LG4 and the Compact Shelving

Why compact shelving?
Throughout the Library's bottom floor (LG4) is a user-accessible electrically-operated mobile shelving system, usually called 'compact shelving.' This permits more than twice the number of books to be shelved in the same available floor space, and the compact shelving on LG4 provides close to a 50% increase in the shelving capacity of the entire Library.

How does it work?
Because the compact shelving will hold current materials, the system installed was chosen for safety, reliability, and simplicity of operation. To use it, go to the control panel next to the aisle you want to open, and push the green arrow button pointing in the direction you want the shelving to move. Bilingual instructions are provided in several locations on LG4, and you may ask Library staff for assistance.

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Changes in the Library

Summer is one of the busiest periods for the Library. While there are few classes, the Library can use this period for building modification and other projects which would be too noisy or disruptive during the regular school year.

This summer the major project was the opening of another floor (LG4), greatly expanding the Library's facilities. Most noticeable will be the compact shelving system described in a related article.

LG4 also allows the Library to add another 500 study spaces, roughly a 40% increase in seating capacity. Most of these chairs are here now, and the rest will arrive over the next few months.

Other additions include: 3 more group study rooms, 8 more faculty studies, and another 5 self-service photocopiers. A photocopier card dispensing machine has been installed on every floor of the Library; and value loaders are now everywhere there

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Collection Spotlight: Patent Image Databases

Patents are more than just legal documents. They may also be a source for identifying researchers in a particular subject field or business competitors with a particular product. Details of processes or methods may be gleaned from them as well. Some patents even include bibliographic references. To meet the steadily increasing demand for patent information, the library has subscribed to two patent image database services, PatentView and ESPACE. This is one of the most comprehensive electronic patent-image collections in the region.


The patent databases are located in the Database Search Room near the Reference Counter. For more information, you may pick up a brochure at the Information & Reference counter.
Splendors of Brush and Ink

To welcome the new academic year, an exhibition entitled "翰墨光華 (Splendors of Brush and Ink)" will open in the Library Gallery on 2 September. Viewers, without traveling to the National Palace Museum in Taipei, will be able to enjoy the best examples of Chinese painting and calligraphy representing the highest cultural and artistic achievements of China's long history. These facsimile reproductions of masterpieces on display are recreated by Nihensha Publishing Company using advanced photographic and printing techniques. They are exact duplicates of the originals in size, material and format. In keeping with the spirit of providing a rich intellectual environment on campus, the Library has recently acquired this outstanding collection. In addition to the general overview exhibition, future exhibits are planned to feature special genres.

INTERNET Gopher - Menu-Based Access to the Internet

In the last issue, we noted that the Hytelnet program is an address book of Internet resources. *Gopher* is a menu-based utility designed for locating and accessing/retrieving resources. All of Hytelnet's information resides on the local computer, and only changes when an updated version is loaded. Gopher, on the other hand, is based on the client-server model, and can be used to locate resources as they become available. It can also be customized to reflect individual interests.

Using a Gopher client, the user connects to different servers, each providing information in a browsable menu tree. Often when an item is selected, the server passes users on to another server which stores the information - without users needing to know that server's address.

The first server screen which comes up is usually the home Gopher server at the University of Minnesota. From there, you can browse through the hierarchy to locate items of interest. Gopher clients can also go directly to a specific site, such as gopher.hk.super.net. Those with Unix accounts can type "gopher" to go to the home server, and "gopher gopher.hk.super.net" to go to the SuperNet gopher server. More graphical clients are also available for most computers, and can be found at boombox.micro.umn.edu. The *Turbo-Gopher* program for the Macintosh is available on the Library Lab Server. From a VAX account, you can telnet to a public Gopher client, and access servers from there; type "telnet consultant.micro.umn.edu" and log in as "gopher".

Gopher also provides a search utility called Veronica, which enables you to issue keyword searches for resources of interest. For example, a keyword search for "Hong Kong" turned up a server with the full text of the Basic Law.

You can mail items of interest to your e-mail account or use the desktop clients to save them to disk. Interesting and useful

Is it safe?

This product is known for comprehensive and reliable safety systems. Infrared sensors are located at the entrances to the aisles and every twelve inches along the aisles. These sensors are connected to a computer which monitors the presence of any person in the aisle, and prevents the aisle from closing. If these sensors should fail, another sensor will detect the presence of any object in the aisle.

