随风飘散
- 姜村史志(六部曲)：荒芜
- 姜村史志(六部曲)：空山
- 姜村史志(六部曲)：轻雾
- 姜村史志(六部曲)：命运与达戈
- 万籁之灵：中国佛教文化全集
- 姜村史志(六部曲)：火
- 纸上谈吃(1-3册)美食系列
- 演义六艺之—书法
- 贾公道(左家右齿先编溪流集)
- 古籍新编(古籍未见及藏书楼6种共12册)
- 人民邮电(南下北上晋晋南行集)
- 理学(精)
- 中国哲学史(精)
- 我的观察之窗
- 赵先丽(中国当代摄影图库)
- 赵明瑟(中国当代摄影图库)
- 赵明瑟(中国当代摄影图库)
- 赵明瑟(中国当代摄影图库)
- 吴文光(中国当代摄影图库)
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- 吴文光(中国当代摄影图库)
- 刘军(中国当代摄影图库)
- 刘军(中国当代摄影图库)
- 美术(精)
- 美术(精)
Resident Therapy Dog Jasper Sessions is a hit!

Based on the strong support for the Therapy Dog Pilot Programme held in December 2017, the Libraries continued the programme during the May 2018 assessment period with additional sessions throughout the semester.

For more information on the Resident Therapy Dog Programme, visit the libguide: http://libguides.lib.hku.hk/c.php?g=771252&p=5532393

To follow Jasper on Facebook or Instagram go to:
https://www.facebook.com/jasper.hk.5
https://www.instagram.com/jasperhk8/

Clockwise: Main Library, Education Library, Music Library and Law Library
Jasper Interviews
26 January / 8 February / 6 March, 2018

Common Core Course with Jasper
21 April, 2018

Gary E. Chin, the Library’s Public Relations and Development manager and Jasper were invited to share the Library’s Resident Therapy Dog Programme with the Department of Sociology Common Core class: Some we love, some we eat: Human-animal relationships in the global marketplace. Mr Chin also shared the background of Jasper and his brother Cooper. Cooper was featured in an SCMP article on the pet trade in Hong Kong, https://www.scmp.com/video/hong-kong/1833422/hong-kong-pedigree-puppy-mills-expose-ugly-side-citys-pet-trade

For videos about Jasper, go the Library’s YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/c/HKULibrariesCollection
Dr Dog Sessions
10 May, 2018 at Dental Library / 16 May, 2018 at Medical Library

The Dental Library hosted their first Dr Dog session during the May 2018 Assessment Period. Everyone was excited to meet the team of specialists including Dean Flemmig.

Due to popular demand, the Medical Library held its second Dr Dog session in May. Both students and staff took a break from their busy schedules to meet their fellow colleagues to enjoy some stress relief and fun.

Exercise is Medicine Month Walk
10 May, 2018

The Centre for Sports and Exercise held their Exercise is Medicine Month in May 2018. Jasper supported a group walk along University Street and did some stretching at the Centennial Campus Bricks Wall.

For photos of exhibitions and events, go to our Facebook Event Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/hkulevents/>
READING CLUB
Past Book Talks

Little Reunions: Eileen Chang’s triumphant return to HKU
Speakers: Martin Merz
Moderator: Ilaria Maria Sala
Date: 8 May, 2018 (Tue)
https://youtu.be/e2pY8Q8azMk

兩岸故宮的世紀傳奇
The Miraculous History of China’s Two Palace Museums
Speakers: Mark O’Neill
Moderator: Julian Stargardt
Date: 28 June, 2018 (Thu)

『紅樓夢』閱讀— Made Simple
Handling the most difficult Chinese novel
Speakers: Chip Taso 陶傑
Date: 9 July, 2018 (Mon)

香港六七暴動始末 解讀吳荻舟
Speakers: Ching Cheong 程翔
Moderator: Kiang Kwan Sang 江關生
Date: 18 Sept, 2018 (Tue)
https://youtu.be/t1NsW_PL2xU

For photos of the book talks, go to our Facebook Event Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/hkulevents/>