The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library Annual Report 2016/17





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Introduction

2016/17 was a significant year for CUHK Library, with two major achievements that will shape our work for the coming years.



Open, Connect, Sustain – the New CUHK Library Strategy 2017-2020

After extensive consultation the Library's new strategic plan was published in April 2017. Building on past achievements, and aligning our work ever more closely with the University's strategic goals and objectives, the new plan is structured around three themes and two enabling strategies, but also reflects continuity in our mission and vision. Full details are available at <u>www.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/en/about/library/strategy</u>.

- Education supporting the student journey. We will help nurture graduates who have the competencies to be global leaders in an interconnected, digital world.
- Research transforming our research support. Through our research services and collections we will support the University's research and emerging interdisciplinary strengths throughout the research lifecycle. We will champion new forms of scholarship and the practice of open scholarly communication.
- Engagement working in partnership. Our resources and expertise will contribute to CUHK's distinctive culture and tradition, and amplify the University's engagement mission.
- Resources realising the potential of our collections and our staff. Our aspiration to continue as a leading research library supporting a world-class learning and research environment at CUHK requires strategic investment of resources, together with the encouragement of innovation and efficiency at all levels.
- Infrastructure sustainability. Our virtual and physical infrastructure is critical to the delivery of our strategy. The pace of technological change is accelerating, and the information landscape is ever more complex. Our goal is to continue to upgrade our infrastructure sustainably to support University developments.

The Library's new strategic plan is demanding; I know we will apply our expertise and passion to successfully deliver for the benefit of CUHK and the wider community.



LibrarySearch – JULAC's Shared Library System Project

Library colleagues have worked diligently for the past year on *LibrarySearch*, which went live in summer 2017. This next generation, shared library system was selected by all eight UGC funded university libraries in Hong Kong, following competitive tendering. The previous library system had been in use for over twenty years and is no longer being developed. JULAC's member libraries have a long history of collaboration and sharing collections, and we plan to use technology to gain even higher levels of cooperation in our next phase of development, for example shared cataloguing across JULAC. *LibrarySearch* also enables us to manage and access our print, electronic and digital collections through a single, mobile friendly interface, using CUHK OnePass, and should deliver efficiency gains behind the scenes through automated workflows. Migrating over 18 million bibliographic records and serving 380,000 users across JULAC has made this a complex and challenging project. Library staff have worked to minimise disruption to users, and are continuing to work with the vendor to deliver improvements.



Beyond traditional learning space

The Library continued to innovate with learning space with the creation of a Maker Bubble. Located in the Learning Garden, the Maker Bubble is the library's latest initiative to promote a maker culture at CUHK. It provides fabrication facilities including 3D printing and scanning as well as a coworking space for up to ten people.





The Library continued to participate with other JULAC libraries in the UGC Collaborative Teaching & Learning Project to enhance Hong Kong students' information literacy skills. During the year an assessment of information educational needs of Hong Kong undergraduate students was completed, as was the piloting of the first part of a Research Readiness Self-Assessment (RRSA-HK) questionnaire instrument. CUHK librarians took part in the capacity building programme, and continued to contribute to the development of the shared online courseware. How best to embed information literacy training in the curriculum is another project stream. Using the project's course enhancement funds, innovative approaches included librarians partnering with course leaders to make videos on data literacy for journalism studies, and the use of design software for public and community art as examples.

Beyond traditional library activities

As well as continuing to support events such as author talks and book exhibitions, for example the exhibition accompanying the International Symposium on Chinese in the Maritime Silk Road, the Library has sought ways to foster students' whole person development. Working with the Centre for Global Health and Gender Studies Programme, CUHK's first ever open Human Library event was held in the Learning Garden in October 2016. It was a library of individuals who challenge societal norms regarding gender and sexuality, each representing a group in the community that are exposed to stigma, prejudice and/or discrimination. Dialogue and meeting these individuals challenged societal prejudices, and helped students form a better understanding of the UN's Sustainable Development Goal #5 (Gender Equality).



Improved Services

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The Library continued to improve operations for the benefit of users:

- Loan periods for course reserve material were reviewed and simplified to reflect usage patterns.
- Kindle lending with a General Education collection was
 extended to United College Wu Chung Multimedia Library (UCL).
- The Library fully adopted CUHK Login the campus-wide single username, single password and single sign-on login system - for all Library online services. Users need only remember one set of credentials for all Library online services, with no separate Library username and password.





CUHK Golden Jubilee Celestial Civilian Scholarship on Hong Kong Literature

For the first time, this year the generous scholarship was awarded to both postgraduate and undergraduate students. Recipients were postgraduate Ms. Wong Ka Ki for her paper: *A Study of Su Yeh Literature* and Mr. Wong Kam Pang, an undergraduate for his paper: *How to read "The Atlas The Archaeology of an Imaginary City"*. We are grateful to our donor for his continued support.



