

LIBRARY MATTERS

From the University Librarian

Over the last few months, the Library has been busy enhancing library services and operations to prepare for the new academic year, particularly important since we are welcoming two new cohorts of freshman.

With additional collection budgets supporting the new academic structure, we are very happy to let you know that the Library has added quite a few important databases and large numbers of e-books to the collections. For example, we now have Arts and Humanities Citation Index and Social Sciences Citation Index with coverage from 2000 to present, Oxford Journals Archive Database, 大成老舊刊全文数据库, ChinaMaxx Ebook Collection, Project Muse Ebook Collection, Periodicals Archive Online (Historical Studies Collection), Chinese classic ancient books database: 中國基本古籍庫 and several others. You can see a list of all the databases the Library subscribe to at: <http://libguides.ln.edu.hk/content.php?pid=321307&sid=2630536>. Please continue to send us your purchase recommendations via <http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/services/purchase-recommendation> or talk to your library liaison. We will make every effort to accommodate your suggestions.

You told us loud and clear through the JULAC consortium-wide LibQual survey and the library's annual survey that you wanted additional computers, printers and seating in the library. We added 22 PCs and 2 scanners last year. This summer, the Library installed an additional 17 PCs on the 1/F and the 3/F and added 3 new Octopus printers as well as additional seating. Please, refer to <http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/about/library-statistics-and-surveys> for the detailed responses and ongoing efforts the Library is undertaking to address all the issues you raised in the surveys.

We had also spent considerable effort this summer to improve library's website. Our goal is to have a better overall organization and consistent navigation throughout the library's website, making access to library resources easier and more intuitive. We hope you find the new library homepage easier to navigate. We also have a better and much improved 1-Search discovery tool that gives you a single, fast, search interface to find library materials, including fulltext databases, indexes and the holdings of the library catalogue. We will continue to add more subscribed databases into this new 1-Search software so that you will have a good all around search tool for your library research.

Most significantly, we have established a digital repository for the University, titled Digital Commons@Lingnan University, <http://commons.ln.edu.hk/>. This is a software platform that allows us to showcase the breadth and depth of the University's scholarly activities. The website was launched in March. Even though we only have 1,000+ articles loaded so far, there have already been more than 6,800 view/downloads from locations all over the world. It's interesting to note that the most popular article so far is one by Qichao SONG, an MIBF student, titled "Analysis of Hong Kong to be an offshore financial center of RMB". We hope you can see the scope and future direction we are striving for this uniquely Lingnan collection.

We look forward to introducing you to these as well as other new services and resources throughout the year and welcome your continued feedback.

Website Revamp Project

Take a new glance into the new library website! You will find enhanced search box, categorized pull-down menus, integrated library notices, new books / movies, tailor-made information for different kinds of users, integrated social networking tools for sharing webpages... What's more? Explore it at: <http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/>



University Archives Opening

There will be a grand Archives Opening Ceremony held at the Chang Han-tsiu Reading Room on 17 October 2012. The Archives collects different kinds of valuable materials of the Lingnan University such as documents, correspondence, Guangzhou Lingnan theses, old photos, etc. Please come to join the event!



New Smartcard Entrance System

The new smartcard entrance system was installed at 1/F Entrance in June 2012. Be careful not to rush to the gate as it is made of glass! :-P



Digital Commons

Served as the repository of the Lingnan University, the Digital Commons' purposes are to collect and preserve the scholarship and creative works of our community and to share our intellectual life with a global audience. In particular, "SelectedWorks Author Gallery" provides a virtual space for showcasing teaching faculty's publications as well as their expertise. Learn more at:

<http://commons.ln.edu.hk/>



1-Search

1-Search is a Google like discovery tool which indexes library resources in all formats, and provides a one-stop search platform to maximize content retrieval with relevance rankings that effectively facilitate users accessing library resources for their academic needs. For details, please refer to the Library Homepage or this link at:

<http://lingnan.summon.serialssolutions.com/>



New Databases & E-books

Several new databases and e-books are available for use this year:

- Archives Unbound
 - ◊ Correspondence from German Concentration Camps and Prisons
 - ◊ Japanese-American Relocation Camp Newspapers: Perspectives on Day-to-Day Life
 - ◊ Policing the Shanghai International Settlement, 1894-1945
- Arts & Humanities Citation Index and Social Sciences Citation Index
- ChinaMaxx Digital Libraries (中文集献)
- MyLibrary Inter-regional Consortium (IRC3)
- Oxford Journals: the Humanities Archive
- Project MUSE UPCC (University Press Content Consortium) Book Collection
- 大成老舊刊全文數據庫 (DACHENG Database)
- Periodicals Archive Online (Historical Studies Collection)
- The First World War: Personal Experiences
- Chinese classic ancient books database: 中國基本古籍庫
- Ebook Library

Removal of Listed Company Annual Reports

Starting from this summer, all print listed company annual reports are removed from the 1/F Reading Room in order to provide more reading space. Current and archival annual reports are available online from several sources such as HKExnews, OSIRIS, irasia.com, etc. For print copies, you may need to access them through other UGC libraries. Please refer to this user guide for more details:

http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/sites/default/files/content/libguides/annual_reports.pdf

Official Launch of Chat Reference Service

Did you chat with our librarians in the last semester? We try our best to answer your questions within seconds using an instant chat interface. Chat with us now at:

<http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/research/ask-librarian>

Service available: Mon to Fri, 2-5pm



ILP Library Workshops

Join the Library Workshops by signing up at:

<http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/services/workshops>

Online registration starts at: 10 September 2012 (Mon). Staff and students who complete three or more workshops will receive a Certificate issued by the Library. Students can also gain up to 3 ILP Credits.

User Satisfaction Survey 2012 Results

Thank you for your comments and suggestions in User Satisfaction Survey 2012 held in April. The result, analysis and Library's response are now available at:

<http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/about/library-statistics-and-surveys/user-survey-2012>



Category III Videos not for Students Under 18

Starting from the first semester, Category III videos will be shelved behind the MLLC Counter and be available upon request.

