Massive Book Relocation

From 17 May 2004 onwards, immediately after the Semester B examination, the Library is going to carry out a massive book relocation exercise involving almost every single volume in the Circulation Collection. Some 563,000 books spanning LC Classes A to Z will be moved.

Years ago book shelves in the Library had six tiers. As time went by and the size of the collection increased, the shelves became seven-tiered and now some books even overflow onto the floor to form an "eighth tier". With more and more books acquired every year, are we going to need a "ninth tier"? If the answer is yes, where will we put it?

Electronic Compact Units
To relieve pressure for space, the Library has installed more electronic compact shelving units in the Law Section to maximize space efficiency. Similar units were first introduced and installed in the Serials Section several years ago and have been well received.

The electronic compact shelving system is equipped with zero force sensors to ensure safety. Shelves will not move if there is any user inside the aisle. Housing almost the entire Law Collection, these electronic compact shelves are quite heavily used. Users are requested not to stay inside the aisle too long so that other people can have their turn to move the shelf.

Continued on page 2
Capacity Doubled
The new installation has doubled the shelving capacity in the Law Section to 130,000 volumes. The additional shelving space houses not just the Law Collection, but offers an opportunity for the Library to relocate and reschedule books in the main Circulation Collection to alleviate the acute shelving problem.

Some 40,000 volumes of less frequently used Science & Technology circulation books of LC Classes Q to Z will be moved to fill up the extra space. These books will be given a new location identifier on the Library Catalogue so that users can easily find their new home. Since the books involved are seldom used, it is hoped that the inconvenience and disturbance caused to users will be minimal.

Eliminating the Eighth Tier
With some 40,000 books moved away to the electronic compact shelves, the 100,000 volumes within LC Classes Q to Z left behind on the circulation stacks can be rescheduled to achieve a better shelving occupancy ratio and books lying on the floor can find their way back onto the shelves.

Traditional book shelves superseded during the installation of electronic compact shelves in the Law Section are now installed in the area between the Serials and Circulation Collections, providing additional shelving capacity for some 61,500 books. The 426,000 volumes of LC Classes A to PZ will migrate forward and backward to occupy the additional shelving space, again, aiming at achieving a better shelving occupancy ratio and giving a new home for books on the floor.

Time Frame
The entire book relocation exercise is expected to be completed by early September 2004. During the process, some noise and inconvenience to our users will be unavoidable. While the Library will try its best to minimize the disturbance, it is hoped that our users can bear with the situation.

Updates about e-Resources

INSPEC, a comprehensive database on physics, electrical engineering, electronics, computer and computing science, is now available on the OVID platform. The platform offers new features such as sophisticated vocabulary mapping and fulltext linking. It also allows off-campus access and provides more backfiles (1969 – present).

ASM Handbook, a comprehensive source for information on metals and materials technology, is now available online. The online version features the complete content of 21 ASM Handbook volumes plus two ASM Desk Editions.
Lecture Series Attracts Large Audiences

The recent two lectures by Mr Shum Yat Fei and Professor Lung Yingtai in the Famous Scholars/Writers Lecture Series were well received by staff and students. Over 200 people gathered in the Reading/Seminar Room to attend each of the lectures. The inaugural lecture in the series, by Professor C L Liu, was held last October.

The Art of Sun Tsz and Management 孫子兵法與管理
organized in collaboration with Department of Management

Popular columnist Mr Shum Yat Fei talked about modern management theories and the Art of Sun Tsz on 4 December 2003, the second lecture in the series.

Applying the art of Sun Tsz to modern management practices, he used the most widely quoted words from Sun Tsz to illustrate how Hong Kong business people could formulate strategies for success in trade with the mainland: “知彼知己者，百戰不殆”. This has been translated by R D Sawyer (1994) as: “One who knows the enemy and knows himself will not be endangered in a hundred engagements”. In Mr Shum’s view, one has to understand the cultural diversity of different provinces in the mainland before one can succeed in doing business with mainland partners.

More Than Just Fist-fighting — A Cultural Perspective on Taiwan 台灣民主意味著甚麼？一個文化歷史的角度
organized in collaboration with Department of Chinese, Translation and Linguistics

Professor Lung Yingtai, Visiting Professor in the Department of Chinese, Translation and Linguistics, shared her views on democracy in Taiwan with the audience on 26 February 2004.

