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MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARIAN



Staying Within the Boundaries of the Law

From time to time we receive communications from publishers such as the following:

“It has been brought to our attention that someone from the University of Hong Kong is redistributing (publisher name) content to an online community website called XXX.com through your institution’s online subscription. I have included a copy of the [item] that was purchased from this website. This activity is a violation of (XXX) copyright and is against the terms and conditions.”

We take such matters very seriously. Whenever a researcher goes to our Dragon catalogue to access an electronic database, just below the holdings information, they see the following statement:

“Warning: Use of the files is restricted to purposes of research and education only. Other uses and excessive downloading are strictly prohibited. Violators will lose library privileges, face disciplinary actions and may be prosecuted”

If they click on the above banner, they are provided with information concerning what the researcher can and cannot do with the information from this database:

- Yes, leasees (i.e., HKU students, faculty & staff, and possibly walk-in users) can search the electronic resources for academic and research purposes
- Yes, leasees may download citations and articles for academic research
- No, leasees may not distribute to others materials downloaded from the licensed electronic resources for commercial purposes
- No, leasees may not download ‘systematically’, or ‘excessively’ from the electronic resources

They are also told again in greater detail what activities are expressly not permitted:

- The sale of the licensed materials
- Bulk reproduction or distribution of the licensed materials in any form
- Modify, adapt, transform, translate, or create any derivative work based on any materials included in the licensed electronic resources
- Remove, obscure or modify any copyright or other notices included in the licensed materials.

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARIAN

When we determine who stole the content for the purpose of reselling it or even giving it away to many other users, we will suspend the offender's library privileges, we will provide the details of what happened to the researcher's Dean or Director, and depending upon the extent of this illegal activity, the offender may face fines or legal prosecution.

The reason why I am taking this valuable space to talk about this matter is that unless we can get everyone in the community to voluntarily comply with these use restrictions, at the least everyone will be inconvenienced, and at the worst the publishers will withdraw their content and everyone in our community will be denied access.

Publishers would like to require us to make it easier to track down offenders by inserting a pop up box requiring researchers to type their HKU user name and password every time before using the thousands of databases to which we subscribe. Adding this burden in time and effort to the work of every student and staff member's day, just because there are a few irresponsible persons among us, is unreasonable. Please help by abiding by these policies and make your colleagues aware of this problem. ***We all need your help!***

READING CLUB

Meet the Author Night

For more about our Reading Club and its activities, visit http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading_club/

從親歷「莫拉克」世紀災劫說起

Theme Book : 《釋放香港》 (*Liberating Hong Kong*)

Speaker : Mr Albert Lai 黎廣德先生

Moderator : Mr Vincent Wong 黃永先生 (商台[從晴朗一天出發]節目主持人)

Date : 24 September 2009 (Thursday)

Time : 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm

Venue : Special Collections, 1/F, Main Library, The University of Hong Kong

Language : Cantonese

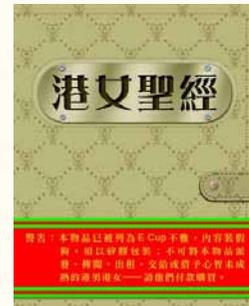


Upcoming Book Talk

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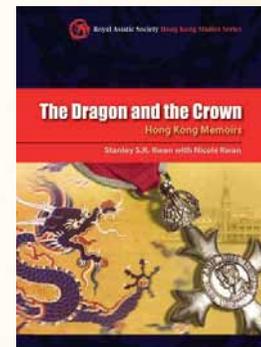
《港女聖經》和《港男筆記》

Speaker : Mr Yip Yat Chee 葉一知先生
 Moderator : Ms Yip Tin Pui 葉天佩女士, Dr Ku Kam Ming 顧錦明博士
 Date : 7 October 2009 (Wednesday)
 Time : 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm
 Venue : Special Collections, 1/F, Main Library, The University of Hong Kong
 Language : Cantonese



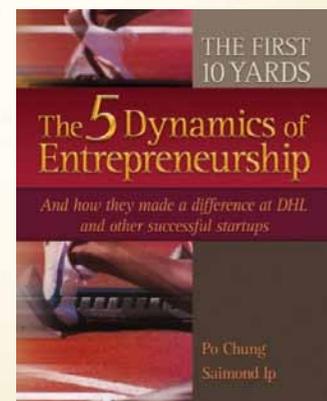
The Dragon and the Crown

Speaker : Ms Nicole Kwan 關慧中女士
 Moderator : Ms Christine Lo 陸恭蕙女士
 Date : 19 November 2009 (Thursday)
 Time : 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm
 Venue : Special Collections, 1/F, Main Library, The University of Hong Kong
 Language : English



THE FIRST 10 YARDS – The 5 Dynamics of Entrepreneurship and how they made a difference at DHL and other successful startups

Speakers : Mr Po Chung (鍾普洋先生) and Dr Saimond Ip
 Date : 25 November 2009 (Wednesday)
 Time : 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm
 Venue : Special Collections, 1/F, Main Library, The University of Hong Kong
 Language : English



LIBRARIES SHOT CAUGHT ON VIDEO



In February 2009, with the sponsorship of HKUL Circle of Friends, we challenged the students to create a short film to promote the Libraries. We received very good response. The panel including Dr Albert Chau, Dean of Student Affairs, CEDARS & General Education, Professor Nancy Tong, Visiting Associate Professor, JMSC, Dr Anthony Ferguson, University Librarian and Mr Peter Sidorko, Deputy Librarian, selected three winning videos from the “Shoot the Libraries” competition.

