

Welcome to University of Hong Kong Libraries

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.

MISSION:

As the intellectual heart of the University, the University of Hong Kong Libraries shares with the University its aspiration to attain international distinction. To achieve this we build, preserve and facilitate access to resources required to support the full academic programme. We complement these resources with services that enable their discovery and application, and we provide diverse physical and virtual environments that support the teaching, learning and research needs of our University.

We do all of this:

- (i) to help prepare our students to be successful in their chosen careers and personal lives as well as to be responsible global citizens; and,
- (ii) to enable our University staff to contribute to the growth and development of our society.

VALUES:

- Excellence in customer service with a focus on user-centred approaches;
- Collaboration, innovation and creativity;
- Accountability in our resource management, actions and decisions;
- High degree of flexibility to serve a diverse community of users;
- Caring, friendly and helpful;
- Timely and efficient service;
- Dedication to our organization and society;
- Self awareness and initiative for continuous improvement.



MAIN LIBRARY AND ITS BRANCHES



The Main Library comprises an all-rounded collection of materials in the arts, humanities, architecture, social sciences, and science and technology. Knowledge Navigation Centre (KNC) in the central atrium of G/F provides one-stop shop convenience for information search and knowledge production. With its state-of-the-art infrastructure, students can efficiently search the myriad of e-resources and prepare their reports and presentations. Workstations are also provided on each floor for the convenience of users.

Of scholarly interest is the **Special Collections** which houses a unique collection of Hong Kong materials, rare books, pamphlets, and microforms. In recent years, the University Libraries has also gained depository status for a number of core international collections, and two of these are housed in the Special Collections. They are the **European Documentation Centre** and the **World Trade Organization**. The **Audio-visual Collections** offer a rapidly expanding collection of AV items covering a broad range of subject areas, ranging from educational, documentary, popular to programmes of special interest. The video enables users to enjoy selected digitized streaming videos online.



DENTAL LIBRARY

lib.hku.hk/denlib

Located on the fifth and sixth floors of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital in Sai Ying Pun, provides study and research facilities for the Faculty of Dentistry and the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences. The Dental Library maintains extensive collections in Dentistry, Biomedicines and Speech and Hearing Sciences and is particularly strong in serials collection and holdings of audio-visual materials.

EDUCATION LIBRARY

lib.hku.hk/edulib

Housed with the Education Faculty on the fourth floor of the Runme Shaw Building. It provides study and research facilities for the academics, students and postgraduates of the Faculty of Education, and other staff and students of the University. The Education Library provides a wide range of materials in support of teaching and learning, including textbooks (Pre-school to Year 13), teacher manuals, children's books, Hong Kong examination papers, assessment exercises and audio-visual materials. Books and journals on education theory are housed in the Main Library.

FUNG PING SHAN LIBRARY

lib.hku.hk/fpslib

Housed in Main Library and was officially opened on 14 December 1932 by Sir William Peel, then Governor of Hong Kong. The Fung Ping Shan Library offers a specialist collection of Chinese, Korean and Japanese materials on literature, history, social sciences and technology as well as gazetteers, genealogies, rubbings and seals. The Library 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.



LUI CHE WOO LAW LIBRARY

lib.hku.hk/lawlib

Housed in the K.K. Leung Building with the Faculty of Law. It provides study and research facilities for the academics, students and postgraduates of the Faculty, and other staff and students of the University. Reflecting the historical development of Hong Kong, and the faculty's common law tradition of Hong Kong, the Lui Che Woo Law Library has strong collections of material from Hong Kong and the United Kingdom. It also has extensive collections in the major common law and Pacific Rim jurisdictions (Canada, US, Australia, New Zealand), as well as a Chinese language collection focusing on the PRC, Taiwan and Macau.