She noted that observers of Taiwan, whether from the Chinese-speaking world or elsewhere, mostly focus on political events. However, she believes that without a historical and particularly cultural perspective, the political reading of a society can be very misleading. Cultural transformation, brought about by political liberalization, is easily invisible to outsiders but goes far deeper than any political manoeuvres.

The Taiwanese experiment with democracy in the Chinese cultural context has significant implications for greater China.
Cultural Fest@Library: East Asia
organized in collaboration with the Division of Language Studies

Cultural Fest@Library was one of new initiatives of the Library to promote cultural understanding among students and provide opportunities for students to enhance their whole person development. From mid-March to the end of April 2004, a series of Japanese and Korean cultural activities was organized.

With the helpful liaison of colleagues in the Division of Language Studies, the University and the Library have received two generous donations from Japanese and Korean wellwishers respectively.

**Japanese Hanga Win Admiration**
The Library has received a generous donation of Japanese hanga (woodprints) from Mr Denkichi Omi. An exhibition of Mr Omi’s selected works was held in the Library Lobby during the Cultural Fest.

The donated collection from Mr Omi has enriched the Library’s cultural "treasure trove". A ceremony acknowledging his generous donation was held in the Library on March 20.

**Korean Culture from Two Sides**
The Library was honoured to receive a special donation of hanbok (traditional Korean costumes) from the Consulate General of Republic of Korea in Hong Kong. To show the University’s appreciation of this special donation, an opening ceremony of the Hanbok Exhibition was held on March 29 in the Library.

Mr Kang Keun Taik, the Consul General of the Consulate General of Republic of Korea in Hong Kong, and Professor H K Chang, our President, officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a Tae Kwon Do demonstration by Master Moon Myoung Gon.

**Talk Delves into Cultural Thoughts**
As a finale to the Cultural Fest, Mr Morio Matsumoto, Consul (Public Relations/Cultural Affairs) of the Consulate General of Japan, gave a talk entitled "Sino-Japanese Culture: Comparisons and Thoughts" on April 22. During the talk, he illustrated the cultural differences between Chinese and Japanese using some interesting examples such as customs of exchange of gifts and habits of saying thank you and apology.
Hong Kong Academic Library Link – Request While You Search

Users are reminded that they can now access a mega collection of over 3 million items held in the libraries of CityU, Lingnan University and the University of Hong Kong through Hong Kong Academic Library Link (香港高校圖書聯網), or in short, HKALL (港書網). The service, launched in January 2004, will be available until October.

HKALL is a pilot project jointly undertaken by the three academic libraries. Its union catalogue allows staff and students of the partner institutions to search and make direct requests for books in the three libraries. Requested items will be delivered to the home libraries of the requesters for checkout. Users can search HKALL directly or simply transfer the original search at the CityU Library Catalogue to HKALL by clicking the button "Search HKALL" on the screen. Requests can be made with any personal computers that have access to the Internet.

While the traditional interlibrary loan services are limited to certain categories of users only, HKALL borrowing services are extended to all staff and students with CityU smart cards. Details of the project and the borrowing services are available on the Library website under "Services". Comments and suggestions can be directed to lbhkall@cityu.edu.hk.

Why hesitate? Try out HKALL now! Request while you search!
One-stop-shop Alert Services

Do you have trouble finding the time to keep track of new journal issues or articles in your area of research interest? Did you know the Library subscribes to many online resources that provide “alert services”? These services enable you to receive the latest information on journals and topics of interest. You may request to receive via email the Table of Contents (TOC) of specific journals each time a new issue is published. You can also get results of periodic searches on your topics. Some email notifications even provide direct links to the articles!

To guide you through the procedures of signing up for the appropriate alert services, a Library Guide on Alert Services has been prepared. It can be accessed via the Library Guides index page (under “Library Instruction” in the Library website). CityU staff and students are encouraged to use the alert services for their research and studies.

A Facelift for e-Journal Lists

The e-journal lists on the Library website have recently been revamped with the following enhancements:

- More than 15,900 e-journals from aggregator databases such as ProQuest, EBCOhost, LexisNexis Academic have been added to both the title and subject lists, making up a complete list of more than 21,000 Library-subscribed e-journal titles.
- About 900 open-access (i.e. free) e-journals are now included in the title list of e-journals.
- Availability of fulltext is indicated for each e-journal in the title list.
- The e-journal subject list now breaks down into more specific subject categories and can be linked to the e-journal records in the Library Catalogue.