Grand Prize “The Microcosmos of HKUL” by Philip Beasley-Murray

1st Runner up “HKU Libraries: we are IN” by Cherry Wong

2nd Runner up “HKUL: World Class Collections and Services” by Will McCallum



To view the videos, please visit <http://lib.hku.hk/friends/filmcompeteresult.html>.

EXHIBITION

Welcome to HKU Libraries
September 2-21, 2009



Reference Department will organise a series of orientation sessions in early September to introduce new students and other library users to the Main Library's services and facilities. Several whole day postgraduate workshops will also be conducted from mid-August to October, to empower users to capitalize on the myriad information resources available and enhance their library research skills. Other general skills courses, such as Dragon (HKUL catalogue), Finding Journal Articles, Finding Dissertations are organized all year round.

If you wish to request instructional courses in a specific subject area, please contact Reference Librarian, Miss Rebecca Yeung at 28597010 or Rebecca@hkucc.hku.hk

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

New Microform Viewer/Scanner

Four new microform viewers/scanners were installed in the Microform Room. Users may now enjoy viewing the microform images through 22” monitor of computer. Users having difficulties in using these new scanners are welcome to seek assistance from staff of the Special Collections counter. Instruction courses for users on how to use these new viewers/scanners will be held shortly.



Fill the gaps for two early Hong Kong newspapers

Through a collaboration project with SCMP, the Libraries is able to fill some gaps for two early Hong Kong newspapers, the China mail (38 reels of films ranging from 1938 to 1953) and Hong Kong Telegraph (25 reels from 1883 to 1913).

Open Access Compact Shelving- Main Library 2/F

The Reference and Serials Collections of the Main Library have been relocated to these areas in this summer. They are arranged in call numbers and in sizes. New prefixes of “RVLB” and “LS” have been added to the very large reference materials and journals respectively. Bound and current journals are now shelved together. The individual bound title is shelved in the front and current issues of this title follow.

The shelving units are high-density. To gain access to a specific item, press the buttons on the display panel near the needed shelf. Check the instructions appeared on alternate shelves if you do not know how to operate it the first time. If you have difficulty or the shelves are not moving properly please contact the staff at the Access Services Department for assistance.



UPCOMING EVENT

Westlaw Day & Lexis Day at the Law Library

21-22 October 2009 Westlaw Day

29-30 October 2009 Lexis Day



Specialist trainers from both Westlaw and LexisNexis will offer training sessions on October 21-22 and October 29-30 respectively, with five training sessions daily between 11:40 am to 6:40 pm at the Lui Che Woo Law Library. Souvenirs and training materials will be distributed to participants. Registration is not required but seats with PCs are limited, first come first served. For enquiries, please email lawlib@lib.hku.hk or call 2859-2914.

A TALE OF TWO BOOKS: FRESH DIMENSIONS IN GLOBALIZED PUBLICATION

Nancy Yang, formerly research assistant, and Richard Cullen, Visiting Professor, both with the Faculty of Law, retell their investigation of the mystery in the book stacks. What began as part of a regular research process – of tracing two books in the Main Library collection – has interestingly become a researcher’s war story. Bringing limelight to HKU it might have had, this discovery certainly brings to light the broader issue of digital piracy in globalized publishing. Food for thought for information consumers in the digital age.

A Tale of Two Books: Fresh Dimensions in Globalized Publication

by

Nancy Yang and Richard Cullen

We recently began a research project looking at the work of Hong Kong’s well regarded, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

Shortly after the project commenced, Nancy began to collect a range of helpful reference works from the University Library. As she moved along the shelves holding all the books in the “anti-corruption” category, two books looked especially useful.

First there was, *Corruption and Government* by Susan Rose-Ackerman (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999). Next, *Corruption and Good Governance* by Naunihal Singh (Delhi: AuthorsPress, 2001) appeared to be worth reading.

Now, though, things became more interesting. It transpired that the table of contents of the second book was almost identical to the table of contents in the first book. It got better: the first sentences of the two books were essentially the same way: “Poverty, poor health, low life expectancy, and an unequal distribution...”. And the even the prefaces of the two books used very similar wording. Further investigation revealed that the second (Singh) book was almost a carbon copy of the earlier Rose-Ackerman book.

A TALE OF TWO BOOKS: FRESH DIMENSIONS IN GLOBALIZED PUBLICATION

It was time to do some research on these two authors. Susan Rose-Ackerman is a law professor in the Law School of Yale University. The second author, Dr. Singh, according to a web-biography “was till recently a Member of Parliament” presumably in India.

