

Welcome to the Education Library History Exhibition

Our History

The Education Library was established in January 1978 on the sixth floor of the Main Library Building Old Wing and moved to the Runme Shaw Building in 1984. The reason for the move was due to a need to build a facility in close proximity to the Faculty of Education. At that time, the Library was comprised of a rich collection of books on theory and principle, teaching methodology, educational journals, Hong Kong examination papers and syllabi, reference materials and teaching kits. Starting 1990, the rapid growth of our collection caused constraint of space. Therefore, the relocation of certain books on theory and education journals to the Main Library followed. Ever since, the Education Library collections have focused on teaching support resources, curriculum materials, school textbooks, assessment exercises and audio-visual materials. These materials are popular amongst both students and staff alike. The range of teaching resources reflects the needs of a variety of curricular and research interests.

Amongst one of the branch libraries in the University, the Education Library provides a motivating and tranquil atmosphere for private study, leisure reading and research. Today, the library has a stock of over 35,000 volumes. At the peak, our collection had reached over 77,000 volumes. As time went by, so as to provide for an even more comfortable study environment for visitors, many less-used materials were transferred to the main storage and more space has been converted to support collaborative learning.



1978 The Education Library was open on the sixth floor of the Main Library Building. At that time, the library was called Teaching Methods Library and Teaching Aids Room.



1984 The Library moved into its new premises on the fourth floor of the Runme Shaw Building with a total floor space of 230 sq.m.

Branch Libraries in HKU



Education Library

Other branches are:

- Dental Library
- Fung Ping Shan Library
- Law Library
- Medical Library
- Music Library

Successive Education Librarians

1978 -1979	Ms Elaine Morgan
1979 -1980	Mr Frederick Ng
1980 - 1981	Ms Shirley Sin
1982 - 1983	Ms Angela Yan
1984	Mrs Cordelia Pun
1984 -1987	Mrs Bonnie Harrison
1987 -1991	Mrs Mary Leong
1991 -1995	Ms Lucinda Wong
1995 -1999	Ms Irene Fung
1999 -2003	Ms Mimi Yeung
2004 - 2005	Mrs Helen Woo (part time)
2005-	Ms Irene Fung



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Moving into the Digital Era

1988

- ❖ Online public access catalogue (OPAC) was installed in the Education Library. Users can get access to library catalogue via this terminal.
- ❖ A DIALOG ONDISC workstation with a set of the Education Resource Information Center (ERIC) database on CDROM was introduced.



1989

- ❖ DRA, an integrated library system, was implemented. This online public access catalogue, later named DRAGON, enabled library users to retrieve records of education books and journals.



1996

- ❖ Innopac system was brought into use to replace the DRA system.
- ❖ Education Library homepage was launched to facilitate information access.



1998

- ❖ Notable electronic databases including ERIC (web mounted format), International ERIC (comprising Australian Education Index and British Education Index), Academic Search Premier and Educational administration abstracts were purchased.

- ❖ Network access nodes were installed throughout the Education Library for users to connect their notebook computers to the Access Everywhere Network (ACENet).

2000

- ❖ There was a tremendous growth in electronic resources, including databases, e-books, e-journals, e-news, e-theses, and e-dictionaries.
- ❖ More bibliographic and full text education databases were added, for instance, PsycINFO, Informaworld, Education Sage Fulltext collection and Emerald Fulltext .
- ❖ All print education journals were moved to the Main Library. More electronic serials were subscribed. Many prominent education journals were subscribed with e-versions, such as the Journal of education, Teachers and teaching, Review of educational research, Educational management, administration and leadership, and Exceptional children.

2002

- ❖ WirelessLAN was installed to allow visitors to access the network everywhere in the library.

2005

- ❖ Online research guides and tutorials were developed. Education blogs were also created.

2006

- ❖ Several computers were installed with the latest software to integrate studying, research and digital publishing.
- ❖ Education Backfile Collection was purchased. This collection is an archive of ten highly respected education journals, that provides immediate access to more than 18,200 research articles.
- ❖ An online English language course for self-learning, Net Languages, was subscribed.



2010

- ❖ Over 30,000 electronic resources on Education were recorded.
- ❖ An Education commons was created to enhance collaborative learning.
- ❖ Education subject guides were strengthened with the introduction of the new LibGuides platform, which enable sharing, exchange and discovery using 2.0 tools.



