

"Then and Now - 30 years" Dental Library History Exhibition

Establishment of Dental Studies in Hong Kong

In July 1974, the Legislative Council of Hong Kong approved a white paper on The Further Development of Medical and Health Services in Hong Kong which proposed a dental school be established at The University of Hong Kong. In June 1976, following the reports submitted by the Dental Academic Advisory Committee, a new teaching dental hospital and a degree course in dentistry were recommended in order to initiate dental studies in Hong Kong. The proposals included a dental school which would consist of five clinical Dental Departments - Children's Dentistry and Orthodontics, Conservative Dentistry, Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine, Periodontology and Public Health, and Prosthetic Dentistry. Several other dental-related units and supporting services together with a Dental Library were also required.

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Preparation for a Well-Stocked Dental Library

It was not until 1979 that a generous budget was set up and was approved for the stockings of the Dental Library. Accommodation for the library stockings was temporarily provided in the Main Library at The University of Hong Kong from 1979 to 1981.

Ms Elaine Morgan was appointed as the first Dental Librarian (1979 - 1983). She was generally responsible for the overall administration, acquisitions, and collection development of the newly-launched Dental Library.

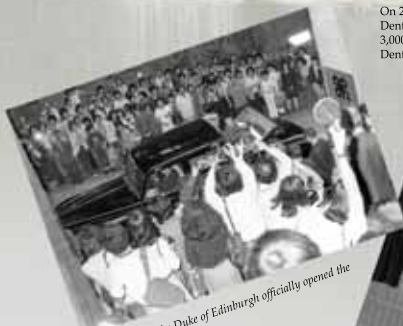


Ms Elaine Morgan,
First Dental Librarian

Temporary accommodation was provided
in the Main Library in 1979

Opening of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital & the Dental Library

On 24 March 1981, the Prince Philip Dental Hospital (PPDH) was officially opened. The Dental Library was subsequently relocated to the 6/F of the PPDH with initial collection of 3,000 volumes of books, 280 journal titles and 350 audiovisual materials. Since then, the Dental Library has been providing services to the Dental Studies teaching staff and students.



Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh officially opened the
new hospital in 1981.



Source: Knowledge Transfer Unit,
Faculty of Dentistry



Source: SCMP March 25, 1981 page A10



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Photo Gallery ...

to witness the transformations of the Dental Library
(1981 - 2011)

1980 ~



1990 ~



Now ~



Significant Events of the Dental Library

1978

Planning for a Dental Library at the Dental Training Hospital in Sai Ying Pun
First appointment of Miss Elaine Morgan as Dental Librarian

1981

Opening of the Dental Library

1984

Running a pilot project of online catalogue

1986-1987

Compilation of References to Health Science Literature relating to Hong Kong during 1980-1984

1988

Extension of the fifth floor
Provision of library services to the newly established Department of Speech & Hearing Sciences

1990

Introduction of MEDLINE CD-ROM bibliographic search service

1992-1993

Mounting the Database of Dental Literature Relating to Hong Kong on Faculty file server

1993-1994

Enabling remote access of networked CD-ROM titles

1995-1996

Launching of the Dental Library Homepage
Loading of MEDLINE onto the UNIX server to enable 24-hour remote access and WWW access

1997-1998

Completion of library upgrade works including improvement of lighting and recabling of network connection

1999

Installation of ACENet nodes and new signage
Addition of OPAC workstations on the fifth floor
Setting up discussion rooms on the fifth floor

2000

Establishment of Knowledge Navigation Centre (KNC)

2001

Mounting the Web-Based Faculty Publication Database on homepage
Renovation of library entrance and staff office
Installation of Wireless LAN and Plasma TV
Installation of new copiers with Octopus charging system

2002

Installation of a Book Drop on the first floor of PPDH

2004

Addition of Community Health Projects to Dragon HKUL catalogue
Addition of guides & tutorials related to dentistry and medical sciences to the Dental Library Homepage

2006

Installation of a new server for controlling the network printing services in Knowledge Navigation Centre

2007

Launching of a new and improved network printing system with Octopus and CopyKey card charging system

2009

Launching of Laptop loaning programme

2010

Launching of the Dentistry Subject Guide



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A Look into Future

More automated library services - RFID Technology

Dental Library is planning to implement the RFID technology for its collections in order to provide easier, faster and more efficient library services to the library users sometime in 2011. With the implementation of the RFID technology, library users will be able to check out and check in library materials simply by using the new SelfCheck Kiosk installed in the Library. Furthermore, with the help of Digital Library Assistant, stock taking or lost items tracking will be an easy task.



Self-Check System



RFID tag



Digital Library Assistant



Detection System



Pad Staff Workstation



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