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Power Pages - Enhanced Access

The new “Power Pages” versions of the UMI full text/image databases (BPO (ABI/Inform), GPO (Periodical Abstracts), and SSO (Social Sciences Index/Full Text) are now online. To access these databases, either (1) use the stand-alone user stations in the Library’s Database Search Room, where you can both read and print an article; or (2) use a network PC, from which you cannot read the article but can review abstracts and request printouts.

Printouts requested from Power Pages can be picked up at the Library Circulation counter. The charge is 30 cents per page for UST and JUPLAC users.

Please note that ABI/INFORM and Periodical Abstracts in the Library Catalog provide complete information for HKUST paper, microform, and electronic holdings, which is not shown in Power Pages, and that IEEE/IEE Periodicals Ondisc is not yet available in the Power Pages form.

New Features in the Catalog

Several improvements have recently been made to the Library’s Online System:

- users can now e-mail records to themselves from the Library Catalog. See the “Exporting Records Using E-mail” box on page four for more details.
- the Gateways to “OTHER Library Catalogs” have been scripted, so that users do not need to remember what to type at the login prompts.
- the “PRINT” command has been modified. It will now print out the entire record, instead of just the current screen. Records may also be e-mailed from here.
- the menu systems have been redesigned in order to group items more logically, and to make it easier for users to find the resources available.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please send e-mail to library@usthk.ust.hk

Collection Spotlight: Standards

The Library has many sets of standards available on CD-ROM: AIIM (Association for Information and Image Management), ANSI (American National Standards Institute), ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers), ASQC (American Society for Quality Control), ASTM (American Society of Testing and Materials), BSI (British Standards Institution), IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), ISO (International Organization for Standardization), and JIS (Japanese Industrial Standards). All of these are listed in the Library catalog.

IEEE standards are cited in INSPEC database in the online library catalog and in full text/image form in IEEE/IEE Publications Ondisc, while the other standards listed above are grouped as the Worldwide Standards Service on a terminal in the Database Search Room. According to the Library’s licensing agreement, these standards are to be used only by the HKUST community. Primarily this is because the producers of standards are restrictive about copies being made. All of our standards are updated frequently, but some individual standards may require searching beyond the CD-ROM.

If you have any problems, please ask a Reference Librarian for assistance.

The Library of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
Newspaper Display Cases

New display cases have been acquired for the newspapers. The papers are now easier to locate than when they were on hanging sticks. The Chinese-language newspapers are grouped together by region, regardless of title. The English-language newspapers are arranged in alphabetical order beginning with the case nearest the windows and continuing onto the next case. The most recently received three issues of a paper are displayed, with the most current one at the top of the display case and previous issues beneath it. Please help by returning the papers to the proper slots so that other users will find the papers easily.

Older newspapers are kept on shelves in the Microforms room on LG1, until their microfilm archives arrive.

Internet Indexes – Veronica

Previously we’ve talked about tools to access and use resources. Now we will look at tools to help locate the resources you need.

Gopher, explored in issue #13, is a very convenient tool for accessing the Internet. Veronica (Very Easy Rodent-Oriented Nationwide Index of Computerized Archives) was developed as a keyword index for Gophers. The Hong Kong SuperNet Gopher includes links to a number of Veronica sites. Gopher to hk.super.net from your unix account, or from a gopher client program (i.e. TurboGopher on the Macintosh). From a VAX account, first telnet to a public Gopher client (see issue 13).

Select “Search GopherSpace (using veronica)”. When you choose a Veronica, you are prompted to enter your search words (e.g. hong kong). The result is a Gopher menu of entries containing those keywords. Different servers may index different regions, and give different results.

When you enter the words to be searched, do not worry about word order. The search phrase “basic law” with retrieve the same items as “law basic”. You can also use “*” as a truncation (wildcard) character. “Review*” will retrieve review, reviews, reviewing, etc. Particular types of items can be found using the parameter “-t” with the appropriate file type such as 0 for text files, 1 for directory entries, g for GIF images, etc. For example, “hong kong -t0” will search for text files with the words Hong Kong in the Gopher item title. Non-text items usually require a ‘helper applications’ to be used.

Some Veronica indexes will search just for directory entries. The equivalent of a “-t1” search. This is especially helpful when doing a broad search, as most Veronica servers limit search results to the first 200 items found.

For more information, please refer to the “How to Compose a Veronica Search” help file in SuperNet’s Gopher menu.

