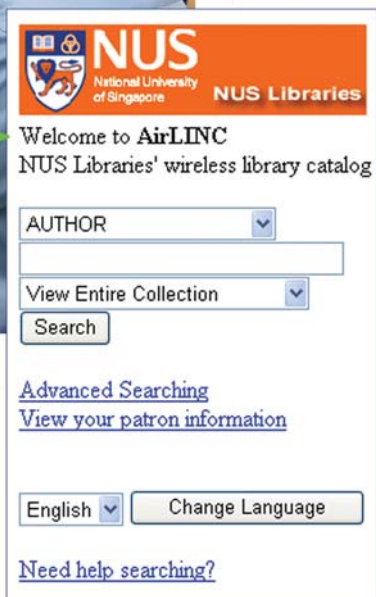




## Check LINC on the Go!

Calling all owners of Internet-enabled PocketPCs, personal digital assistants and 3G/GPRS/WAP-enabled mobile phones! Imagine that you are browsing the library shelves and want to look up more books or that you are on the MRT train to campus and you want to check if the book which you have reserved is ready for pickup. In the past it would not be possible while you are on the go, but now with AirLINC you can. With your Internet-enabled mobile device, you can check LINC (Library INtegrated Catalogue) anytime anywhere. AirLINC can also be used to manage myLINC which includes viewing items checked-out to you and renewing them. We hope that AirLINC brings you added convenience when you are on the move.



Access AirLINC at [linc.nus.edu.sg/airpac](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/airpac). The details for Internet settings and software installation is available at [www.lib.nus.edu.sg/spcoll/airlinc/airlinc\\_notes.pdf](http://www.lib.nus.edu.sg/spcoll/airlinc/airlinc_notes.pdf).

Kenneth Lim ~ Library Automation

## An Innovative Way to Respond to Fire Alarms



The Science Library developed an Innovation and Quality (IQ) project *To Develop an Effective Procedure of Responding to Fire Alarms* which won the 2005 Merit Award from the Office of Quality Management. **Arete**, the IQ team, devised a card system for library staff to respond to fire alarms, which can be applied to other emergency situations.

### The Solution

The response procedures are laid down in 8 cards with concise instructions and striking icons. Upon activation of the alarm, all library staff-except those performing indispensable duties-would assemble at the Loans Desk area. An Emergency Response Team is immediately formed, with a senior staff as the Leader. The Leader takes Card 1 (Leader card) and distributes the rest of the cards to the team members. The Leader is stationed at the Loans Desk, while other members move to their assigned areas and follow the instructions on their cards to locate the source of the fire alarm. Once they have completed their tasks, all members report to the Leader. For a valid emergency, the Leader immediately alerts the Senior Manager or Manager who will authorize further actions.

### The Benefits

The system enables an efficient and thorough investigation of the source of the fire alarm in the Library. Even with minimal training, staff can carry out the necessary duties by following the instructions on the cards. Most importantly, it is applicable at all times, including after office hours when the Library has very few staff. The card system has also been incorporated into internal fire drills.

Low Shioh Yong ~ Science Library

## C J Koh Law Library Prepares to Move to Bukit Timah Campus

The C J Koh Law Library is slated to move to the Bukit Timah Campus (BTC) in the new academic year 2006/2007. In preparation for the move, library staff worked to trim the collection by sending materials to the Central Library Closed Stacks or C J Koh Law Library Closed Stacks. To date, we have shifted approximately 26,000 volumes of our existing C J Koh Law Library Closed Stacks materials to Central Library Closed Stacks.

The new library at BTC will be smaller than the present library and the collections affected are:

Collection	Estimated Volumes Reduced	Percentage of Collection Reduced
Books/ASEAN/Chinese	5,000	12%
Bound Journals	5,000	35%
Legislation/Law Reports	26,000	54%
Reference	500	14%
Singapore/Malaysia	2,000	16%

We retained titles which are borrowed or consulted frequently on the shelves. Only items which are available electronically, or rarely consulted were sent to the Closed Stacks. We hope this would minimize inconvenience to our users.