Second Research Poster Exhibition

Organised from 10 to 25 May 2017, this attracted enthusiastic participation from postgraduates in the Faculties of Arts, Social Science, Medicine and Business Administration competing for the best research poster prize. Following oral presentations on the posters to a panel of judges led by Prof. Lutz-Christian Wolff, Dean of the Graduate School and Wei Lun Professor of Law, the winner of the Best Poster Awards was Zihan Zhang, an MA student from the Department of English. Research -Transforming the Library's Support for Research

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Launch of CUHK's Research Portal and AIMS

After nearly a year's preparation, *Research Portal* was launched along with AIMS in December 2016 as the University's new institutional repository for all research outputs, including full text where copyright allows. The Library's Research Support and Digital Initiatives (RSDI) team worked with ORKTS on policies, new workflows, briefings and publicity. Thus far there are now 152,540 records in *Research Portal* of which 1,224 include full text.

First CUHK Open Access Day, 24 October 2016

To mark international Open Access week CUHK's first Open Access Day was organised to lead discussion on open access. Highlight of the day was the Provost in dialogue with the University Librarian. Four Faculty members, Prof. Chi Tim LAI (Arts), Prof. Edmund Anthony NELSON (Medicine), Prof. Jimmy YU (Science) and Prof. Jyh-An LEE (Law) joined a panel discussion to share experience and views on open access.





Digital Scholarship Services Developments

Interest in Digital Scholarship Services and the Digital Scholarship Lab continued to grow. RSDI successfully focused on outreach to faculties and departments to foster collaboration. A programme of workshops on digital scholarship was run, and to celebrate the first anniversary of the Digital Scholarship Lab and to promote digital scholarship research on campus a *Digital Scholarship Symposium* was organised on 31 March 2017. With the theme "Exploring Digital Scholarship Research at CUHK and Beyond", the interdisciplinary symposium featured presentations on digital scholarship research projects from four Faculty members of Arts and Social Science. Dr. Tsui Lik Hang from Harvard University also presented his research on the China Biographical Database project. RSDI began work on a digital scholarship project on Shang Dynasty archaeology sites with Prof. Celine Lai, and continued collaboration with the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies on the second phase of Daoist Texts Collection.



CUHK Digital Repository continued to grow

Provision for storage of audio clips and video images and a platform upgrade to improve browsing and accessibility were carried out. The migration of legacy collections to the new platform was completed, and by the end of June 2017 the repository held 1.2 million digital objects and was accessed 1.23 million times, with CUHK's Electronic Theses and Dissertations being among the most popular.

Engagement -Working in Partnership



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

With over 2000 visitors and 100 plus guided tours for the community, this exhibition was named one of the top ten art and cultural events in Hong Kong for 2017 by Ta Kung Pao. In appreciation of the generous donation from Dr. Pak Suet Sin and the Yam Pak Charitable Foundation, and to celebrate Dr. Pak's 90th birthday, the Library presented this exhibition from 27 March to 31 July 2017 to showcase the invaluable collection of the Sin Fung Ming Troupe's libretti, stage stills and other photos.

Exhibitions and related public talks are a key strand in our public engagement work. Other exhibitions that showcased our Special Collections and sparked the community's interest were:

Looking Back at the Meandering Waters: Hong Kong in the Eyes of Xiao Si (5 September to 31 October 2016). This exhibition was co-organised with CUHK's Hong Kong Literature Research Centre. Being a scholar, a teacher and a writer, Xiao Si's contributions left permanent marks on Hong Kong literary studies. The exhibition highlighted her key collections reflecting the development of Hong Kong literary history.



Praying Mantis School Master WONG Hon Fan and the Martial Arts Revitalisation Movement (11 November 2016 to 20 March 2017).The exhibition showcased the valuable collections donated by the family of Master Wong Hon Fan, the chief campaigner for the revitalisation movement to promoting martial arts and the strengthening of both body and spirit in the twentieth century.







New Asia Ch'ien Mu Library Partnership with the Hong Kong Sculpture Society

Befitting a fine arts library, New Asia Ch'ien Mu Library began a visual arts collaboration project with the Hong Kong Sculpture Society. Sculptures by three eminent members of the Society have been displayed in the foyer of the Library throughout the year, inspiring budding sculptors.



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New Publications

Jointly published by United College, the Art Museum and the Library, <u>A</u> <u>Legacy of Elegance: Oracle Bones Collection from the Chinese University</u> <u>of Hong Kong</u>, this bilingual publication introduces the oracle bones collections at CUHK, the largest of its kind in Hong Kong. The Library also continued its series on Hong Kong's literary scene with publication of <u>The</u> <u>Brushmarks of Friendship: Poetry and Calligraphy Treasures in Tribute to</u> <u>Poon Siu-poon</u> edited by YW Chau.

Notable donations

The Library continues to be grateful for the donations of books, archives and journals. Notable donations included the Ronald Owen Hall Papers (何 明華會督) by Rev. Canon Christopher Hall. Ronald Owen Hall was Anglican bishop of Hong Kong from 1932 to 1966, and this archive is an important addition for Hong Kong Studies. Prof. Lo Wai Luen (盧瑋鑾), Mr. Dai Shing Yee (戴成義,筆名戴天) and Professor Timothy H. Barrett also donated significant material.

Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Libraries Alliance

CUHK Library became a founder member of this new alliance set up under the auspices of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau University Alliance, to promote cooperation among the major university libraries in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau.



