COLLECT, PRESERVE AND USE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS @ CUHK LIBRARY
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In this issue, Ms. LF Li, Head of Special Collections, was invited to talk about the Special Collections at the Chinese University of Hong Kong Library which supports not only the vision and mission of the Library but also commits to the preservation of cultural heritage of Hong Kong and China.

What does the Special Collections collect?

The Special Collections Dept at the Chinese University of Hong Kong Library collects and preserves items in both Western languages and Chinese, and spans over 3,500 years from the Shang dynasty oracle bones to contemporary books and literary works from Hong Kong and China. They are usually very old, rare or unique and which have significant research value. Most of the materials are kept in closed stacks for preservation purposes, but are available to users upon request.

Can you name some featured examples?

Special Collections were set up to support the University in its research, learning and teaching. It is particularly strong in Chinese studies and literature. Below are some of the notable collections in these two areas.

Oracle Bones
Donated by an alumnus to the United College in 1969, this collection is now kept in the University Library. There are 44 inscribed fragments in total, the largest of its kind in Hong Kong.

Minguo Collection
The collection consists of over 100,000 volumes of books and journals published in China between 1912 and 1949.

Rare Books
The Chinese rare book collection consists of over 900 classical titles in more than 15,000 volumes in traditional stitch-bound fascicles. The editions range from the Yuan Dynasty (1260-1368) to the end of the Qianlong reign period (1795) of the Qing Dynasty. The collection bears testimony to China’s printing history with titles in woodblock printing, colour printing, and movable type printing. Complementing the Chinese rare books are Western language books mainly published before 1900. The major part of the collection is Western books on China.

From the University Librarian

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To mark the University’s “Staff Thankful Day” the Library held a very touching ceremony celebrating the contribution of Library colleagues. The University recently added a 15-year Award under the Long Service Award Scheme, in addition to the awards for those who have been in service for 35 and 25 years respectively. On 15 December we marked the contribution of those ‘in between’ who have been with the University for 16-24 years. Officiated by our PVC Prof. Poon and surrounded by colleagues, friends, family and flowers staff received a token of appreciation from the University. Fifty-three members of Library staff were eligible for this award, a testimony to their dedication to the Library and CUHK. My personal congratulations and heartfelt thanks to these, and all Library staff.

JULAC 50th Anniversary

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**David Hawkes Archive**  
Professor David Hawkes was a renowned British sinologist. The collection consists of donated materials mainly prepared and collected by David Hawkes on Chinese literature, including his original translation manuscript of *The Story of the Stone.*

**Hong Kong Literature Collection**  
It contains all kinds of materials on or related to Hong Kong literature, including books, journals, manuscripts, letters, photos, archival materials and artifacts. Author manuscripts can also be searched in online finding aids.

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**How did the Special Collections collect these materials?**

Although the Library has some funding for purchase of affordable items for Special Collections, the major and most valuable items have been received through gifts and donations. For examples, *Bei Shan Tang Legacy* was donated by the Bei Shan Tang Foundation in 2008, which includes 1,383 titles of Chinese ancient books in 9,886 volumes. This is the largest donation of Chinese ancient books received by the Library. In 2002, Professor Lo Wai Luen donated over 20,000 items of her collection of books, journals, and literary materials which she had collected for years to the Library. This donation helped the Library to set up the Hong Kong Literature Collection. Our collections also include a wealth of manuscripts, scripts, letters, and books donated by authors, scholars, artists, collectors, and public figures who are associated with CUHK or who identify with the Library’s mission in preservation and dissemination of knowledge.

**How does the Special Collections take care of these materials?**

The environment of Hong Kong is not favourable for book preservation because of the constant heat and humidity. Materials stored in poor environmental conditions easily become moldy, brittle and worm-eaten. To examine and treat new collections, a quarantine room with a clean air conservation workstation to speed up the cleaning process while preventing the recirculation of dust and contaminants was established. Water damaged and insect infested items will be placed in a freezer at -30°C for a minimum of 72 hours to kill mold and insects. After treatment, the new collections will be transferred to an environmentally-controlled room with a constant temperature and humidity to join the Special Collections.

**How can I access and use these materials?**

Most of the materials in Special Collections are kept in closed stack. They can be searched for and requested through LibrarySearch. All requested materials must be used in the Special Collections Reading Room (3/F, University library).

