

# LIBRARY MATTERS

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## FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN 😊

Accepting the position of University Librarian at Lingnan University marked a profound change in my personal and professional life. Since this is my first experience working in Hong Kong, I was not quite sure what to expect and to what degree my experience in the United States would complement this new environment.

I have been happy and grateful to discover a welcoming campus and an excellent crew of dedicated and knowledgeable Library staff. In particular, I appreciate their hard work gathering usage statistics to provide a sound foundation for effective resource management and decision-making.

The behavior of Library users' and their approach to information research parallels the rapid evolution of information technology. Library services and infrastructure must also evolve to meet the expectations of our students and faculty. To that end, we are busily developing our first mobile Apps to bring Library resources to your telephones and tablets.

The strength of a Library is its ability to organize, preserve and make materials easily accessible to its users. We have done that for the materials we acquire. As technology evolves, we now have the ability to better organize, manage, and publish materials we create together. For example, we can gather faculty publications as well as student's theses, dissertations and senior papers to create an institutional repository that collectively showcases our intellectual output, presenting an image of who we are as a university.

As I write, a new archival space is being created in the second floor of the Library. With a space dedicated to housing Lingnan University records, we now have a perfect opportunity to begin systematically collecting, organizing, and preserving the university's records for their enduring historical and administrative value.

I have long believed that the role of a Library is to act as a nexus connecting people with information resources regardless of formats or where those materials may physically reside. Up to now, we have done an excellent job of delivering acquisitions and subscriptions to our users. I think it is now time for us to better expose what we have created in the past and continue to create each semester to the community outside Lingnan University. After all, we can't expect others to know who we are and the value of our educational experience without first showing them what we have accomplished together.

Rachel Cheng  
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### LU LIBRARY APP FOR YOUR IPOD TOUCH/IPHONE/IPAD

A Library App "LU Library2Go!" is being developed for iPod Touch/iPhone/iPad. It consists of Library catalogue search functions, Library news, new additions to the Library collections, opening hours, and Library contact information. Stay tuned!



### NEW ROOM BOOKING SYSTEM

The newly designed Room Booking System, which is accessed through the Portal, let you book rooms / database workstations / multimedia booths online without difficulties. Users can enter booked rooms with their Smart Cards during the new term. For details, please refer to [http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/libserv/room\\_booking.html](http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/libserv/room_booking.html)

Reservation rules are available at <http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/libserv/room.html>



## NEW LU LIBRARY TOOLBAR

Get the New LU Library Toolbar for quick access to the Library online resources, Past Exam Papers, Webmail, and more...

<http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/libserv/toolbar/>

## VIRTUAL BOOKSHELF

A new feature of the online catalogue developed by the Library to display cover images and record links of closely related titles in call number order. It enhances the discovery of related works from the Library's print collection.

The screenshot shows a library record for a collection. The record includes fields for LOCATION (General collection (L/F North)), CALL NUMBER (LC1023\_C48.2009), and STATUS (AVAILABLE). It also lists collection details (130 p. : 23 cm), bibliographic information (Includes bibliographical references (p. 81-82)), subject (Education, Higher -- United States), and subject (Education, Humanistic -- United States; Case studies). The ISBN is 9783639159172. Below the record is a section titled 'Browse Our Virtual Bookshelf and Click the Cover for Holding Information [Help]' which displays a row of book covers, including 'THE DISTINCTIVE COLLEGE CURRICULUM' by Burton R. Clark.

## LIBRARY USER SURVEY 2011

The annual user satisfaction survey was conducted in April. Thanks for your responses towards Library facilities and services. The result, analysis and Library's response are now available at:

<http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/aboutus/survey/2011/>

## Mission Completed! RECLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS, JOURNALS & MULTIMEDIA

Thank you very much for your support and patience during the Project. You can now fully enjoy the benefits of an integrated Library collection whereby materials are shelved by the Library of Congress Classification scheme regardless of language.

## More, More & More!! MORE COMPUTERS & NEW PRINTERS

During Term One, more computers will be added to the Information Commons, Library 3/F, and the far ends of Library 1/F. All public PCs will be upgraded with large size monitors, and over 50% of Octopus Network Printers will be replaced by new machines.

## RELOCATION OF BOOKS

Books in Class U - Z (General Collection) have been relocated to Library 3/F in August.

## NEW DATABASES & E-BOOKS

Several new databases are available for use this year:

- 5 collections from **Adam Matthew Digital** on *China: Trade, Politics and Culture, 1793-1980; Confidential Print: Middle East, 1839-1969; Empire Online; India, Raj and Empire; and Virginia Company Archives.*
- **ARTstor**: provides more than 1,000,000 images in the arts, architecture, humanities, and sciences.
- **Translation Studies Bibliography**: with 20,000 annotated records on Translation and Interpreting Studies.
- **CRSP/Compustat Merged Database**: with a wealth of financial, statistical, and market information accessible through the Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS) platform.

Major e-book acquisitions:

- **Oxford Handbooks Online** (70 titles)
- **CNKI** (169 titles of China Statistical Yearbooks)

## RELOCATION OF POPULAR MAGAZINES & NEWSPAPERS

In order to create a quieter and more enjoyable environment for newspaper and magazine reading, all popular magazines and current issue newspapers in the Magazine Corner on Library 2/F have been relocated to the 1/F Reading Room. All back issue newspapers have also been relocated from the Lingnan Archive on Library 2/F to the Back Issue Newspapers Room (MB 101/12) on Library 1/F.



## ILP LIBRARY WORKSHOPS

Join the Library Workshops by signing up at <http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/help/classes/> Online registration begins at: 1st September (Thu). 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!** The first session will begin on 15th September (Thu).