Professor Rose-Ackerman is an expert on corruption and economic development. Her book has been translated into 13 languages, as her homepage explains.

The publisher of the second book notes on the publisher’s website that Dr. Naunihal Singh “has authored about fifty books on National and International affairs”. (This Dr. Naunihal Singh is distinguished from another Dr. Naunihal Singh who has obtained a Ph.D degree in Harvard University and is currently teaching political science at the University of Notre Dame in the US.)

This author also seems to be an expert in corruption, assuming these two books: *The World of Bribery and Corruption: From Ancient Times to Modern Age* (by Naunihal Singh, India: Mittal Publications, 1998); and *Developing Countries Impact of Corruption and Economic Growth* (by Naunihal Singh, Delhi: AuthorsPress, 2000) – are by the same author.

Nancy advised Professor Rose-Ackerman by email of this discovery. The Professor was pleased to have the information, which was passed on to the publisher. Investigations are proceeding.

Further web-searching revealed some positive reviews of the Singh book by book-sellers based in India.

What has happened appears (as far as we are able to tell) to be as follows. Dr Singh has deployed some up-to-date software to copy the Rose-Ackerman book into a full text version which could be modified at will (the second book uses different fonts and there are other instances of layout variations). The AuthorsPress in Delhi (possibly a “vanity-publisher”) has produced this clone of the Rose-Ackerman book. Next, the “new” book has been added to the “new book list” of one or more academic text distributors. Such a list has come through our University Library (and likely through many other mainstream libraries). The price is fairly modest for an academic text – under US\$32 on one Indian book-seller website. There are some seller-reviews pointing out its merits. It is ordered. A week or two later it is delivered.

Multiple attempts were made to contact the author - and Delhi publisher- by email. The response rate was zero in both cases.

We have assumed, above, that Dr. Singh is a real person. Given the rather strange nature of this particular book publishing endeavour it is not inconceivable, however, that the author, like the second book, is essentially a confection.

The two books have circled the globe to Hong Kong, where catalogued and shelved they end up standing almost alongside one another. The high-tech revolution has crucially helped power globalization. Our experience demonstrates that the two, combined, have proved boon to those inclined to publish – and sell – fake books.

One review of the Singh book explains that “It offers accounts of successful programmes of ending or massively reducing varied forms of corruption.”

NOTABLE ACQUISITIONS

Call no. 951.132 S52 J

Shanghai political & economic reports, 1842-1943 : British government records from the international city / edited by Robert L. Jarman.

Slough : Archive Editions, 2008.

The remarkable and durable institution of the International Settlement allowed the British to report in detail on political and economic matters in Shanghai and China. This collection of primary documents, establishes a comprehensive series of despatches, in the main from the British consul in Shanghai to the British ambassador to China based usually in Peking, but in the 1930s based in Shanghai itself.

Call no. 621.38403 E5

Encyclopedia of wireless and mobile communications / edited by Borko Furht.

Boca Raton, Fla. : Auerbach, c2008.

Electrical engineers, engineering students, and researchers have long required a comprehensive yet concise resource to turn to for reliable, up-to-date information on the continually evolving field of telecommunications. This encyclopedia provides a substantial overview of over 200 essential topics in the wireless communications field, from acoustic communications and data compression to optical fibers and wireless sensor networks.

Call no. 581.9561 F6

Flora of Turkey and the East Aegean Islands / edited by P.H. Davis ... [et al.].

Edinburgh : Edinburg University Press, 2008, c1965.

This monumental series presents the richness and diversity of Turkish flora in nine volumes (1966-85), plus two supplements (1988; 2001). It is a major contribution to the floristic study of South West Asia and the eastern Mediterranean region and represents the life's work of Peter Davis (1918-92).

Call no. 547.2 E5

Encyclopedia of reagents for organic synthesis / editors, Leo A. Paquette ... [et al.].

2nd ed. Hoboken, N.J. : Wiley, 2009

This encyclopedia is suitable for those working in organic synthesis. It is also suitable for Organic Chemists, and Inorganic, Physical and Analytical Chemists, Materials Scientists, Chemical Engineers, Biochemists, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Chemists and Pharmacologists. °

ACCOLADES

Staff Recognition Award

This quarterly award is given periodically to recognise a staff member whose presence contributes in an extraordinary way to the Libraries. Award winner will receive HK\$500 and a book plate to honor his dedication.

Mr. Leung Kai Kwong from the Access Service Department, has been selected as the award recipient of the Staff Recognition Program for the second quarter of 2009.

Past Staff Recognition Award Recipients :

Leong Chau Iu (Access Services Department)
Jimmy Sung (Systems Department)
Lillian Lucke (Medical Library)
Chan Wai Sun (Administrative Services Team)
Chan Min Sze, Ivy (Lui Che Wo Law Library)
Marine Yip (Administrative Services Team)
Mr To Siu King (E-resources and Serials Cataloguing Department)
Ms Connie Lam (Western and E-Resources Cataloguing Department)
Ms Carol Lam (Acquisitions Department)
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Mr Lai Chun Ying (Bindery Department)
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