When any sensors are activated, the system will not permit the aisle to close. And if any sensor stops working, the microprocessor is designed to detect the fault and shut down that section of shelving until the sensor is repaired or replaced.

It may take some time to get used to the compact shelving system, but its sturdiness, ease of use, safety, and storage capacity are exactly what is needed for this time in the Library’s expansion.

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menus can be saved as bookmarks, so you can go straight back to them next time.

Using Gopher, you can find the e-mail address of colleagues at CUHK; see what jobs are advertised in the Chronicle of Higher Education; access the Los Alamos Physics Information Service; look through the DNA Data Bank of Japan; and more.

New Faculty Orientation

Continuing a program that was started last fall, the Library will provide orientation for new faculty to library collections and services. Librarians will contact new faculty to set a meeting time for a demonstration of electronic databases, discussion of ILL policies and procedures, how to request materials, and so on. In addition a folder of materials is provided as a reminder of who to contact and what services are available. If you want this orientation before you are contacted, please call or write the following:

Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry:
Steve Yip (lbsteve, 6756)

Math, Physics:
Carol Lunce (lbclunce, 6758)

Engineering: Tom Lundstrom (lbtoml, 6759) or Terry Leung (lbterry, 6751)

Business: Diana Chan (lbdianac, 6765)
or Louisa Kwok (lb louisa, 6755)

HSS: Danny Chin (lbdanny, 6752)

Lexis/Nexis Workshop

Lexis/Nexis is composed of databases covering such topics as business, law, social sciences and medicine. During the fall semester, the Library will offer biweekly workshops on Lexis/Nexis. Dates and times will be announced via email and posters. Those interested in more information about these sessions should email Carol Lunce at lbclunce. Workshops on the Internet may also be offered during the semester.
**Things you should know**

**General Information**
- **Tours:** audio, video, and computer tours of the Library are available – ask at the Circulation Counter.
- **Electronic Information:** miscellaneous and timely information can also be found under Library Information in the Library’s Main Catalog.
- **Notes From The Library:** this newsletter is published twice per semester, and is also available on the campus Electronic Notice Board (ENB).

**Photocopying Facilities**
- **Photocopiers:** card-operated photocopiers, copier card dispensers, and value loaders are located on each level of the library.
- **Copier Cards:** these can be obtained from the card dispensers on each floor; the card costs $20 and is provided with $15 in value. Cards with higher value may be purchased at the Circulation Counter. Value may be added to these cards using the value loaders near each copier.
- **Express Copier:** located on the G/F; reserved for those making 10 copies or fewer.
- **Faculty Copier:** one copier on LG1 is reserved for use by faculty, and requires blue faculty photocopier cards, which are obtainable through departmental office managers or from the Circulation Counter.
- **Photocopy Services:** a staffed copy center, open during office hours, is located on LG1. Services include copying, transparency production, and ring binding.

**Reserve Collection (1/f)**
- Items for class assignments are placed on Reserve at faculty request.
- Most items on Reserve can be borrowed for use in the Library for 2 hours. Some items may be borrowed for 1-3 days.
- Information about materials on Reserve is found under R> RESERVE Lists in the Main Catalog.
- **Image Database:** an image database of materials on reserve can be accessed from terminals next to the Reserve Counter.

**Suggestions/Recommendations**
- **Purchase Requests:** can be made by choosing ADDITIONAL items the library should acquire, under I> Library Information in the Main Catalog. They can also be sent by e-mail to lbcoll@usthk.ust.hk, or by using the request forms available from the Reference Counter.
- **General Suggestions:** can be sent through the Main Catalog by choosing SUGGESTIONS under Library Information. If you want a response, include your e-mail address. Suggestions can also be sent to library@usthk.ust.hk.

**Miscellaneous**
- **Computer Lab:** a computer laboratory is located on LG1 for academic use.
- **Telephones:** campus phones are located near the rear passenger lifts on each floor; public phones can be found in the atrium outside the library.
- **Book Returns:** when the library is closed, books can be placed in the book returns located in front of the Library and in the Academic Concourse.
- **No food or drinks are allowed in the Library.**

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