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## FEATURE STORY

### • Research Enhancement Centre is Now Open

The brand new Research Enhancement Centre (REC) on the Library 3/F is now open and will be in full operation in March/ April 2011. This centre aims to create a comfortable and dynamic space conducive to problem-based learning, discussion and user interaction. New facilities such as an IT Lounge, User Education Rooms and Research Carrels will be available. This is also the new home of [Ms Christina Chau](#), e-Learning Librarian and her team! You are welcome to [contact](#) Ms Chau for your e-Learning needs.

Faculty/Schools Librarians are here to assist you during the course of your research. You may contact your [Faculty/Schools Librarians](#) for advice on identifying and using of various library and online resources. A new IT Helpdesk will also be available to provide service on technical issues.

Notebook users can now enjoy the convenience of wireless printing in the REC. After installing the printer driver ([see details](#)), users can print with their notebook PCs to the black and white printer near the research carrels.

Stay tuned for the Library announcement on the launching date!



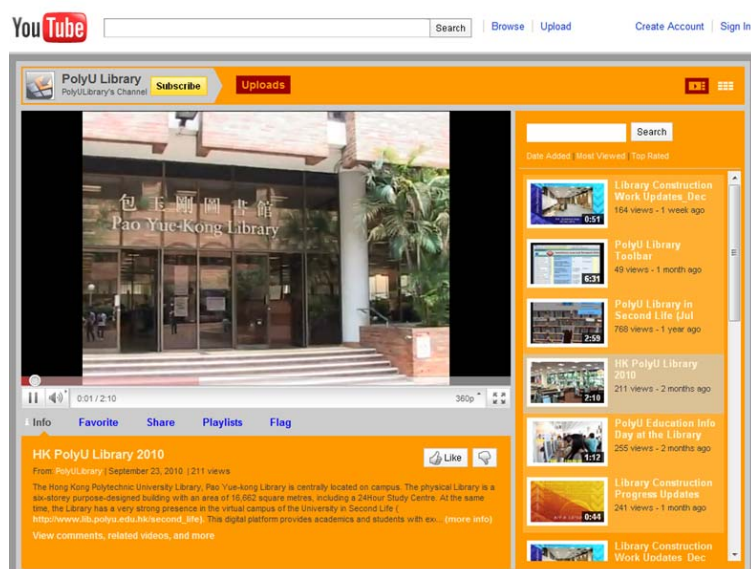


## HIGHLIGHTS

### • Tools to Get You Connected With the Library

It is easy to stay updated on an incredibly wide variety of topics about the Library by social networking tools!

#### \* PolyULibrary's Channel



It keeps you updated on what is happening inside the Library and tips for using the Library's resources.

#### \* Follow Us on Twitter



It enables you to get short and timely notices of new services, workshops, announcements and special arrangements of the Library.



- **Library Resources Exhibition: Wisdom of Rivers (16-30 November 2010)**



The Library proudly presented the **Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival** 《清明上河圖》 of Northern Song Dynasty (art reproduction) together with a slide collection of western paintings inspired by rivers of the centuries from 16 to 30 November 2010.

The exhibition attracted a lot of library users as it was the hottest topic in the city. The juxtaposition of the river's paintings from the East and the West enabled our viewers to travel through space and time, together with artifacts like the Slide Carousel Projector which our students found it very interesting. The exhibition was a successful one which generated lots of interest on the subject, as shown by the positive feedbacks received on the guestbook. It provided us a good opportunity to promote the Library's collection in the Media Services Section including slides, CD-ROM, DVDs and the Special Collections Section including closed stack and rare book collections.

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## RESEARCH CORNER

### • Alerting Services

#### \* What?

Alert Services (also known as Alerting Services or Current Awareness Services) are services used to keep us up to date with the latest references, journal articles, or books in the researchers' areas of interest.

#### \* Who?

They are particularly useful for researchers, especially for research which extends over a long period, e.g., working towards a dissertation or thesis.

#### \* How?

Many of the databases, which the Library subscribes to, provide the option of setting up an alerting service. It is necessary to register with a database or publisher site in order to set up an alert.

#### \* Form of Delivery?

Notification of new research information will be delivered in the form of either regular email alerts or RSS (Real Simple Syndication) feeds. Depending on individual database, alerts may be in the form of:

- TOC alert: table of contents of newly released journal issues, e.g., in ACM Digital Library and RSC Journals;
- Search alert: recent articles matching previously submitted searches, e.g., in CSA databases and Journals@Ovid;
- Citation alert: get alert when the article you specified is cited by another article, e.g., in Scopus & Web of Science.

#### \* Availability?

Please refer to the [table](#) that summarizes the availability of Alert Services across different database platforms.

#### \* Advice?

For more details or advice, please contact your [Faculty/Schools Librarian](#) for details.

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## PROFILE

- **New Coordinator of the PolyU Institutional Repository**

With the departure of Ms Gwendolin Wong (former Institutional Repository Librarian) in late October 2010, [Ms Mei Li](#), Assistant Librarian (Collection Development/Liaison), is now the co-ordinator of the [PolyU Institutional Repository](#).