As part of our mission to promote culture and heritage, the Library has established the CUHK Digital Repository, from which the archived materials of the Special Collections can be searched and viewed.

Apart from online and on-site viewing, special collections and archived materials are also displayed at regular themed exhibitions in collaboration with academic departments, faculties, and donors to promote the Library’s role as a disseminator of knowledge.

**How do you support learning, teaching and research?**

The Library’s unique collections of rare books, Chinese studies, Hong Kong Studies, archives and manuscripts are primary resources for teaching, learning and research. Special Collections librarians are available to teach classes with our collections, e.g. Chinese arts and cultures, Contemporary China studies, History, etc. We are also happy to provide introductory sessions to Special Collections to introduce our wonderful collections.

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Special Collections Website:  
CUHK Digital Repository:  
http://repository.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/  
Online Finding Aids:  
http://archives.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/  
Research Consultation:  
http://www.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/research/consultation/form  
Online Exhibition:  
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Collection Spotlight

Chinese Art Classics: Art Reproductions Collection by Nigensha Publishing Co. Ltd. in New Asia College Ch’ien Mu Library

Over the years, the Chinese University of Hong Kong Library has acquired very finely reproduced artworks made by specialists including the Nigensha Publishing Co. Ltd. in Japan and these are kept in the New Asia College Ch’ien Mu Library.

The Collection consists of calligraphy and painting produced from the Tang to the Qing Dynasty. Notes and interpretations are available for most items. The originals of these artworks are housed in different museums such as the National Palace Museum, Taipei, Shanghai Museum, and British Museum. Those artwork reproductions require a high standard of professional and specialised skills. Please check with New Asia College Ch’ien Mu Library for details.

E-Resources Updates

Academic OneFile
Contains peer-reviewed, full-text articles from the world’s leading journals and reference sources on various subjects such as criminal justice, history, marketing, sciences, social sciences, etc.

AccessCardiology
AccessCardiology addresses the most current standards of care, research, and clinical trials through references from leading experts in the field of cardiology in areas such as interventionalcardiology and electrophysiology.

American Race Relations: Global Perspectives, 1941-1996
International coverage of American race relations news collected by Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS). It is an important source to study how the world responded to the racial tensions in the United States.

Apartheid: Global Perspectives, 1946-1996
International coverage of Apartheid news collected by Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) on the policy and law to separate whites from blacks, Indians and mix-race people in South Africa. It is a major documentary source to study foreign interaction with the government of South Africa.

Data-Planet Statistical Datasets
Data-Planet is a repository of standardised and structured statistical data which contains over 4.9 billion datasets from more than 450 databases in 16 major subject areas. Data can be downloaded in standard formats and visualised in tables, charts, graphs and maps. Search results can be saved and shared.

Immigrations, Migrations and Refugees: Global Perspectives, 1941-1996
Population movements’ news collected by Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) between 1941 and 1996 with emphasis on the migrants sourced from Palestine, Tibet, Hungary, Vietnam and Cuba.

Joint Publications Research Service (JPRS) Reports, 1957-1995
Contains socioeconomic, political, environmental, scientific, technical and military materials from around the world, with emphasis on the issues and events of socialist countries in the latter half of the twentieth century.
JoVE. Science Education Database. Essentials of Emergency Medicine and Critical Care  
This collection delves into a wide range of procedures employed in emergency and intensive care settings, ranging from basic life support methods such as CPR and rescue breathing to other common procedures performed during emergency situations.

JoVE. Science Education Database. Essentials of Physical Examinations III  
Part III of the video series covers physical examination of two major systems in the human body: neurological and musculoskeletal, with videos explaining relevant anatomy, the rationale behind the steps, and the interpretation of the exam findings.

JSTOR Sustainability  
A new online resource that brings together journals, policy research, and books on the topic of environmental sustainability and resilience. This database provides more than 110 journal titles, 2,000+ research reports, and 350+ ebook titles on the issue. Notable titles includes: Environmental Values, Waterlines, Human Ecology, Carbon & Climate Law Review, Energy Journal, etc.

Middle East and North Africa: Global Perspectives, 1958-1994  
Local and international news on Middle East and North Africa collected for the United States Central Intelligence Agency. The database covers topics such as the Israeli-Arab conflict, human and civil rights, international relations, terrorism and other issues of regional political, economic and security interests.

