25th Anniversary Exhibition: A Popular Stop For Library Visitors

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the University, the Library is presenting the exhibition Transforming Lives in the G/F Gallery. Opened in April, the exhibition includes a selection of impactful ideas and projects in teaching, research, and social outreach from the 25 years of the University's history.

The Library designed the overarching theme “transforming lives” to highlight HKUST efforts that made a difference in people’s lives. Over 50 stories are presented under six themes with brief descriptions. Some stories include models and videos, so that everyone can appreciate HKUST’s impact without specific technical knowledge.

The exhibition attracts audience within the HKUST community as well as from visitors. Many campus and library guests make it a stop in their campus visits. So far we have offered 44 guided tours to about 300 guests. The Library is glad to offer guided tours to interested groups. For example, the awardees of Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme toured the exhibition in their orientation program. Another notable guest was Mr Li Ming, the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology of China, who visited in September.

The Information Day on September 24 was a great opportunity for the exhibition to reach the broader public. The Library arranged guided tours, with student tour guides leading many tours for about 100 visitors. The tour guides are a few friendly, motivated students knowledgeable about the exhibition. Their participation was not limited to the Information Day – they will continue to help out in upcoming tours. The Library urges campus units to arrange guided tours with us for their guests: http://library.ust.hk/about-us/user-engagement/guided-exhibition-tours/.

ARL Leadership Fellows Program

Diana Chan, the University Librarian, has an opportunity to share her insights to the Leadership Fellows of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). ARL is a nonprofit organization of 124 research libraries in the US and Canada that share similar research missions, aspirations and achievements.

The ARL Leadership Fellows program aims to develop future senior-level leaders in large research libraries. The current 27 Leadership Fellows represent a broad array of backgrounds from multiple institutions. In September they gathered together at University of Alberta, Canada for a week-long development program. While they discussed topics on strategic planning, institutional finance, new roles in academic libraries and effective leadership, Diana joined the session on Leading at a Global Level. Together with Liz Jolly (Chair of Society of College, National and University Libraries, SCONUL), Buhle Mabambo-Thata, (Executive Director of Library Services, University of South Africa) and Irina Trushina, (Head, Interlibrary Collaboration Department, National Library of Russia), they shared their leadership insights in the global environment. There was a lot of interest on how library leaders outside North America see the opportunities and challenges facing research libraries in their regions; and how to facilitate collaboration between North American libraries and their global counterparts.

Diana also shared with the library staff at University of Alberta on HKUST’s experiences in rejuvenating its space, revitalizing its services, and demonstrating its values.
Scholarly Communications Seminars

The Library often organizes Scholarly Communications (SC) Seminars on different hot topics about scholarly activities. The seminars are designed for researchers and research students covering the everchanging landscape of scholarly research, communication, and publication. These include author workshops from renowned publishers, digital scholarship, intellectual property, etc. The presentation files and seminar videos, if any, are uploaded to the SC Seminars website at http://lbcone.ust.hk/sc-sem/.

In September, Taylor & Francis held an author workshop with tips for successful publishing in academic journals. The seminar was very popular with a full house and a long waiting list. Participants raised good questions and initiated discussion with Ms Lyndsey Dixon, the speaker. She also presented a book prize for the best question.

In October, the topic was How to Resolve Disputes in the Work Place Through Mediation. Professor Raymond Leung, the Founding President & Governor of the Hong Kong Mediation Centre, introduced us to the professional knowledge and skills needed during mediation. Again, the venue was full, as participants found the topic of great interest.