Through this digital archive initiative, the Library aims to create permanent records of the institution's research and scholarly output in digital format and to make them globally and openly accessible. All faculty members are encouraged to deposit their scholarly output to the PolyU IR by online submission, emailing materials to the PolyU IR staff ([libir@polyu.edu.hk](mailto:libir@polyu.edu.hk)) or contacting your [Faculty/Schools Librarian](#).

- **Farewell to Our Cataloguer**



Mr Oliver Shum, Assistant Librarian (Bibliographic Control), has just retired after 27 years of loyal service to the Library. Behind the scene, Oliver was mainly responsible for the cataloguing of English and audio-visual materials, making these vital resources easily accessible by our users. Oliver, we thank you for your contribution and wish you all the best with your retirement.

- **The New Marketing Group**



To further promote our Library as the University's Learning Hub, a new Marketing Group is formed. Current library staff, Mr Patrick Fong and Ms Salina Ma, were recruited to join this team. With the direction of [Ms Sam Lam](#), our Marketing Manager, more marketing projects and exciting initiatives will be on the way and showcase to the PolyU community.

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## USER EDUCATION

### • Information Signpost - A Pathway of Discovering Library Materials and Beyond

Numerous resources are available on the web. With just a few clicks it will take you to the universe of information. But... have you ever got lost in it?

To allow you to obtain information in an organized and systematic way, we have prepared Information Signposts to cater for your various information needs. For example, "Personal Development for New PolyU Students" is especially for freshmen. If you want to understand more about your foreign classmates, try "Cultural Diversity". Or you may sharpen your "Presentation Skills" by exploring this Signpost. There are still more topics:

- \* [Appreciation of Art and Design](#);
- \* [Cultural Diversity](#);
- \* [Developing Your Job Skills](#);
- \* [Finding Company Information](#);
- \* [Getting Ready for Further Studies](#);
- \* [Learning Foreign Languages](#);
- \* [Library Resources for Job Hunting](#);
- \* [Library Resources for Professional Examinations](#);
- \* [Personal Development for New PolyU Students](#);
- \* [Presentation Skills](#);
- \* [Resources for Academic Writing](#);
- \* [Six Steps to Effective Library Research](#);
- \* [Start Your Research by Using Encyclopedias](#);
- \* [Statistical Resources for Your Project or Research](#).

Each Information Signpost leads you to a pathway of discovering Library materials (in print or electronic versions), media materials, as well as Internet resources. [Check it out](#) and locate the abundant resources with ease!!!





Two lucky winners received the iPod from the University Librarian, Mr Steve O'Connor on 16 November 2010.

- **Prizes for Students Participating in Library Orientation**

A total of 1,317 students had attended the undergraduate orientation sessions “**Knowledge Discovery in the Library and Beyond 2010**” conducted between July and September 2010. All the participants of the orientation were automatically entered into a lucky draw for an iPod. There were three winners.

- ✦ **Sharing from the Participants:**



**Miss Pun Chun In (Year 1, Institute of Textiles & Clothing)**

The Library Orientation helps me to understand more about the Library, and makes me find books more easily and get to know other library resources such as HKALL, past examination papers and so on; they are definitely useful resources for my assignments.



**Mr. Wong Chi On (Year 1, School of Nursing)**

I recommend all new students to attend it once they start their student lives in the University. It helps me to have a better understanding of how to make use of the vast and useful resources provided by the Library for quality projects and assignments. Also, I was so happy to have won an iPod!

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## PREFERRED LIBRARY SCENARIO

### • Cafe and Exhibition Area are Coming Soon!

A more comfortable and dynamic learning environment with a **Current Awareness Centre**, **Express IT Pods**, a **Cafe and an Exhibition Area** on the P/F is coming in March/April 2011! This relaxed lounge-type environment is expected to make the Library a truly LEARNING HUB and a social meeting space of the University.

### • Temporary Service Arrangements During Renovation

#### \* Circulation Counter

It has been moved to the Library entrance until the end of March 2011. The Counter will maintain full services during this period.

#### \* New Books Display

The display shelves on the P/F have been temporarily suspended. However, you may view the new book titles at the [New Additions List \(Books\)](#) via the Library homepage.

#### \* Current Newspapers

The current newspapers are provisionally kept in Room L501 (5/F) beside the Photocopying Room.



Temporary Circulation Counter on the P/F



Current Newspapers Stands on the 5/F

### • Project Report: New Facilities Trial Zone

As part of the Library Revitalization Project, new furniture and 85 new research carrels will be available for use in March/April 2011. To ensure the design of these facilities meet the expectation of our users, the Library had set up a "New Facilities Trial Zone" with display boards about the Project at the future location of the Cafe Area from mid-October to the end of November 2010. A number of new facilities and furniture were put on display for users' comments:

- \* Real size research carrel mock-ups;
- \* Single seater sofa and coffee table;
- \* Stackable chairs for the Exhibition Area;
- \* Gas-lift chair for both the G/F and 3/F;
- \* 120 degree workstation for the IT Lounge;
- \* L-shaped desk for the research carrel;
- \* Foldable rectangular desk and trapezium table with castors for the User Education Rooms.

Users were invited to try on those furniture and indicate their preferences by casting their votes at the computer kiosk set-up there or email their comments to our Suggestion Box.



Display boards on the Phase 1 of the Revitalization Project



New Facilities Trial Zone



Users can't wait to use the selected samples of furniture!

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