Morgan & Claypool Colloquium Digital Library of Life Sciences  
The Colloquium Digital Library is an e-book collection in basic biological and biomedical sciences covering subjects of cell & molecular biology, neuroscience, and physiology.

PsychiatryOnline  
PsychiatryOnline is a web-based portal that features DSM-5, textbooks, journals, practice guidelines, self-assessment tools and clinical & research news on psychiatry.

Roper Center iPOLL  
The Roper Center collects public opinion data on a wide range of topics, e.g., immigration, leisure and recreation, race, religion, work and labor, poverty, elections and many more. Currently it offers nearly 700,000 questions and answers from US national adult sample polls, and the archive holds over 23,000 US and international datasets. Data can be downloaded or analysed using their online tool RoperExplorer.

Sovereign Wealth Fund Transaction (coverage: 1960s – current)  
Tracks sovereign wealth fund and public fund deal and commitment data.

Communist Bloc and developing world news collected by Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS). FBIS Daily Reports contain key issues, events and people of socialist countries in the latter half of the twentieth century.

VitalSource Bookshelf Digital Textbook  
VitalSource Bookshelf is a digital textbook platform. 60 electronic textbooks published by Wiley are accessible via this platform.

中共黨史期刊數據庫 (-1949) (覆蓋：1930 – 1949)  
The Chinese Communist Party History Database (Zhong gong dang shi qi kan shu ju ku (1930-1949) is a full text database, providing access to journal articles on Chinese Communist Party history.

大成申報數據庫 (覆蓋：1872 – 1949)  
Da Cheng Shenbao contains more than 27,000 issues published from late Qing Dynasty.

晩清民國大報庫 (覆蓋：1872 – 1949)  
Chinese historical newspaper (1872 -1949) contains more than 10 newspapers published in Minguo.

“Red Historical Literature Database” is the first ‘red’ theme database. The red big newspapers, the red famous books, the red books and the red records of the four series include the period from the New Cultural Movement of 1915 to 1949 during the liberation of China. The CPC and its peripheral organisations published various newspapers, magazines and information on the leaders of the CPC, Communists and non-party foreign friends. It contains all kinds of public publications, documentary records, with a total of 300 items.

Roper Center iPOLL
What’s New & Upcoming

Congratulations to a CUHK Student on winning a special award at the 27th Chinese Poetry Writing Competition 2017!

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Lau Tsun Long (劉浚㮾) for winning a special award on his poem about the exhibition "Unveiling the Splendor of the Flower Princess: An Exhibition from CUHK Library’s Yam Pak Collection in Honour of Dr. Pak Suet Sin’s 90 Years". Please click here for details.

Looking for help on your Digital Scholarship Research?

The Digital Scholarship Services Team has launched the on-site Digital Scholarship Consultation Hours service from last October in offering instant discussion and advice to the CUHK community. These include the use of facilities in Digital Scholarship Lab, the software and tools in the Lab such as ArcGIS, Gephi, OMEKA and Voyant Tools. The service attracted academics and postgraduates for in-depth on-site discussions on how to make use of those tools that they have not learnt before to facilitate their research and more than 10 in-depth discussions or demonstrations had been conducted in previous sessions.

The Consultation Hours service is also available in the second semester starting on 16 January 2018 (Tue) on every alternate Tuesday during term time:

**Date:** 16 & 30 January
13 & 27 February
13 & 27 March
10 & 24 April

**Time:** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Venue:** Digital Scholarship Lab, G/F, University Library

You’re welcome to visit us for an instant discussion of your research, or email to dslab@lib.cuhk.edu.hk your question for help!

Meet Our Library Staff

Ms. Linda Lee

What do you do at the Library?
As the Head of Chung Chi College Elisabeth Luce Moore Library and Architecture Library, my role is to manage the Chung Chi College Library and the Architecture Library, and jointly manage the Learning Commons at the Wu Ho Man Yuen (WMY) Building with the Information Technology Services Centre (ITSC). I am also the Faculty Liaison Librarian of the Faculty of Education, School of Architecture and Department of Music.