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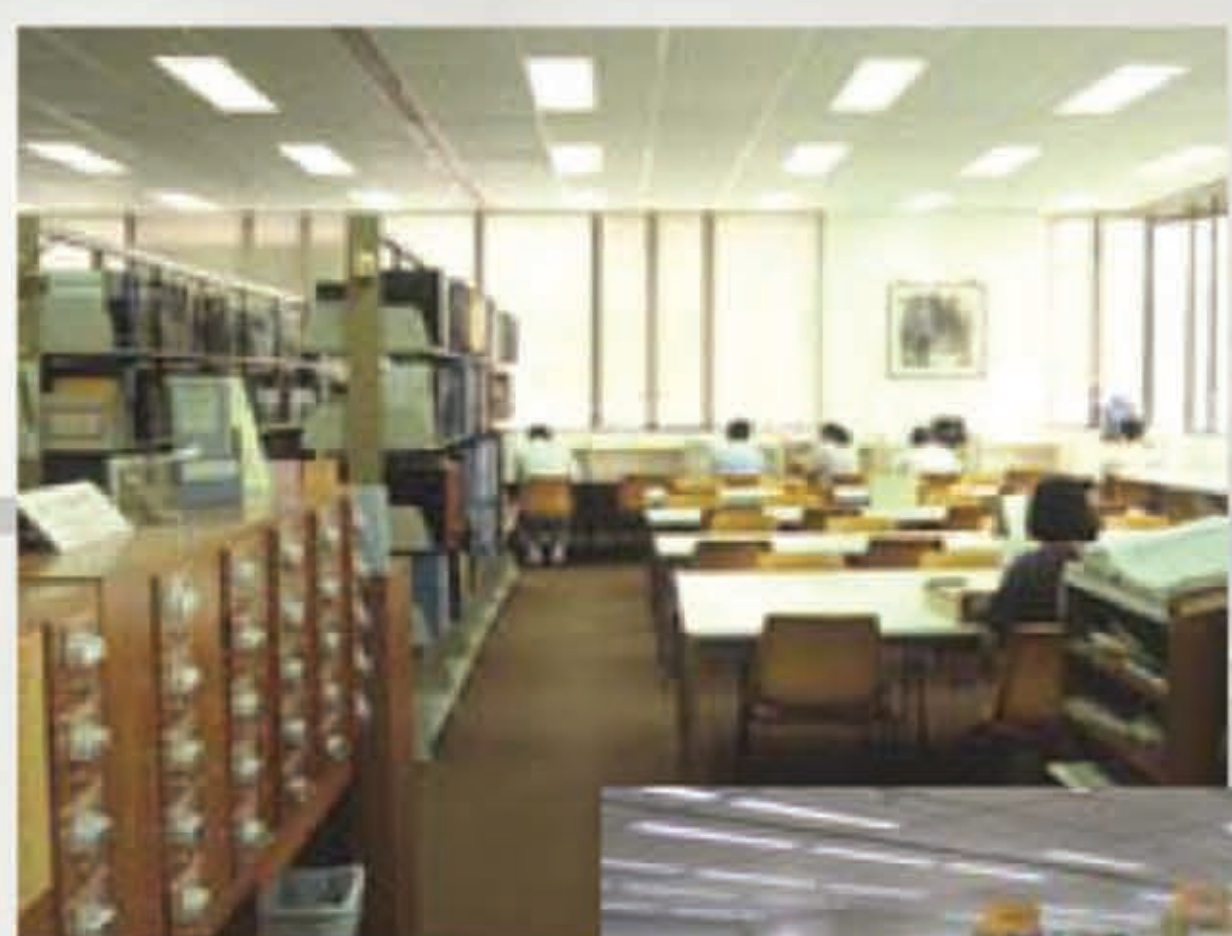


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The Shift from Collection to Connection

New Learning Commons

In 2010, the Education Library refurbished the reading area into a dynamic, collaborative environment that provides assistance to users with information and research needs. It combines individual and group study areas with social space where students can discuss, interact and relax.



