



Book Selection at PageOne VivoCity for Faculty Members

NUS Libraries is happy to announce that faculty members will now be able to select books for the NUS Libraries at PageOne The Bookshop (VivoCity, #02-41/42). The arrangement was made possible following the success and popularity of the tie-up with Kinokuniya and Borders.

PageOne carries publications by publishers of art, architecture and design books including Birkhauser Verlag AG, Lars Müller and Laurence King Publishing. PageOne also carries a comprehensive selection of English and Chinese fiction and non-fiction titles.



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1. Select the titles and leave the books at the Reservation Counter
2. Inform PageOne staff that the books are for NUS Libraries
3. Leave their names and contact numbers or business cards at the Counter

PageOne and NUS Libraries will then work on the selected titles. We hope that this value-added service will facilitate the selection of books by faculty members when they are at the book store. For more information on selecting books for NUS Libraries, do check out <http://libpweb1.nus.edu.sg/lion/a/acqbks.htm>.

Tey Lin Lin ~ Central Library

Joint Library Orientation for Master of Science, Speech and Language Pathology Students

On 5 January 2007, librarians from the Central and Medical Libraries conducted a library orientation programme for 20 students who are enrolled in the new Master of Science (Speech and Language Pathology) programme.



The curriculum was developed in collaboration with academic staff from the School of Human Communication Sciences at La Trobe University and includes lectures for compulsory modules, problem-based learning seminars, skills workshops, supervised clinical placements, independent research project and written examinations.

One of the programme's unique features is that the curriculum is a hybrid of diverse subject areas such as medicine and the social sciences. As a result, the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences planned, designed and worked together to offer this programme.

Likewise, the joint programme saw staff from both the Central and Medical Libraries collaborating to tailor a library programme that meets the needs of the students. Besides conducted tours of the two libraries, the students had a hands-on customised tutorial session to familiarize them with the electronic resources available in the NUS Libraries.

The students who attended the session consisted of mid-career graduates from various disciplines. From the feedback, students indicated that the tours and presentations were well-organized, comprehensive and provided them with a very good introduction to the libraries' resources and services. They also commended the librarians for their efforts in tailoring the presentations and worksheets to their course modules. The students also expressed their confidence in the Libraries' support and assistance in meeting their research needs.

Hayati Bte Abdul ~ Central Library

Chinese Tradition: Exhibition & Talk @ Central Library



Did you know why the Chinese word for prosperity 福 is hung upside down during Chinese New Year? This practice which originated from the Ming Dynasty, came about because the Chinese word 倒, or "upside down", sounds similar as 到, or "arrive". Therefore, it symbolizes the arrival of luck or happiness.

Students who attended a talk by Mr Tong Noong Chin, a local geomancer and freelance writer, learned about this and the significance and symbolism of other traditions associated with the lunar new year such as reunion dinner, setting off firecrackers and the taboo on sweeping the floor on the first day of the new year.

The talk and another, on the Chinese orchestra and musical instruments by Mr Terence Ho, a senior manager with the Singapore Chinese Orchestra were held in Theatre 1 in conjunction with an exhibition jointly organized by the NUS Chinese Society and the Chinese Library from 15-16 January 2007.

On display were Chinese musical instruments such as the zither and pipa, calligraphy, Chinese ink brush paintings, face masks used in theatrical performances and everyday items such as weiqi game, chess set, combs and fans. Books on Chinese tradition, calligraphy, paintings and music from the Chinese Library were on display too.



This was the fourth time the Chinese Library collaborated with the Chinese Society in organizing such talks and exhibitions. Judging by the number of NUS students and staff who attended the exhibition and the two talks (more than 30 people each), such collaboration was well received. It brought the library closer to the students and the students treated the library as more than just a place to study.

Maggie Yin ~ Central Library

This is a fantastic service and system. Yours is a very fine Library.

Koh Chye Hock

Thank you for your quick reply to my comments. I must add that I am very impressed by the speed with which you resolved what probably is a very insignificant issue for you.

Tina Sekharan
NUS Business School

Librarians Interact with Master of Nursing Students



It was a warm cozy afternoon on the 3rd of January 2007 in the Small Group Training Room in Medical Library. 26 new students from the Master of Nursing course, Division of Graduate Medical Studies, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, were seated in the room in anticipation. They came for a 2-day information skills course where the students learn how to use library resources effectively and familiarize themselves with Medical Library resources. Most of them were matured students who had worked as full-time nurses for many years in local hospitals. Two medical librarians took turns to demonstrate how to locate library materials, check library accounts online and use the library portal online services. At the end of the session, the students were given an exercise assignment on searching the library catalogue, LINC.

After the session, a welcome tea was provided for the students. The students mingled with each other and with librarians like old friends. Indeed, some of them had worked in collaboration across their organisations and were acquainted with one another. Happy and refreshed, the students were then divided into three separate groups and taken on a tour of Medical Library.

While we got better acquainted with the students over tea, the students expressed their positive need to use the library more often over the course of their study. The tea session enabled interactions and bonding, as well as established an informal channel between students and librarians. The information skills course was a success with the Master of Nursing students.

Lee Seok Hong & Shirley Aw ~ Medical Library

Comments from students about the above session:



The librarians are very helpful and approachable. Am confident I will get the assistance when needed. Thanks!

I enjoyed and benefited from the session. Hands on are useful to reinforce learning.

Very helpful and informative. Will help us in our studies.