In November, we’ll have 2 more seminars. Elsevier and Professor Tongxi Yu will provide advice on smart scholarly publishing from the point of view of a professional journal publisher and experienced editor. Wiley will then talk about How to Get Published with Emphasis on Peer Review. Check the details via https://lbdb.ust.hk/ce/view.pl?date=201611

Fall Book Talks – Busy Times

In September and October, the Library hosted two Book Talks. On 22 September, Mr Chi Ming YAN gave a Book Talk on his historical novel "1849: 一個時代的生死, 一個國家的興衰, 一個島嶼的悲喜". Being a successful entrepreneur with training in engineering, economics, and business, Mr Yan discussed the relationships among Hong Kong, China and Britain around the period of 1849. Over 100 students and staff attended the talk and found it most inspirational. After the talk, Mr Yan has kindly loaned to the Library a written scroll containing the book’s foreword. Do come to the Library to appreciate this beautiful calligraphy which is displayed on 1/F until the end of this term. Details: http://lbcone.ust.hk/booktalk/?p=104

The second talk was by HKUST’s Professor Billy So, who spoke about three of his works (two published and one forthcoming) and how they linked in with his scholarship. The talk was called The Meaning of Wealth: A Scholar’s Pursuit in 3 Books. Details here: http://lbcone.ust.hk/booktalk/?p=108.

Professor So spoke of how his scholarship developed from questions about the rise and fall of wealth in China over the centuries. He showed how four seemingly disparate historical economic studies contained linking threads of his four fundamental academic concerns: prosperity, justice, space, and identity. He covered his 2000 book, Prosperity, region, and institutions in maritime China: The South Fukien pattern, 946-1368 (call no. HC428.F84 S58 2000), and his 2011 edited work: The treaty port economy in modern China: Empirical studies of institutional change and economic performance (call no. HF1418.3.C6T74 2011), and his forthcoming book comparing the histories of two late 19th and early 20th century book companies in China and Japan.

Another talk is being organized for 29 November with Professors Bright Sheng and Liu Zaiifu. It will be a dialogue about 梦的红尘 (Dream of the Red Chamber). Professor Sheng is the YK Pao Distinguished Visiting Professor at HKUST, and recently recreated Dream of the Red Chamber as an opera. He composed the music and collaborated with noted playwright David Henry Hwang on the libretto. Professor Liu is a distinguished and prolific professor of Chinese literature, whose 反省红楼梦 (Reflections on Dream of the Red Chamber) was translated into English in 2008 (call no. PL2727.S2 L58613 2008). This was notable for approaching the novel from a lens of spiritual and personal reflection.

Library Achievements 2015-2016

The Library held its annual staff retreat in June, with staff looking at the previous year and trying to plan for several years in future. An important question we ask is How did we make a positive change for you, our library patrons? Our achievements from the past year can be found at http://library.ust.hk/achievements/?y=2015-2016. The goal is to help you with your learning, research, and personal development.

Let’s look at a few highlights, which we think improved your Library experience:

New Entrance Gates & Physical Access Policy

In May, after installing new entry gates on the Ground Floor, we implemented a new access policy. We hope this will help maintain a high quality and pleasant learning and research environment, and will
prevent over-straining of Library space and services. We kept the traditional “open door” spirit with "regulated open access" during the summer and term breaks. User feedback was generally favorable.

Teaching and Learning Support
The Library’s 2014-15 Annual Report on Teaching and Learning was reviewed by the Committee on Teaching and Learning Quality (CTLQ) as exemplary. They found many commendable examples of good practice in supporting and enhancing out-of-class learning; many initiatives and inputs from stakeholders; well-planned and presented action plans; encouraging support activities; and positive benchmarking data.

Thousands Attended Library Instruction Sessions
In 2015-16, we gave 281 sessions to 7,966 attendees for face-to-face instruction, mostly via our continued collaboration with the Center for Language Education (CLE) and other Departments to develop Information Literacy among HKUST students and staff. Our goal is to improve learning and research at the university, and to make life-long learning easier and more enjoyable.

Say “Hi” to Our Student Helpers
Student helpers are an integral part of the HKUST Library team. They serve at frontline desks to answer user inquiries; handle computer problems at the Information/Learning Commons, and assist in back-end projects for different units. With their strong support in our daily operations, student helpers enable the Library to be open 98 hours per week during the academic year.

The Library hosted a welcoming party for all our student helpers on 30 September. New and returning student helpers joined many library staff at this social gathering. Everyone had a good time mingling and chatting.