Please check LINC to confirm the location of the materials required. Details on how to request materials from closed stacks are available at [www.lib.nus.edu.sg/lion/1/wreqjn.html](http://www.lib.nus.edu.sg/lion/1/wreqjn.html). For materials kept in Central Library Closed Stacks, you may wish to request in person at Central Library Loans Desk and pick up the material within an hour on week days. Details are available at [www.lib.nus.edu.sg/help/linc/cscoll.html](http://www.lib.nus.edu.sg/help/linc/cscoll.html). Do ask for help from the staff at the Information Desk if you have problems finding what you need.

*Loh Mee Lan ~ C J Koh Law Library*



Thank you very much for your reply and the efficient process of the e-journal. I am happy to be a user of the NUS Libraries and I am looking forward for more high-quality and value-added services from the library.

*Wong Yee Ting*

*Graduate Student, Faculty of Engineering*

The Medical Library has been an invaluable source of support and resource for us at the Faculty level. It is a pleasure to support the Library services!

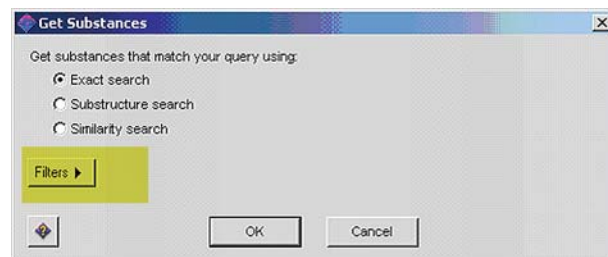
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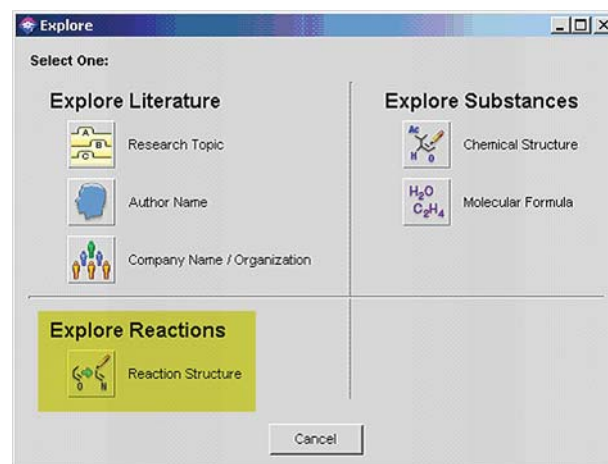
## New Features in SciFinder Scholar

There are some new and exciting features in the **SciFinder Scholar 2006 Edition** which include:

- Structure similarity searching



- New structure and reaction query tools: variable attachment position tool and repeating group tool



- Easy access to additional reaction information
- Enhanced multi-step reaction display
- New quick look-up of research references
- Duplicate detection/removal of references

To enjoy these new features, you must download SciFinder Scholar 2006 at [www.lib.nus.edu.sg/eforms/common/SFS2006/sf\\_download.html](http://www.lib.nus.edu.sg/eforms/common/SFS2006/sf_download.html). On 31 March 2006, SciFinder Scholar 2002, 2004 and 2004.1 versions will be discontinued.

*Kan Sok Cheng ~ Science Library*

## Students Get Research Help

Graduate students and undergraduates can get personalized help with their dissertation topics or assignments by making an appointment with a librarian. The students would be shown possible sources to search for their topic, be helped to craft good search statements and be pointed to other relevant sources and services. Between January and December 2005, Central Library Reference Services conducted over 45 such sessions for students.

If you need research help, email [askalib@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askalib@nus.edu.sg) or the special library that serves you to make an appointment with details about your topic.

*Lim-Yeo Pin Pin ~ Central Library*