





Our Collection
Developers
Welcome You



HKU: A Brief Introduction

- Founded in 1911 – same year as end of Qing Dynasty
- English medium of instruction
- Enrollment: 22,200 (12,300 undergraduates, 9,900 post graduates)
- Total staff: 4,521 (1,124 teaching staff)
- 10 faculties including Engineering, Law, Medicine, etc.



HKU Libraries introduction

- 1 Main Library (arts, architecture, humanities, science and technology, social sciences)
- 6 branches (Dental, Education, Law Medical, Music and Asian Studies)
- ca 240 staff including 32 professionals



HKU Libraries: some figures



- 2.48 million volumes
- 1.2 million e-books
- 40,566 e-journal subscriptions
- 563 databases
- 1.4 million items checked out
- 655,000 volumes read in-house
- ILL 22,500 (lent);
18,600 (borrowed)

What Are We Going to Talk About?

Lots of things including how to stay relevant in a evolving contexts:

- Where English has been the overpowering influence in the world of print scholarship -- and some see it happening in the online world as well.
- Where open access is seen by some as a tool to free scholarship from the tyranny of big commercial publishers; and potentially by others as the way to completely free readers from the information monopoly previously enjoyed by libraries.
- Where Google Print provides Sally Joe in Dubuque, Iowa in the US and Zhang Mei-li in Qingdao, China with 17 million e-books.

We Are a Diverse Group

- 9 Vendors
- 12 Publishers
- 44 Librarians and other information professionals
- We come from 12 countries/regions
- Different points of view
- Shared devotion to information and education

Don't Forget

- The dinner on Friday – all are welcome but talk to Angela or Becky
- The optional post-conference Saturday events – talk to Angela or Becky
- To come back to HK! We need your tourist dollars.