What They’re Saying About Us!

Blowing Our Own Horn!

Since the day the Library opened, we have received numerous compliments about our services, organization, building, space utilization, and of course, our applications of new information technology. These have come from everyone from technicians at TVB to prominent international visitors, as well as from our own students and staff.

There have been hundreds of visits by individuals, committees, and delegations who consult with us about their own library projects. Visitors continue to arrive from dozens of local, regional and overseas institutions.

In this issue, we would like to share a few recent examples of how our Library is viewed.

From our Students:

At the most recent congregation Ms. Lisa Wong, Graduate Representative of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, shared the following with the audience:

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INTERNET: Travel Resources

Travel information is wildly popular on the Web, with local and regional guides everywhere (e.g. http://cnn.com/TRAVEL/), so let’s take a look at some other resources.

Most airlines have their own web site, and many offer special deals to online visitors. There are also several comparison sites for routing information and online reservations. http://book.lowestfare.com/ is quite good - I found an airfare which was more than 30% less than the ticket HKUST booked for me! For travel in Asia, sample the Asia Travel Network (http://www.asiatravelmart.com/).

Visit the Airport Information Directories at http://www.quickaid.com/airports/ for terminal maps and ground transportation.

Rental Cars (http://www.bnm.com/rcar.htm) has the latest rates at major U.S. and international airports and an online reservation system. To help you find your way around are a growing number of online...
route maps. The best for the U.S. is http://mapquest.com/ - they have some International locations, including Beijing and Taipei. If you aren’t driving, Subway Systems of the World (http://metro.ratp.fr:10001/bin/cities/english) has centralized subway routing information for over 60 cities. Many places now have detailed local and regional transportation information online. One of the best is the comprehensive RATP site for Paris (http://www.ratp.fr/index.eng.html).


The Accommodation Search Engine at http://ase.net/ lists a variety of hotels and resorts and you can make an immediate reservation online for some of them. If you prefer the ‘bed & breakfast’ route, http://www.bestinns.net/ covers North America nicely. But due to the limited scope of most directories it is often better to use a search engine.

Before you leave, get some basic information on your destination from the CIA World Fact Book (http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/). Health issues are covered by the Centers for Disease Control (http://www.cdc.gov/travel/) and the International Travelers Clinic (http://healthlink.mcw.edu/travel-medicine/). The U.S. State Department (http://travel.state.gov/) reports current problems, visa and inoculation requirements, traffic safety, crime, medical care and insurance, etc.

Don’t forget the weather! http://CNN.com/WEATHER/ is the best place to go for worldwide weather details and forecasts.

Foreign Languages for Travelers (http://www.travlang.com/languages/) is good for learning basic words and phrases before you travel, and many include sound files to practice your pronunciation.

The Database of Helpers (http://www.geocities.com/theTropics/2442/database.html) lists people willing to volunteer their time to answer your questions, make suggestions, or even be your personal local guide!

Travel meta-sites can lead you onward. One of the best is at the Librarians Index to the Internet (http://lli.org/search/file/travel/).

Don’t ignore our print and media collections, which have some excellent resources. (A more detailed version of this article is available at http://library.ust.hk/notes/notes35-travel.html)

**MEDIA: The 20th century in Media Resources**

In honor of the end of the 20th Century, Media Resources has created a display board to show some of its important events and the Media Resources items that relate to them.

The selected items focus on events important in world history (especially relating to Hong Kong, China and Asia), technology, and culture. It is not by any means exhaustive of what can be considered important events in the 20th century and is merely representative of what is in HKUST’s Media collection.

Some major events have no Media items directly relating to them, so a video about a more general category was used.

Some of the items presented are from large series. Events before and during the Second World War are represented by the series The World at War (Media D743.2 .W6 1987 v. 1-26). Other series had particular episodes chosen, for example, Evolution, man takes a hand (Media QH442 .L544 1990 prg. 2) about cloning and gene splicing, representing the cloning of Dolly the sheep in 1997 is part of a larger series, Life Revolution.

The large and lively display is divided into ten sections, one for each decade. The events, titles and call numbers are highlighted, illustrated by colorful graphics. Over
WEB: Chinese News

100 Media items are displayed, so it takes more than a single viewing to absorb it all. The display will remain up until the beginning of March.

