

Since its inception in 1960 with the acquisition of the Puban collection, the Asian Library has developed into the biggest research collection of Asian language materials in Canada. The Asian Library holdings in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, South Asian languages and Indonesian stand at more than 530,000 volumes. While the collection is comprehensive in its range of subjects, it is especially strong in the humanities and social sciences. Special materials include the valuable Puban collection (蒲坂藏書樓); the Swann collection; the Song Xuepeng collection (宋學鵬藏書); the Jing Yi Zhai Collection (景頤齋藏書); Japanese government publications; research materials on Chinese Canadian settlement in British Columbia and on the Pearl Delta Area; the Japanese-Canadian studies collections, as well as over 23,000 Korean monographs.

The Chinese collection comprises over 270,000 books, 827 current periodicals, 8,519 microform, 20 newspapers, and 1,040 rare book titles. The rare book collection, mainly from the Puban collection, ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in North America. Since 2001, the Asian Library has provided access to over 1,000 online full-text Chinese journals, abstracts of dissertations published in China and 1,911 Korean journal/thesis titles. Full text dissertations in Chinese are available on request through interlibrary loan. The Asian Library's subscriptions to *Magazine Plus* and *JapanKnowledge* provide access to 808,500 indexes and citations in Japanese.

To support an evolving research interest in Chinese settlement in B.C., in 1999 the Asian Library began building a collection of photographs of irregular Chinese migrants. In 2001, the Asian Library began to participate in the creation of a database of historical Chinese language materials in British Columbia. The online database at [www.hclmbc.org](http://www.hclmbc.org) is built on the strength of existing collections, including a rich body of publications of clan associations from southern Guangdong and the Chinese Times (大漢公報) 1914-1992, the longest run of any Chinese newspaper in Canada.

Over and above the library-wide interlibrary loan service, as a member of RLG, CRL, CORMOSEA, NWRCSEAS, and SAMP, the Asian Library shares resources with numerous North American libraries and organisations.

The Asian Library is committed to supporting the learning and research needs in UBC, and as resources permit, that of the research community beyond. The general public is welcome to browse in the library.

## ON-GOING PROJECTS

### Historical Chinese Language Materials in British Columbia:

An Electronic Inventory (加華文獻聚珍) from 2001

**Transition from print to online journals** For more information, see  
[http://www.library.ubc.ca/collections/transition\\_online2006/](http://www.library.ubc.ca/collections/transition_online2006/)

### Photograph Collection of Irregular Chinese Migrants:

Of 302 photographs, 65 have been selected for posting on our web site at <http://www.library.ubc.ca/asian/>

## Theme Displays

In the foyer of the Asian Centre: Japanese Noh Masks and Kichou; at the entrance of the Asian Centre: 66 postcards of Calcutta 1902-1905; Upper Floor of the Asian Library: Collection of Peng Jingtang (彭鏡塘藏書)

## HOW TO LOCATE MATERIALS

### Chinese, Japanese, Korean Books (Upper Floor)

Chinese, Japanese and Korean vernacular are now displayed in most of the public catalogue records. The Asian Library also has direct online access via RLIN-CJK to the catalogues of over 35 East Asian collections.

All materials are catalogued with standard romanizations:

<b>Chinese</b>	Pinyin, with 3000 Wade-Giles records to be converted
<b>Japanese</b>	Hepburn system
<b>Korean</b>	McCune-Reischauer system

Almost all Asian Library materials are included in the UBC Library online catalogue at <http://www.library.ubc.ca/>

### **Indonesian Books (Lower Floor)**

Check Library's online catalogue at <http://www.library.ubc.ca/>. Uncatalogued backlogs are on open shelves and may be checked out.

### **South Asian Books (Lower Floor)**

Most holdings are in language and literature (call numbers PK 1560-5437, PL 4601-4818). Materials in languages taught at UBC: Hindi, Sanskrit, Punjabi and Urdu, are shelved in the Asian Library. Materials in Tamil, Malyalam, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Marathi, Rajasthani, Assamese, Nepali and Tibetan are now kept in the Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS) at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre.

### **Periodicals (Lower Floor)**

Bound and unbound volumes are shelved together by call number. Check the UBC Library catalogue at <http://www.library.ubc.ca/> for holdings information. South and Southeast Asian periodicals are shelved separately.

The Asian Library has a substantial collection of current print serials: 827 periodicals in Chinese, 381 in Japanese, 85 in Korean and 26 newspapers in various Asian languages.

### **Reference Materials (Ground Floor)**

The Library's reference section on the main floor has the major reference tools for the three East Asian languages. Printed catalogues of the East and Southeast Asian collections of the Library of Congress and many university libraries (Berkeley, Chicago, London, and Stanford) are kept in the special collections room and must be requested at the circulation desk. South Asian reference books are housed separately on the Lower Floor.

### **Japanese Government Publications (Lower Floor)**

There are 1,083 titles of Japanese government publications and the Asian Library receives approximately 4,000 new items every year. Catalogued items are shelved with other books and journals in call number order. Uncatalogued items are on open shelves and may be checked out.

### **Uncatalogued but Circulating Materials (Lower Floor)**

New books that have not yet been fully catalogued but have arrived at the Library are listed in the UBC Library catalogue. Uncatalogued books are located on the Lower Floor, arranged by order number. They may be checked out at the Circulation Desk.

### **Rare Books, Special Collections and Valuable Fine Arts Books (Lower Floor)**

Books in the Puban Collection (45,000 vol.); the Swann Collection (over 3,500 vol.); the Song Xuepeng Collection (502 vol.) and the Jing Yi Zhai Collection (4,254 vol.) are listed in catalogues available at the reference desk.

### **Materials in English**

English materials about Asia are kept in the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre and Walter C. Koerner Library. Law books and periodicals in Asian languages are located in the Law Library.

### **CARRELS**

Carrels assigned to faculty members and graduate students are on the Upper Floor.

### **SEMINAR ROOMS**

Room 506, which seats 15 and features a television and DVD player and Room 616, which accommodates 8, may be reserved for library and teaching activities. Otherwise the facilities are open for group study.

### **BORROWING PROCEDURES**

Materials should be charged out at the Circulation Desk 15 minutes before the library closes. Items marked *Library Use Only* and items from the Rare Book section may not be taken out. Materials borrowed from the Asian Library may be returned at other UBC Library branches.

### **ALTERNATE FORMAT MATERIALS**

CD-ROMs, DVDs, VCDs, language learning kits, microforms, computer disks, videotapes and photographs are not on open shelves. Inquire at the Circulation Desk.