Hankow Collection

The Hankow Club, founded by the British in 1878, was one of many which grew up to provide amenities for the foreign communities which began to settle in Hankow when the various concessions were made in 1861. The "China" section of this club library was bought by the University of Hong Kong in 1932 when Sir William Hornell was Vice-Chancellor. It contains some three thousand volumes of books, journals, and articles, providing a rich collection of western resource that have an emphasis on China and the Far East.

The Collection is now integrated with the general rare book collection, however, books from Hankow Club can still be identified by its bookplate or book-stamp.

There are over 740 articles included in the Hankow Collection, all of them have been scanned and uploaded onto the online library catalogue. To view the articles in full-text,

- go to Find@HKUL, the library’s online catalogue
- use “Title” search, and key-in “Hankow Club Library Collected Papers” in the search box