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2002/03 User Survey

The Library has recently joined hands with the PolyUAC of the 9th PolyU Students' Union in conducting a 2002/03 User Survey of Undergraduate Students that aimed to establish how far library services were meeting the needs of our undergraduate students and the level of satisfaction they found for various library services and facilities.

What you said about the Library...

A total of 401 responses were received during the survey period, 25 November to 14 December 2002.

Overall Satisfaction

1. Library services

2. Library Staff

3a) Print resources

3b) E-resources (E-journals, etc.)

3c) Other E-resources (VoDs, etc.)

3d) Audio-visual Materials

4a) Physical environment (Lighting, temperature, etc.)

4b) Physical facilities (24 Hour Study/Discussion Rooms, PCs, etc.)

Use of the Library

Respondents (%)

http://www.lib.polyu.edu.hk
The Library has increased the number of renewals to 2. Overdue items can also be renewed online provided the items are not requested by another user. However, overdue fines still need to be paid. The Library has extended the loan period of Reserve Books for undergraduates to 6 hours. Quite a number of students commented that it would be helpful if some commonly used application software could be made available for use in the Library. For your convenience, we have installed MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access in selective PCs in the Media Services Section. Please enquire at the Media Services Counter for details. Students also said that the Library was noisy. To combat the noise problem, we will mount an anti-noise campaign nearer the examination period. We also appeal to all Library users to be considerate in keeping the Library quiet, and especially not to use mobile phones anywhere inside the Library except in the 24-hour Study Room on the G/F.
Watching the Best Films

(Please request at Media Services Counter (3/F))

UK Critics' Top Ten Films since 1978

1. Apocalypse Now
   1979, USA
   PN1997.A662 DVD
   PN1997.A662 LD

2. Raging Bull
   1980, USA
   PN1997.R334 DVD
   PN1997.R334 LD

3. Goodfellas
   1990, USA
   PN1997.G6624 DVD
   PN1997.G6624 LD

4. Blue Velvet
   1986, USA
   Video Cassette
   PN1997.B585

5. Do the Right Thing
   1989, USA
   PN1997.D673 LD

6. Blade Runner
   1982, USA
   PN1997.B53 LD

7. Chung King Express
   1994, HK
   PN1997.A14Z4566 DVD

8. Fanny and Alexander
   1983, Sweden

9. Once Upon a Time in America
   1983, USA
   PN1997.O523 LD

10. A One and a Two
    1999, Taiwan/Japan
    PN1997.A14Y59 VCD

Remarks: The above Best Ten list, chosen by 50 UK film critics, was published in the December 2002 issue of Sight and Sound (P. 20-23) which is widely regarded as the best English film periodical in the world and is published by the British Film Institute.
The programme is designed to equip students and researchers with skills to handle information effectively: to be aware of a variety of tools and resources, able to identify, select, access, evaluate and manage information.

Library Security

Having upgraded our CCTV system from analog to colour digital, security in the Library is now much improved. The state of the art surveillance system makes it much easier to identify and to subsequently apprehend culprits. In fact, students involved in recent theft cases have been caught by the police and prosecuted. The Library warns that Stealing is a serious CRIME and can adversely affect the rest of your life. Offenders will be prosecuted and risk jeopardizing their future. At the same time, please be careful with personal belongings! In the past few months, laptops, mobile phones, credit cards, wallets and purses have been stolen from library users who have left them unattended.

Copyright

We also like you to note the recent copyright infringement cases widely reported in the press. Again, copyright infringement is a serious offence. Please be careful to make sure you comply with the copyright laws when making photocopies or downloading copyright works.

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Online Information Literacy Programme
(Soon to come!!)

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Library Seminars! Register Now! Places are limited!

- Financial Data: Datastream, Hydra
- Introduction to E-books in the PolyU Library
- Using E-journals in the Library
- Searching Specialized Databases in Business and Management
- Searching Specialized Databases for the Health Professionals
- Searching Dissertations and Theses
- Electronic Newspapers
- Company Information
- Searching Specialized Databases in Physics and Mathematics
- Citation Databases and Journal Citation Reports
- Searching the Internet
- Searching Specialized Databases in Social Sciences

Not only can you learn the skills of handling information any time any where, you will be able to obtain a Certificate if you complete the programme successfully.

Watch out for our announcement!!