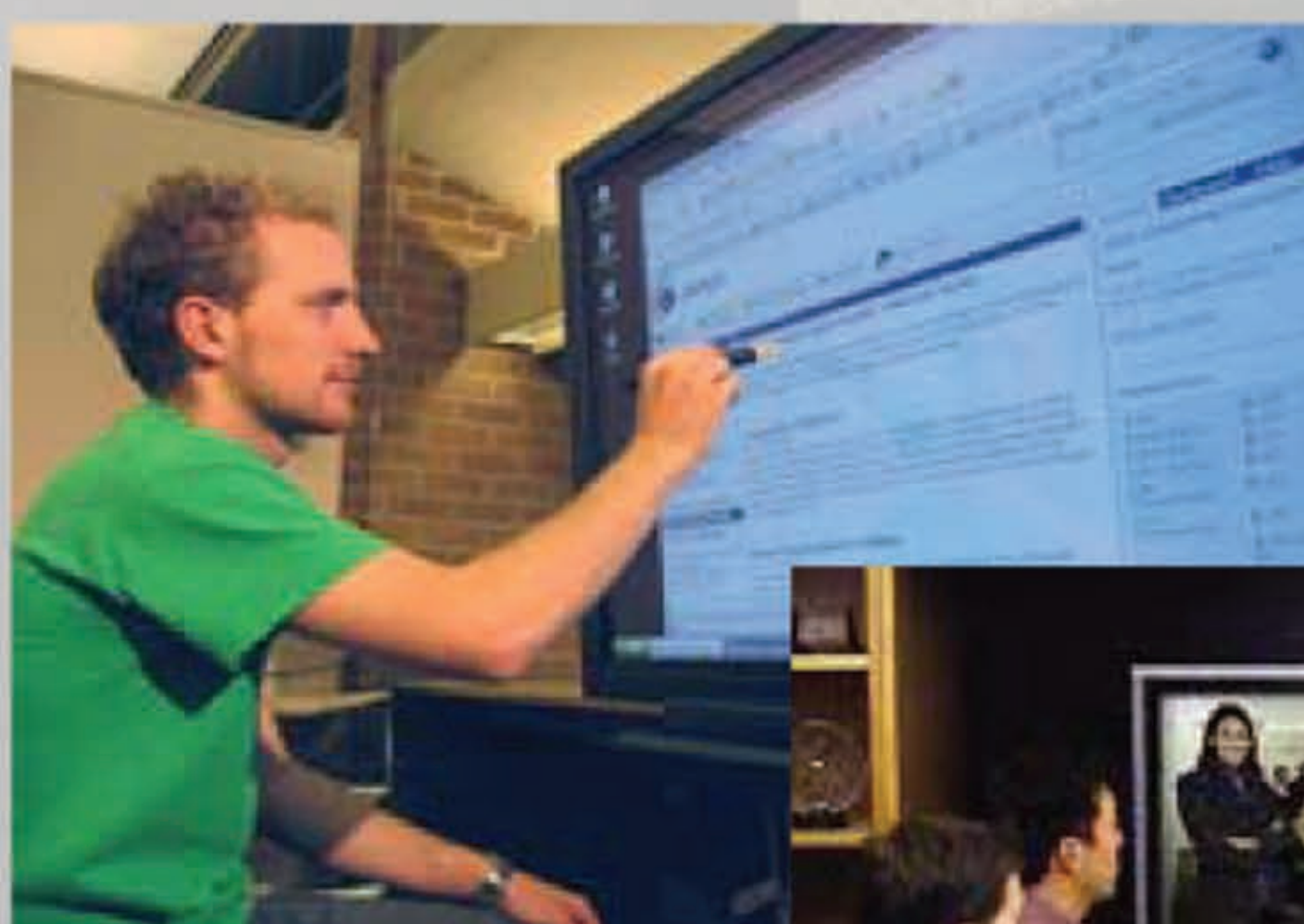
Stepping into the Future

The Education Library continues to make dedicated efforts to provide high quality library services to users through the enrichment of new technologies.

To enhance the service quality, the Radio frequency identification (RFID) technology will be implemented in the summer of 2011. A self check kiosk will be installed for users to check library items in and out quickly and easily.



The rapid changes in technology have brought about dramatic changes in students' learning styles and the way they access information. The Library will continue to go with the flow of modern technology to provide the best possible learning and teaching applications to users.



