



Singapore Library Week 2007 @ NUS Libraries



The Singapore Library Week (SLW) which runs from 1-9 November 2007 is a national celebration jointly organized by the National Library Board and Library Association of Singapore with the aim of promoting the value of libraries and librarians.

In conjunction with the SLW, the NUS Libraries planned several activities which include:

- Celebrating Libraries Exhibition - an exhibition which highlights the unique interests and hobbies of some of the staff of NUS Libraries, quotations from famous people on libraries and a series of humorous cartoons poking fun at libraries and library staff.
- Appreciating Libraries panel at all NUS Libraries - a large display board for users to pen their thoughts, comments and appreciation for libraries on specially provided post-it notes and coloured pens.
- Book fair @ Forum - Held over 2 days on 6 & 7 November at the Forum, the book fair, which was jointly organized by NUS Libraries and NUS Co-Op Bookstore featured participating publishers such as Elsevier, John Wiley, Taylor & Francis, NUS Press, etc. offering discounts on books of up to 90% as well as lucky draws.

To add to the celebratory mood of the event, NUS Libraries staff wore specially-designed light blue polo shirts on 1 and 6 November to commemorate SLW.

SLW was a success judging from the level of participation at the book fair as well as the number of post-it notes left at the display panels across all

libraries. NUS Libraries would like to thank the NUS community for their valuable feedback and support of the event.

Maggie Yin ~ Central Library

Sample of compliments we received during SLW:



Thank you for a wonderful service, smiley faces and great facilities. You are doing good, and we all owe you. Thank you!

Really appreciate the friendly and helpful library staff whom I've gotten to know in my nine years at NUS from student to staff!

I love this place so much! The place where I spent most of my time in NUS. Thank you, guys. You are very friendly and helpful librarians!

"Lunch Time with Your Librarians" series @ Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library



This series is essentially about "food" for hungry students, searching for articles, statistics and better ways in finding information.

Since the beginning of Semester 1 2007/08, lunch time has not been quite the same at the Business School. Between 12 and 1 pm, students gathered at lecture theatres and seminar rooms to savour search strategies and databases dished out by the librarians of the Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library (HSSML).

Some meals were planned to accommodate specific dietary needs. One such diet was to search for market research reports for Assignment 3 of Principles of Marketing. Other meals were smorgasbords of databases in Finance, Marketing and Country Reports. HSSML librarians also served simple, wholesome fare for those who wanted to know basic LINC searches. And for those who have acquired a taste for searching difficult topics, we created a fine but unassuming dish to hone their skills in interpreting difficult search topics and in formulating effective search strategies.

We hope to offer a greater variety of meals next semester. Watch out for our menus which we will be placing outside HSSML and at the NUS Libraries' website. Bon appetit!

Wong Kah Wei ~ Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library

Communication & Mass Media Complete Database

Since July this year, NUS Libraries has subscribed to the Communication & Mass Media Complete (CMMC) database. CMMC is excellent for research on communications, mass media, journalism, public relations, advertising, and applied linguistics. Researchers in communications and linguistics alike would find this robust quality database a great boon.

Over 560 academic journal titles are indexed, 400 of which are core journals. Core journals are given cover-to-cover indexing, abstracts, as well as full-text availability (currently 60% of core titles). Many of these core journals are indexed from their first issues dating as far back as 1915 to the present.

Users can limit their search to full-text only, scholarly (peer-reviewed) journals, a specific publication, a specific publication year range, and articles with references. The searches can be expanded to automatically include the database's relevant subject headings and to search within the full-text of the articles. Other useful features in CMMC include its cited references and related records features.

While largely focusing on academic journals, magazines and trade publications, CMMC also covers book chapters and conference papers.

Gan Kim Hong ~ Central Library

New Legal Database - Lawinfochina.com

The NUS Libraries has recently subscribed to a legal database called LawinfoChina. The database can be accessed from the library portal at www.lib.nus.edu.sg under E-Resources.



Lawinfochina.com is a full text database for Chinese legal information which covers the following areas:

Laws & Regulations

Organized into 71 legal subjects, it has a broad selection of China's most important national and local laws and regulations as well as judicial interpretations issued by the Supreme People's Court in Chinese with English translations.

Cases

Contains more than 500 English translations of typical judicial decisions approved and published by the Supreme People's Court or the Supreme People's Procuratorate in the areas of administrative disputes, civil disputes, criminal offences, economic disputes, intellectual property law and maritime disputes.

Legal News

This section contains news articles since 2000.

Other areas covered include Tax Treaties, WTO & China, Gazettes and table of contents of leading Chinese law journals.

Loh Mee Lan ~ C J Koh Law Library

20th Anniversary of Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library



The Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library (HSSML) officially opened its doors in July 1987, with the then First Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Goh

Chok Tong presiding over the opening ceremony. 20 years on, the building has changed very little physically, but to move with the times, the library's range of services has changed vastly, to meet the increasing needs of NUS students and staff.

When HSSML first opened, it contained approximately 30,000 books and bound journals. Today, the library collection has more than tripled in size, containing over 92,000 print volumes.

The most impressive and pervasive changes in the library have been technological. Physical volumes of indexes and abstracts were replaced by CD-ROMs and eventually, online databases. Students now have 24-hour worldwide access to a wide variety of electronic resources. With each shift in technology, HSSML was able to offer students a better, more user-friendly resource to locate articles for their research.

HSSML is a pioneer in testing new technologies to aid and assist students. The IVLE E-Reserves system, where readings recommended by lecturers are made available online to students, was first implemented in HSSML, replacing the old system of physical I-copies kept at the RBR counter. This enables students to simultaneously gain access to the readings, without having to wait in line. Similarly, a new Ask-A-Librarian service, via Instant Messaging (IM) was also implemented last year in HSSML, to give students another avenue to contact librarians for help.

More changes are in store, as the Business School plans to erect a new building. It is certain that the next 20 years will bring more changes, and HSSML will transform itself continuously to better fit the needs of NUS.

Kho Su Yian ~ Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library