中文大學出版社、迪志文化有限公司等機構合作出版。這個高科技產品，使讀者既可以看到清晰時日、經過修整的包括漢、日、滿、蒙等多種文字的電子文本，又可以看到相對應的原文真跡，還可借助放大鏡功能去考究蛛絲馬跡。尤其難得的是，除了具有對全文、書名、著者、部類進行字、詞、語等多途徑檢索的功能之外，由於掛接了《中華古漢語字典》、《四庫大辭典》等電子參考書，讀者可以在點啓“聯機字典”後，點擊正文中任何一字來查閱釋義；查閱作者及其著述簡介、內容提要，也都在彈指之間，而且釋文中的內容可以進行再檢索，由此及彼，一箭多雕。檢索時，除了檢索所輸入的字符外，還可選擇同時檢索與該字有關聯的字符，例如：通假字、異體字、形近字，等等，用心良苦。一位研究《世說新語》的專家在試用《四庫全書電子版》時，用六個詞語查到9482條相關資料，找到《世說新語》又名“劉義慶說苑”的出處(參見http://www.unihan.eom.cn/html/Skpjl.html)。昔日博學鴻儒皓首窮經一輩子，也未必能有這樣的收穫。今日的讀者有福了，數秒間便能“查”書破萬卷。

然而，這樣龐大的項目在問世之初難免有不盡人意之處。例如，全文檢索中的一大特點是分正文文字和注釋文字檢索，可惜在具體處理時僅以字體大小來區分正文、釋文。以“時纓祖”為例，正文檢索中出現143次，釋文檢索中出現246次，其中包括一些他本人的詩文，而他的名字只是作為作者出現，字體大小與正文一樣大的便被歸入正文，與釋文一樣小的便算作釋文；而在著者檢索中查“時纓祖”卻一無所獲。這些問題相信在升級版中會有更得當的處理。

值得注意的是，《文淵閣四庫全書》並不“全”。一來天下之大，不可能絕對收全；二來當時對剪剩、刪寫、校訂等沒有統一的規定，其他閣本有文淵閣本所無，而且甚同的著作，各閣本的卷數、序、跋、附錄又可能不一樣；三來《四庫全書》的編纂過程，也是清廷為“正人心而厚風俗”而大舉禁蠱書籍的過程，銷蠱焚書的書卷達三千一百餘種。基於以上種種原因，近年來陸續出版了《續修四庫全書》、《四庫禁蠱書叢刊》、《文淵閣四庫全書補遺》等。我們期待更多的電子版在不久將來問世。
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gratitude to two companions that are particularly important to a research student, both intellectually and spiritually. They are the Library lying at the heart of the University and the landscape embracing our campus. Similar to the size of the Division, the library collection for Humanities is modest. Given many constraints, the University Librarian and the staff have made tremendous efforts to transcend the limitations by expanding the electronic databases and installing compact shelves to maximize the use of space. I am most indebted to the document supply service that connects library resources both locally and globally. It makes available a huge reservoir of newspapers, articles and books on which successful research depends.

In the same month, one of our graduate students (陳中詠) wrote the following in their School's newsletter.

"圖書館是大學的心臟。科大的圖書館真的很氣派；不但藏書豐富且環境幽美。最重要的，是職員和蔼可親的笑容。這在我們的城市，是多麼的奢侈..."

HKUST Library in the news

Going beyond the university, our recent effort in compiling a pathfinder on High-Tech Industrial Zones for the high-tech professionals and policy makers in Hong Kong has been recognized by several news media. SingTao Daily featured an in-depth article entitled "直達砂岩的電子通道: 科大為港建最大高科技智庫" detailing the contents of the pathfinder and inviting its readers to utilize this valuable resource.

Gale Group, the largest information reference publisher in the United States, plans to feature the HKUST Library in its forthcoming calendar. In seeking our permission to use the photo of the Library, Gale wrote, "Recently, we began a campaign directed at libraries that promotes world-class libraries from around the world...The Library of Congress here in the States, the Deutsche Bibliothek in Germany, the Biblioteca Nacional in Spain and the New York Public Library are just a few of the dozen or so libraries with which your library would be featured."

University Librarian Appointed to OCLC User Council

The University Librarian, Min-min Chang, is one of eight people invited to serve on the Strategic Directions and Governance Advisory Council of OCLC – the largest information services provider in the world, which serves more than 35,000 libraries in 71 countries. The council is charged with the responsibility to work closely with an international consulting group to strategically position OCLC in the fast-changing global information environment.

The University Librarian, Mrs. Min-min Chang, has been sought after as keynote speaker for various professional conferences. She serves as an advisor to Tsinghua University Library; recently concluded a three-year term as a member of the Advisory Council for the Stanford University Libraries; enjoys a very close relationship with Beijing University, where she has consulted on their new building; and last October was conferred an adjunct professorship by Nanjing University.

New on Ovid

PsycLIT (1887-)
Produced by the American Psychological Association, PsycLIT includes more than 1.3 million citations with abstracts to the worldwide literature on psychology. Sources include over 1,300 journals as well as books. About 50,000 references are added annually. It has taken a lot of negotiation to include this on the Ovid system, and we think you will find it extremely useful.

Biological Abstracts (1991-)
We are now moving this database from our ERL server to the Ovid server. This is being done both to upgrade our older BA database files with a better version, and also to provide a more feature-rich web interface.