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Resources -Realising the Potential of the Library's Collections



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Archival Collections

Making our collections discoverable and accessible is an ongoing mission for the Library. During the year noteworthy archival collections were catalogued, including *Rulan Chao Pian Papers*, the *Yam Pak Collection*, and *Hong Kong Cable Television Newspaper Clippings on Hong Kong Handover*.

University Archives

Now in its second year the University Archivist continued surveying central units and identifying official records of historical value. The Archive acquired copies of files from the National Archives in the UK documenting the establishment of the University. A webpage and blog have been launched to introduce and promote the functions of the University Archives



Launch of New Digital Collections

- E-Journal Collection: Journal of Chinese Literature from CUHK's Department of Chinese Language and Literature. All six volumes from 2010 are now available in the CUHK Digital Repository.
- Daoist Texts Collection. In collaboration with CUHK's Center for Studies of Daoist Culture, the Daoist Text Collection was further enriched with 42 volumes of ritual texts from Hong Kong and Macau not available in CUHK Library. They contribute to research on the history of Daoism and local customs between the Qing and the Republican periods.
- A Grain of Sand: Poems from Hong Kong. Developed in partnership with CUHK English Department, the Collection recorded recitals of English poems on Hong Kong by four poets that either studied or taught at CUHK.

Infrastructure -Sustainability

Facilities and Renovation Projects

- Chung Chi College Elisabeth Luce Moore (CCL) Ground Floor Renovation. With support from Campus Development Office (CDO) the ground floor of the busy CCL was renovated to increase study spaces, including additional computer workstations and more group study rooms.
- UCL Refurbishment Project. During the year consultation and preparatory work on the refurbishment project was undertaken. A decision was taken to postpone the work until summer 2018 to allow more design time.



 Space for Special Collections and Archives. Library space was repurposed to increase appropriate storage for Special Collections. Over 100,000 vulnerable items published in Minguo period are now centralised and better housed. A decant room for cleaning rare library materials was also established.

Sustainability

 International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Green Library Award 2017. The Library was runner up in the IFLA Green Library Award 2017. To be runner up is an outstanding achievement as this is a global award. The Library was on a shortlist of six, the other five shortlisted libraries were from China, Germany, Kenya, Serbia and Ukraine.



- Urban Rooftop Farming Website. The Library Rooftop Garden is now included in this website which intends to "enhance public's understanding about urban rooftop farming and sustainable lifestyle in Hong Kong, as well as act as a platform for the urban rooftop farming community to exchange knowledge and ideas".
- Waste Wise Waste Less@CUHK. The Library participated in the Waste Charging Trial organised by the CUHK Environmental Sustainability Team. Data obtained from the trial helped the Library identify areas for further improvement. During the year, Library offices recycled 14,700 kg of waste paper, the equivalent of planting 1,806 trees seedlings or a reduction of 70,560 kg in greenhouse gases.
- *Exhibition* panels was displayed at Wu Ho Man Yuen Learning Commons (27-31 March 2017) and University Library (3-7 April 2017) to publicise the "Waste Wise Waste Less @CUHK" campaign.
- Energy Saving. The Library continued to commit to reducing energy consumption. Overall electricity consumption reduced a further 1% in comparison with previous year's consumption.



Conclusion



2016 was the 50th anniversary of the appointment of Dr. Alfred Kaiming Chiu, founding University Librarian of the CUHK Library. A pioneer in establishing a library classification system for Chinese language materials in the United States, Dr. Chiu made a significant contribution to East Asian librarianship as Harvard-Yenching Librarian, and then as our founding librarian. The Library marked this anniversary with an exhibition and talk on Dr. Chiu's life and achievements, but also by the continued dedication and ability shown by all library staff this year. They have been outstanding in delivering daily operations, innovative services and a new library system that impacted on every operation within the Library. I must thank them, and the University for their outstanding support to the Library.

> **Louise Jones** University Librarian

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CUHK Library in Figures 2016-17

Holdings of CUHK Library

	Eastern Languages	Western Languages	Total
Print Holdings (volumes)	1,256,997	1,457,794	2,714,791
Current Printed Serials (titles)	2,389	2,747	5,136
Electronic Journals	41,611	111,183	152,794
Electronic Books	2,809,465	1,352,922	4,162,387
Electronic Databases	131	756	887

Library Users	
Registered Library Users	61,961
Visits to the Libraries	2,268,510

Library Usage	
Database usage *	7,797,667
E-Book usage *	4,343,314
E-journal usage *	5,359,286
E-A/Vusage *	26,788
Print Book and AV loans usage	689,029

* COUNTER compliant usage only. COUNTER is the international standard for counting online usage of electronic resources

Library Activities	
Library Orientations	85
Participants in Library Orientations	3,883
Library Workshops	272
Participants in Library Workshops	5,174
JULAC Activity	
CUHK Users registered for a JULAC card	2,221
JULAC Users registered for a CUHK Library card	1,075
Loans to CUHK users from other JULAC libraries	26,280
CUHK Library loans supplied to other JULAC users	25,073