Greetings from the University Librarian

Welcome back from your summer holidays! May I also extend a warm welcome to all new staff and students. At the Pao Yue-kong Library, we have been very busy over the summer adding and improving Library facilities and resources which we think you will find very useful. From time to time we will issue a Newsletter to keep you up to date with new developments in the Library.

Come and see for yourself our new 24-hour study room, the group discussion rooms, the Information Consultancy Centre and the wide variety of print and e-resources recently added.

For mobile phone fans there is some good news. Whilst the use of mobile phones was strictly forbidden in all parts of the Library previously, they may now be used but ONLY in the 24-hour study room and in the group discussion rooms on the Ground Floor. Please be considerate and do not disturb other library clientele by using mobile phones anywhere else in the building.

Earlier this month, we have added the TDNet Service which greatly eases the organization and searching of over 16,000 full-text unique e-journals we have available through the Library. Do try TDNet on the Library Homepage.

Talk to our friendly Faculty Librarians about your information needs for your assignments, projects or research. Remember, the Library can be your best partner for academic success.

Barry Burton

Check it out! Your Library has a brand new look

Ever wanted to have a 24-hour study room in the Library? Yes, there is one located on the G/F. Come and try it out!

Want space for group discussion? Please enquire at the Circulation Counter.

Information Services Section now provides a personal consultancy service for faculty staff. (Call ext. 6858 for an appointment).
Library announces two new ebook collections

(www.lib.polyu.edu.hk/electdb/ebook)

Safari Tech Books Online

Ever disappointed that those "hot" computer books you need are on loan?

Take a look at Safari Tech Books Online, an online reference library of over 700 ebooks on information technology and computer science. The search engine let you perform keyword search across hundreds of computer books simultaneously, locating precise information in seconds. You can pick from a hit list of book chapters containing your search terms, ranked by relevancy. Or if you are the "traditional" type who prefers page-to-page browsing, ebooks in Safari are also easily navigable. Full colour graphics are displayed just as they are originally published, and could be saved, while text could be cut and pasted at your convenience.

Books@Ovid

Featuring the Lippincott/Springhouse Nursing Collection and the Lippincott's Clinical Choice, Books@Ovid is yet another new ebook collection recently added to the Library's Homepage.


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**Video-on-Demand**

(www.lib.polyu.edu.hk/electdb/VOD.htm)

Users can now watch current local television programmes produced by RTHK and ATV, not only on video-CDs in the Library, but also remotely on the Library Homepage within the campus network. Over 400 TV programmes are provided in the Library's VOD website. These programmes, mainly on current affairs and domestic studies, are made available online by the Library with the support of ITS and the kind permission of their producers, Radio Television Hong Kong and Asia Television Limited.

Other educational videos, that are relevant and useful to the PolyU community and with copyright permission, are also provided for remote access in the VOD website. The videos now available include those on business and management, health and safety and fashion shows.

These television programmes and educational videos are also linked to their catalogue records for instant display. PolyU staff and students can access these videos via the PolyU network, although viewing by VPN connection is not available at the moment. Academic staff are welcome to recommend any programmes for inclusion in this website, subject to copyright restriction. For enquiries and assistance, please contact the Media Services Librarian at 2766-6869 or by email at lbms@polyu.edu.hk.

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**Digital Image Gallery**

(www.lib.polyu.edu.hk/electdb/localimage.htm)

The Library has been filming slide images on local fashion shows, architecture and exhibitions and acquiring overseas fashion shows to support the PolyU curriculum and research. Thanks to the advance in multimedia technology, the Library can now provide them on CD-ROMs. A Digital Image Gallery with over 1,600 images is also established in the Library Homepage to provide these electronic images for online access within the PolyU network. For enquiries and assistance, please contact the Media Services Librarian at 2766-6869 or by email at lbms@polyu.edu.hk.
Remote Access to E-resources

Due to copyright and licensing restrictions, only PolyU staff and students are allowed to access the Library's e-databases and e-journals. Therefore, for off campus access, users must authenticate themselves as a bona fide member of the PolyU community via the following 2 ways:

Use the PolyU Dial-up Modem Pool, or
Use the Virtual Private Network

For guides and instructions? Please download at http://www.lib.polyu.edu.hk/collser/libguides/
Connection problems? Need help with installation? Please contact ITS Helpdesk at 2766-5900.
Not sure how to use the e-databases and journals? Please call the Library Information Desk at 2766-6863.

[Tip: No need to do the above if you are just checking the Library Catalogue, your own circulation record, or reserving an already checked-out item.]

User Education Programmes and Library Outreach Programmes

Virtual Orientation

Get to know your Library! Take a virtual orientation at http://www.lib.polyu.edu.hk
Go to the "About the Library" and select Virtual Orientation.

Library Seminars

Improve your research skills! Join one or more of our topical seminars.
Watch out for announcements and register online at http://www.lib.polyu.edu.hk

Tailor-made Library Seminars

We also organize tailor-made library seminars for students upon staff's request.
Interested staff are welcome to contact the Information Services Librarian (Tel: 2766-6858) for details.

TDNet E-journal Platform

Pao Yue-kong Library is the first library in Hong Kong to introduce TDNet which is already used by some of the most prestigious libraries in UK and USA.

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