Library Survey

1,063 responses to the 2004/05 Library Survey of Undergraduate Students were received. We want to extend our sincere appreciation to students who took the time to provide us with their valuable feedbacks.

Congratulations to the Lucky Draw Winner

Ms Wong Shuk Yi, a 1st year student from the School of Nursing, is our Lucky Draw winner.

She received a 128MB USB flash drive from Mr Barry Burton, the University Librarian.

Results Highlights

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is 'Highly Dissatisfied' and 5 is 'Highly Satisfied', a weighted average of 3.90 is achieved for overall library services.

99% of the respondents are either satisfied with the Library services or find the services acceptable, giving a rating of 3 or above.
We want more titles and copies of books on our subject areas. Can you put more copies in the Reserve Books Collection and lengthen the loan periods?

While we will continue our efforts to expand the Library collection, liaison with academic staff will be further strengthened to ensure that books on the reading lists are acquired.

The loan periods of the Reserve Books Collection will also be reviewed.

Can you buy more books for leisure reading, books in Chinese and fiction?

Subject to the availability of funds, the Library will acquire a wide variety of printed and electronic resources to support general education and complementary programmes in the PolyU.
Please provide more photocopiers and printers, preferably more updated models.
The Library will investigate the possibility of further increasing the number of photocopiers and printers, and replace obsolete models with new ones.

PCs with Microsoft Office Suite in the Media Services Section are always occupied.
More PCs with application software in MS Section will be added to meet increased demand.

Can you reduce the waiting time for lifts in the Library?
We will study with FMO the technical feasibility of installing a smart lift system that can shorten waiting time.

The 24-hour Study Centre/Discussion Rooms is too noisy for self-study after Library operating hours.
More signs will be put up in the 24-hour Study Centre/Discussion Rooms to remind students to be more considerate.

Some of us are not aware that there are Library Workshops.
Library will explore new channels to publicize its Workshops, such as distributing promotional bookmarks at the Circulation Counter.

AirPAC
Taking the OPAC (Library Catalogue) beyond the desktop browser.
AirPAC delivers functions like:
● search the wireless Library catalogue with advanced searching, limiting and sorting of results and displaying of holdings.
● retrieve book information including location, call number, and real time data about status and availability.
● place a hold, check due dates of your loans and renew items.
If your mobile phone or PDA is Internet ready, you may experience AirPAC now by accessing this URL on your handheld device:
http://library.polyu.edu.hk/airpac
Come to experience AirPAC anywhere anytime!

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**PolyU eLinks**

What is PolyU eLinks?

PolyU eLinks is a new feature offered in the Library Catalogue or in selected electronic databases that suggests related Web resources based on your search. The feature provides easy links:

- to see if other HK libraries hold a specific item such as a book or a journal;
- to see more book information such as a book review or summary;
- to see if full-text of a journal article is available;

**Other HK Libraries**

Other HK Libraries are also available for further searching.

**Syndetic Solutions**

Syndetic Solutions provides comprehensive content for in-depth research.

**Other**

Other resources are also available for further exploration.
to search other Internet resources (e.g. Encyclopaedia Britannica) in order to find further information; to search external search engines (e.g. Google, Yahoo) to find relevant websites on the web.

Why should you use PolyU eLinks?
It saves you time. It simplifies your information searching process.

How do you use PolyU eLinks?
Simple! If you search the Library Catalogue, you will see the links. Click on it and further options will be displayed in a new browser window.

How does PolyU eLinks retrieve journal articles?
If you search a database that has been set up to work with PolyU eLinks, you will also see the links embedded inside citations. Click on the link and a new window will open, displaying one or more sources for obtaining the desired article.
If you click on PolyU eLinks in a database (such as Ebsco, Ovid or ScienceDirect), eLinks does the matching in the background and you will be led to the full-text journal article which is available in other database(s).

Is PolyU eLinks available outside the PolyU campus? You can access PolyU eLinks as long as you can access the Library Catalogue and electronic databases. However, to access electronic resources outside campus, it is necessary to use the VPN services.

E-Learning Programmes
Interested in Web design? You can learn new programmes like Dreamweaver, Flash, Sound Technology anytime and anywhere. Just login to the Library E-Learning page and start!!
Where have all the China books gone?

To facilitate access to circulating books, the China Collection and Circulation Collection have been merged. The integrated Circulation Collection now starts from L404, and meanders downwards to the Ground Floor.
Part 1. Linking to Articles in Electronic Journals / Databases

Do you want your students to read specific journal articles for your course? The Library provides round-the-clock access to over 28,900 electronic journals. In many, but not all, cases, hyperlinks to electronic versions of journal articles could be created and integrated into your online teaching materials or WebCT pages. Below are Library subscribed databases or e-journals collections that maintain durable URLs for articles. Follow the instructions below to create your online lists of recommended readings or class syllabi. Remember to test the links you have built periodically.

Important!
Access to and use of the Library’s electronic resources is restricted to members of the PolyU community. For off campus access, please refer to the guide on Remote Access to Library Resources. Also read the Library’s Electronic Resources Copyright Warning for copyright restrictions.

Never attempt to load full-text journal articles in any format into your online teaching materials.

Library Databases / E-journal Collections that support durable URLs

- ABI/INFORM via ProQuest
- Academic Search Premier via EBSCOhost
- ACM Digital Library
- AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine) via Ovid
- British Nursing Index (BNI) via Ovid
- Business Source Premier via EBSCOhost
- Emerald Full Text
- ERIC via EBSCOhost
- Health & Psychosocial Instruments via Ovid
- Hospitality & Tourism Index via EBSCOhost
- IEEE/IEE Electronic Library
Part 2. Linking to Books or Journals in the Library Catalogue

Local TV Programmes on DVD

Starting from 1 December 2004, all local TV programmes recorded by the Library will be provided in DVD format for much better video quality. These DVDs can be viewed in the Library Media Services Section or used by teachers in classrooms on DVD players or notebook PCs with DVD-ROM drive.

Cable TV Programmes

Starting from 1 November 2004, the Library is allowed to record the public affairs programmes produced by Hong Kong Cable Television. Users are welcome to recommend that the Library record any of these programmes they find relevant and useful to their teaching and research. Like ATV and RTHK programs, all recent Cable TV programs are available for online viewing in the Library's Homepage within the campus. To view, select Video-on-Demand, and then Local TV Programs.

Dress Casual Day
Over 70 Library staff members participated in the annual Dress Casual Day organized by the HK Community Chest. A total of $6,550 was raised. Yet again, the Library raised the highest amount of donation and had the most participants.

Donation for Tsunami Victims

The Library enthusiastically supported the university-wide fund raising for the relief of tsunami victims. A total of $34,152 was raised from library staff.