Computer Manuals

A collection of about 1000 computer handbooks and manuals which was maintained by CCST was transferred to the University Library in January. These will all be integrated into the library collection and be available for circulation. Whenever disks are included in the package, copies of the disks will also be available for circulation. This material will all be processed during the next few months. However, brief records will be entered in the Library Online System by early February, and patrons are encouraged to request online any material they need which is still “In Processing”. In the future, CCST will continue to transfer to the library handbooks and manuals as they acquire them.
Making the Most of Class Assignments

We have become increasingly aware that in making class assignments, sometimes a faculty member may not be aware of all the useful sources that are available in the Library. And sometimes an assignment is given to several hundred students to use a particular Library source within a short period of time. If the source is used by the first students to work on the assignment and moved from its usual location, then the next users may waste time trying to locate it or become frustrated when the material is not available for them to complete the assignment. If the source is an electronic one such as Lexis/Nexis, which is already under heavy demand, it may be impossible for many students to complete the assignment within the time limits.

If the Reference librarians are aware of such situations ahead of time, they can assist in making the process work better for all. It may be that they can also point out additional materials that supplement and extend the sources in question. Some sources may have to be put on Reserve or held at the Reference counter in order to give everyone a fair chance at using them.

To prevent needless frustration and wasted time, professors are encouraged to contact the Coordinator of Library Instruction, Danny Chin. The Library offers library instruction to support the needs of students and professors for library assignments. If you wish to schedule research classes or instruction on library sources geared to specific assignments, please contact Danny Chin at ext. 6752, email: lbdanny@usthk.ust.hk

For Russian Film Enthusiasts...

In past two decades, many feature films produced in Russia have been released internationally. However, while most well-known titles from the People’s Republic of China have been issued or re-issued worldwide, a large number of Russian productions are still not available outside Russia.

Our library has been able to acquire some significant representations in this genre. Early Russian Cinema (PN1993.5.R9 E274 1992) is a set of 10 videos on works produced in 1908-1918, covering films, documentaries, the first film by Chekhov, folklore, provincial depictions, and political works.

This compilation consists of restored films from Gosfilmofond and the British Film Institute, under a restoration program led by Yuri Tsivian in partnership with the Central Film Museum in Moscow.

For more recent productions, check out the following Cannes winners: Andrei Rublev (banned until 1971), The Cranes Are Flying, and Nostalghia. Also, Ballad of a Soldier was nominated for an Oscar and awarded the best film of 1961 by the British Academy; Ivan’s Childhood won at the Venice Film Festival; and Alexander Nevsky was named a best film by the US National Board of Review.

'94 Online Catalog Statistics

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Suggestions and Answers

In this column we respond to some of the suggestions and comments placed into the library catalog's suggestion box. Brief responses to common suggestions may also be found in one of the library catalog's Library INFORMATION screens. Suggestions typed into the library catalog are anonymous. If you want a direct response, be sure to include your e-mail address.

UST Theses: UST master's and doctoral theses are currently being processed. They should be available in the book collection during the Spring semester.

Pollution Database on HARNET: To use the JUPLAC shared Environmental Sciences & Pollution Management database, select "5 > University of HK" from the "Other Library Catalogs" menu. The database is hosted at HKU, and will be one of the choices available. The database is not accessible to non-UPGC users.

Why Do We Have Recalls?: Recalls provide a mechanism for users to borrow materials which are in demand. Recalls are balanced by making sure the original borrower has the book for at least two weeks before it must be returned.

New Stairwell: The lift lobby emergency stairs are now being converted into a public stairwell. Once this is finished, it will be much easier to move between floors.

Book Locations: Some users have asked for improved signage which shows where books are located. Plans to improve this are now being developed.

Media Loans and Fines: Patrons of HKUST library are quite fortunate that they are able to borrow a good number of award winning documentaries and feature movies from the Media Resources Dept. Yet many users (especially faculty members) seem to think that they do not have to observe the due date stamped on these borrowed items, and refuse to pay fines. Please be reminded that all media items and supplementary materials are subject to the library's loan rules, and each overdue item will be fined.

Exporting Records Using E-mail

You can now export records from the Catalog, and send them using E-mail. The initial procedures are the same as before. When viewing a record or a list of records, choose 'E> Mark item(s) for EXPORT.' Continue to do this throughout your search session whenever you find a record you need. This creates a list on the Library's computer which you must send to your e-mail account.

Return to the main menu. There will be a new option there called 'E> EXPORT marked records.' Select 'E>' and you will be asked what format you prefer.

After making your selection, you can now send the list of exported records, in the format of your choice, to your e-mail account by choosing 'E> E-MAIL' and following the instructions on the screen.

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