MUSIC LIBRARY

lib.hku.hk/muslib

Located in the Hung Hing Ying Building with the Music Department. It primarily serves the curriculum, research and performance needs of the Music Department but welcomes all University members with a valid library card. The collection consists of books, journals, scores, audio & video recordings (CDs, LPs, cassettes, videotapes, VCDs, DVDs, LDs) of musical performances. Facilities are readily available for in-library listening and viewing of all material types.

YU CHUN KEUNG MEDICAL LIBRARY

lib.hku.hk/medlib

Completed in January 2002, is a state-of-the-art facility in the Faculty of Medicine Building on Sassoon Road, equipped with sophisticated information technology to provide a virtual learning environment conducive to study and research.

The mission of the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library is to serve the curriculum, research, continuing education, and patient care needs of the University of Hong Kong and its Medical Faculty. It is an integral part of the University Libraries comprising significant digital resources, multimedia as well as extensive print collections on biomedical and health sciences. Its overall aim is to become a regional centre of excellence in support of teaching, research and scholarship in these fields. The Collection traces its origin back to the founding, in 1887, of the Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese, forerunner of the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Medicine. The Library became a **World Health Organization Depository Library** in 1993.



QUALITY LIBRARY RESOURCES

WE ARE COMMITTED TO OFFER THE ACCESS OF OUR ELECTRONIC RESOURCES WITHOUT ANY GEOGRAPHIC AND TIME LIMITATIONS.

The **Libraries Homepage** is now transformed to a digital hub for accessing the bibliographic and full-text databases as well as the rapidly expanding e-collection of books, journals and news. All these resources support the research, teaching and learning needs of the University community. Users will particularly appreciate fulltext retrieval at their desktop through databases such as *EBSCOhost*, *IEEE/IEE electronic library*, *Proquest* and *China Journal Net*, or through e-journal subscriptions via various publishers such as ScienceDirect, JSTOR and *Wiley InterScience*. This virtual learning space is further enhanced by subscriptions to e-news, such as *WiseNews* and e-books, e.g. *NetLibrary*, *EEBO*, *ebrary* and *Apabi*.

The **HKUL Digital Initiatives**, through its digitization projects, have opened up online access to local collections originally in print format. Some of these projects include *Basic Law Drafting History Online*; *ExamBase*; *Hong Kong Government Reports Online*; *Sun Yat-sen in Hong Kong*, *Hong Kong's War Crimes Trials Collection*, *Early western books on Asia* etc. The **HKU Scholars Hub** is an institutional repository (IR) that collects, showcases, preserves and increases the discovery of the intellectual output of HKU scholars. The Libraries has also made great strides in the development of more powerful search interfaces. With Research Pro users can simultaneously search multiple resources, such as library catalogues, databases and web resources.

OUR COLLECTIONS INCLUDE:

Books	2,853,638
E-books	2,903,232
Current Serials	9,022
E-Journals	43,102
E-database	687
Computer files	40,279
Audiovisual materials	68,393
Microforms	1,576,241



QUALITY ENVIRONMENT

WE ARE COMMITTED TO OFFER YOU A FRIENDLY AND CONGENIAL RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT.

Study tables are available on each floor for users to conduct their research or studies. **Student Learning Centre** is also open 24 hrs for HKU staff and students. Besides, a number of single study rooms are available for HKU higher degree students.

The Knowledge Navigation Centre (KNC) in the central atrium of the Main Library serves as the campus gateway to the global information network. At the KNC, users can take advantage of the latest hardware and software to explore the world of information and create their presentations. It is the hub where users can integrate learning, research and digital publishing in one convenient place.

Users will find power and computer network sockets and recharger for notebook computers in the study areas within the library. The computer network sockets are intended for HKU staff and students to connect their notebook computers to the **Access Everywhere Network (ACEnet)**, a part of the University's campus network. The **Wireless LAN** coverage within the library also enables HKU staff and students to access the Internet via radio signals without the use of cables and network sockets.