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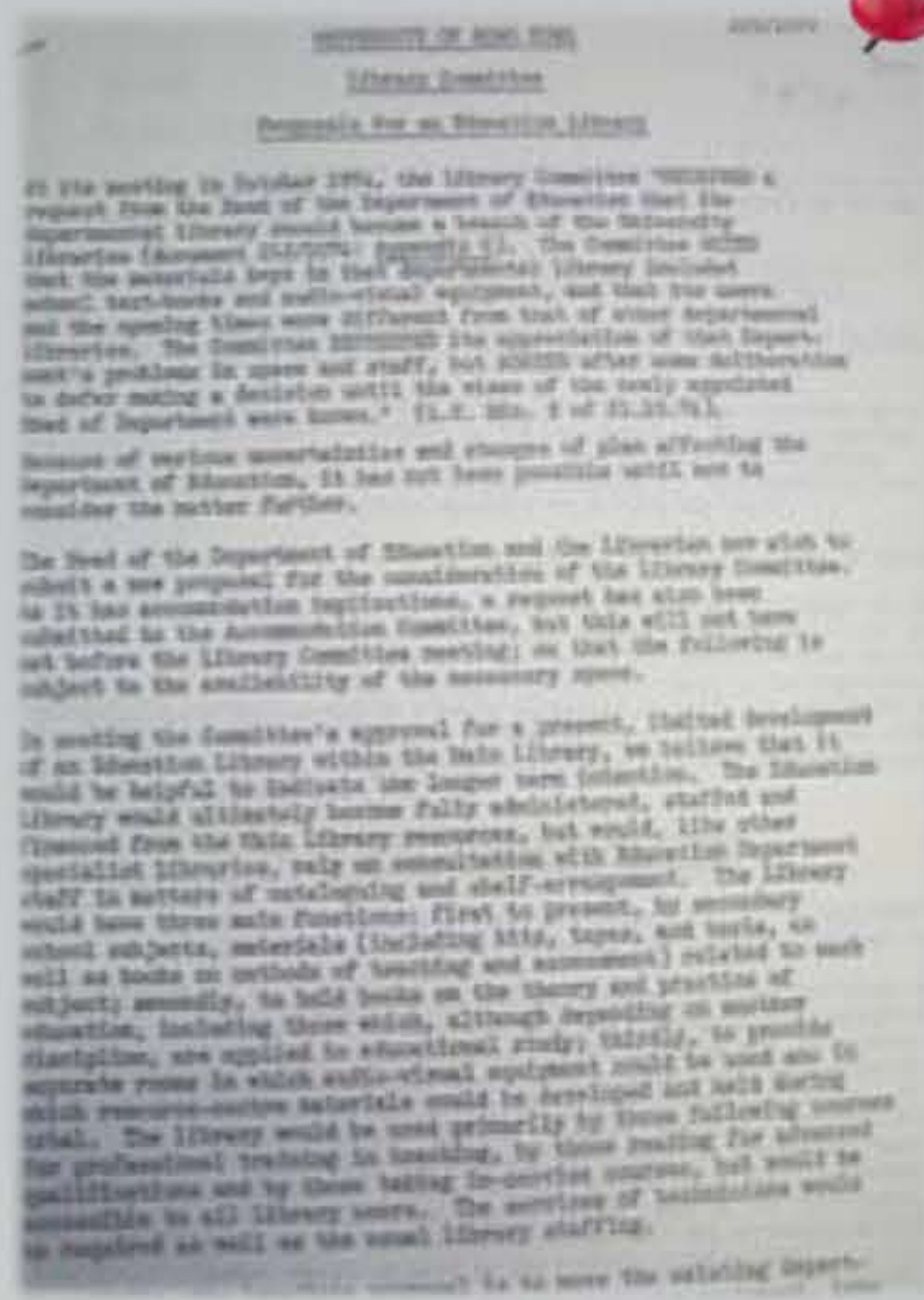


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Notes from the Past



Tracing the past: Proposal for an Education Library

Planning for an Education Library began in October 1974. The University of Hong Kong Library Committee received a request from the Head of the Department of Education that its departmental library should become a branch of the University Libraries.



Move to Runme Shaw Building

The Annual Report of January 1984 reporting the move of the Education Library from the Main Library into its attractive new premises on the fourth floor Runme Shaw Building (previously known as Phase 1B Building).



Reminiscence of book circulation

Book chops are no longer used in the HKU Libraries since September 2005. The old stamp used in the Teaching Methods Library and Teaching Aids Room now becomes a historical item.

Hand-made materials

Library handbooks and bookmarks were specially produced for freshmen who attended the library orientation. Most of the pictures were hand drawn and designed by Library staff.



Those were the days when...

In 1980s, the audio-visual materials were mainly audio and video cassettes, films, filmstrips, microfiches, microfilms, overhead transparencies, pictures, slides, wallcharts and maps. Playback and viewing machines were provided in the Library in those days.

Farewell newspaper clippings

Along with the appearance of e-news databases, such as WiseNews and World News Connection, newspaper clippings faded gradually.

The short-lived style of exhibitions

In the early years, exhibits were created based on news and other hot topics.



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