What is your educational background and work experience?
With a MEd in Educational Studies and a Bachelor in Information & Library Studies, I have taught information and library management at HKU SPACE and Temasek Polytechnic (TP) in Singapore. Before moving to Hong Kong, I was a Librarian in the Library & Information Service of Western Australia (LISWA) and the Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) in Singapore. I have spent 5 years as the JULAC Manager for the Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee, a committee to discuss, coordinate, and collaborate on library information resources and services among the libraries of the eight tertiary education institutions funded by the University Grants Committee of the Hong Kong SAR Government.

What are you responsible for?
I am responsible for providing information and library services in serving the academic and research information needs of faculty, researchers and users at the lower campus libraries of the Chinese University of Hong Kong Library. Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions on the services. Looking forward to seeing you in the library.
Do You Know … LibrarySearch

How Single Sign-On (SSO) works?

When we talk about SSO, we refer to web-based applications that require username/password authentication through the CUHK LOGIN page.

If you log into one web application (e.g. LibrarySearch) through CUHK LOGIN, then there is no need to type in your credentials again when you use the same browser to access other web applications (e.g. Library Room Booking System). You may still need to click on a "Login" button, but re-typing your credentials is not required. This is what we generally refer to as SSO. Technically, SSO relies on browser cookies to work. This means that if you use different browsers (e.g. Chrome, Firefox, Edge etc.) to access your web applications, or if your computer is rebooted, you will need to re-type your credentials on each browser as the cookies are not accessible. The same situation happens with browsers that provide a private or incognito mode that prevents the sharing of cookies, in which case SSO will not work.

Logging out is a separate issue. For those web applications that support single log-out, logging out from one web application (e.g. LibrarySearch) may also log you out from all other web applications that share the same SSO session. Sometimes you may want to use different browsers to run different web applications to make sure that logging out one application will not interfere with the other. However, as single log-out may not be supported by all web applications, the logout behaviour is not as consistent and predictable as login. Some web applications will automatically log you out after a period of inactivity, this may also trigger single log-out of other web applications. In addition, the SSO session itself has a time limit, after that you will be asked to re-login.

As more and more campus applications are adopting CUHK LOGIN, we anticipate that SSO will be increasingly beneficial to users.

How do I narrow down search results?

The new LibrarySearch provides one stop searching for accessing and requesting various resources across the eight JULAC libraries. You can find books, journals, audio-visual materials, as well as full-text journal articles, newspapers articles, theses, etc. in one go.

It also provides a number of search options under the drop-down menu. If you want to find more precise results, try to select any one of these options to conduct a search.

All
Search for all types of materials listed below.

Books
Search for library acquired books, ebooks and more.

Articles
Find journal articles, newspapers articles, theses, conference proceedings and more.

Audio-Visual
Find audio-visual and multimedia materials.

Periodicals
Search for periodicals by their title.

CUHK Theses
Search for CUHK master theses and PhD dissertations.

Special Collections
Find closed stack items that reside in the CUHK Special Collections and the Repositories.

For example, if you want to find a DVD, you can enter the search terms in the search box and then select Audio-Visual from the drop-down menu. The search results will display Audio-Visual materials only.

For more information of these search options, please have a look at these short videos:

- How to Find Books
- How to Find Articles
- How to Find Journals
- How to Find Local TV Programmes
- How to Find CUHK Theses

What should I do if the book I need is being borrowed by another user?

If you need a book but find that all of the copies are already on loan, you can make a request for it by following the steps below.

• On the Library Homepage, search for the book you need under the tab LibrarySearch.
• Find the book you need.
• You must login in order to make a request.
• After you open the book record, click on "Request" in "Get It" tab.
• Select a "Pickup Location" and click "Request".
• A confirmation message “Request placed” will appear if the request is successful. An email notification will also be sent to you when the requested item is ready for pickup.
• If you wish to view or manage the items that you are requesting, simply login to your “My Library Record” and click the “REQUESTS” tab and you will find a list of requested items.

Please note that "request" is not available if:
• you have not signed in to LibrarySearch;
• you have reached the maximum fine limit;
• you have a long overdue or overdue recalled item that has not been returned to the Library;
• it is a short loan item (e.g. Course Reserve item);
• it is available on shelf.

Please note that holds on available items is limited to inter-branch book delivery only. For details, please visit: http://lib.cuhk.edu.hk/en/use/borrowing/interbranch.

You may also visit our FAQs and choose the topic "Holds and Recalls" for more details.

FAQs homepage: http://libanswers.lib.cuhk.edu.hk
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