New **Library Commons** will be set up in November 2011 to provide a range of learning spaces suitable to different learning styles including reflective self-study as well as collaborative study in small and larger groups, please refer to <http://lib.hku.hk/mlr/> for details.



QUALITY RESEARCH ADVISORY SERVICE

WE ARE COMMITTED TO OFFER YOU PROFESSIONAL ADVICE ON LIBRARY RESEARCH.

Professional librarians provide research services through various venues in support of teaching, learning and research at HKUL. Users can visit the Reference Counter in person or talk to a librarian over the phone. **Text A Librarian** enables HKUL users to send questions to and receive answers from Reference Librarians by using the text message feature of their mobile phones. Users can also **Ask-a-Librarian** by email 24 hours a day and a librarian will normally respond to such enquiries within one working day. For more in-depth advisory services, users can make an appointment through the **Research Consultation Service** and a professional librarian will be able to discuss and focus on specific research needs. This service is available to HKU/HKU SPACE academic staff and postgraduate students only.

HKUL also offers **Library Instruction Programmes** to empower users to become independent researchers by fostering effective and efficient information search skills. Details of the Programmes can be found at the Libraries Homepage>Instruction>Library courses <http://lib.hku.hk/general/instruction/>. In order to cultivate user self-sufficiency HKUL also develops an **Online Research Guides and Subject Guides** to assist users in using the HKUL and the myriad information resources.



MILESTONES OF THE LIBRARIES

Before 1990

- 1912 Establishment of the HKU Libraries
- 1962 Main Library Old Wing opened
- 1978 First automation project with the development of a Machine-Readable Cataloguing (MARC) database
- 1981 Development of an in-house automation system with modules covering circulation, serials control, acquisitions and an online public access catalogue
- 1989 Purchase of a turnkey system (DRA) for western language materials

1991 - 2000

- 1991 Main Library New Wing opened
- 1993 First CD-ROM towers installed. Development of the Hong Kong University Libraries Information Systems (HKULIS) providing a hub for accessing the growing collection of CD-ROMs
- 1995 HKU Libraries Homepage launched. The Homepage is later developed into the virtual hub for accessing the rich collection of digital resources
- 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. The first HKUL Digital Initiative, ExamBase, launched. Other local digital initiatives were subsequently introduced Network cabling and PC interface cards upgraded to Fast Ethernet (100mbps)
- 1997 WebPac provides hyperlinked access to e-resources on the network
HKUL becomes a founding member of the Pacific Rim Digital Library Alliance (PRDLA)
Book Recommendation Online (BRO) introduced for online ordering of books and other library materials
- 1998 Launching of the Knowledge Navigation Centre (KNC) providing a one-stop shop environment for research and learning Electronic Reserve Collection created for easy search and retrieval of lecture notes placed on HKUL reserve by faculty



MILESTONES OF THE LIBRARIES

2000-

- 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
Second Millionth Volume Celebration
EZproxy enhances the convenience for remote access
- 2003 Launching of Circle of Friends.
Establishment of HKUL Leadership Institute
MyLibrary@Hand launched
MyLibrary introduced to provide personalized information service
Metafind provides a one-search-for-all platform
- 2004 Introduction of WebBridge for citation linking
Establishment of MyAlerts, a personalized current awareness service
Launched 24x7 Student Learning Centre
- 2005 Revamped HKU Libraries Homepage
Became the first overseas member of Center for Research Libraries (CRL)
Establishment of HKALL (Hong Kong Academic Library Link)
- 2006 One millionth e-book celebration
HKU Scholars Hub launched
- 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
Convened the 21st Century Scholarly Communication: The Role of Institutional Repositories in the Open Access Movement Conference
- 2008 Launched Rare Book Digitisation Project
Launched RFID Collection Management & Circulation System
- 2009 Set up huge compact storage on 2nd Floor, Main Library
- 2011 Revemp HKU Libraries Homepage
Library Commons (Under construction)