The Library works closely with student helpers, and we value their contributions. In 2014/15 the Library established the “Outstanding Student Helpers Award” to show our appreciation for those who are particularly committed. The aim is to also motivate students to excel, to engage in more peer evaluation, and to develop a stronger sense of belonging to the Library.

Last year, 3 student helpers were presented with the 2015/16 outstanding awards (http://library.ust.hk/about-us/user-engagement/outstanding-student-helpers/).

While job vacancies are posted year-round at http://library.ust.hk/about-us/news/job-vacancies-student-helpers/, most student helpers are recruited and hired before the fall term.

Many Library departments hire students to help, for creating webpages, updating floor plans, checking equipment inventory, giving gallery tours, serving at the IC and LC desks, handling shipments of books and periodicals, etc. Library staff provide on-the-job training as needed for these and other skills, and our helpers treasure these learning opportunities. Join the Library team!

“Tartary” – Talk and Guided Tours
The Library is running an exhibition this term on Ancient Maps of Central Asia and China in the 1/F gallery. The exhibition includes a talk and several gallery tours.

During the talk, the curator of the exhibition, Dr Caboara (HKUST Library’s Digital Scholarship and Archives Manager), will describe a selection of the exhibition’s maps and the different map styles and their striking visual features (sea monsters, fantastic city views, comic book-like illustrations). He will also address the following questions:

* Did Marco Polo really go to China?
* Why did the Portuguese come to China, and why were they the first Europeans to come by sea?
* Why were most of the great European mapmakers Dutch?
* Can Old Maps be used to justify modern borders?

Join us 3 November, 12:00–1:30 pm. More guided tours will be held on 9 November and 6 December.

Take a Selfie at the Library on Your Graduation Day
Congratulations to the class of 2016! The HKUST 24th Congregation will be held at atrium on November 17 and 18. It is one of the most important events on campus and once-in-a-life-time moment for our HKUST graduates. To help our graduates capture and share memorable moments with family and friends, the Library has prepared a selfie photo booth with props on G/F.

Pick out your caps and gowns. Strike a pose and celebrate your academic accomplishment. Make sure you also share your excitement, happiness, photos, and congratulatory messages on social media using the hashtag #USTLibGrad16.
Bring your family and friends to the Library on graduation day. All are welcome to take a snapshot. Just say “cheese” and capture your big smile with our selfie frames!

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**Collection Spotlight– Streaming Media**

**Met Opera on Demand**

The world is really getting smaller. You don’t need to fly to New York to enjoy dazzling performances at the Metropolitan Opera House. Go to [Met Opera On Demand](#) and there you are, with 600 full-length Met performances at your fingertips. Choose from a wide selection of modern and classical repertoire, or browse by composers and singers. Carmen, Tosca, Otello, Magic Flute, Plácido Domingo, and Renée Fleming are just some of the jewels to explore. Do not worry about language – all Met Opera videos offer English subtitles and the most recent HD videos also offer subtitles in a range of European languages.

**The BBC Video Collection**

Who has watched BBC documentaries and not applauded their high quality? [BBC Video Collection](#) combines 700 of the most popular BBC films from the 1980’s to 2010’s. Explore this collection spanning multiple subjects, such as art, religion, history, anthropology, science, and much more. *Rome: What Lies Beneath, The Secret Life of Ice, How to Build a Dinosaur, Did God have a Wife?* All seem inviting and eye-opening! BBC documentaries are not just educational, they are also entertaining. Synchronized English transcripts run alongside every film, allowing viewers to search and jump to a specific point in the film. This platform also has an intuitive video editor that allows you to create, annotate, and share clips and playlists.

**JoVE Science Education Databases**

Learning can never be dull with [JoVE Science Education](#). These are designed to teach laboratory fundamentals through simple, easy to understand demonstrations. Each collection includes 15 videos demonstrating an overview of a technique or instrument, and 75 peer-reviewed journal video articles conveying examples of real world applications. The Library has acquired ten SE collections, most of which are in life sciences: cell biology, genetics, neuroscience, cellular and molecular biology. Two collections cover experimental psychology and behavioral science. [Explore other streaming media databases](#) via Library home page–> Databases–> by Subject–>Streaming Audios and Videos.

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