Korean Studies student interns at Monash University Library!

In semester 2 – 2018, Sir Louis Matheson Library of Monash University has been hosting an internship program for students of the Korean Studies department, Faculty of Arts, Monash University. This initiative is part of the Work Integrated Learning (WIL) program at Monash. Unlike the usual librarianship student placements hosted by libraries, this internship program is attended by Monash University students who study Korean language in the Faculty of Arts. The recruitment for these interns were carried out in semester 1, where successful candidates were selected after going through paper application and interview process.

Two student interns are currently doing their internship program, supervised by Jung-Sim Kim, Subject Librarian for Korean Studies. While coming into the Library with good Korean language skills, these students learn to do library work activities. This includes adding Korean characters to catalogues, helping the subject librarian with ordering work in Korean characters, as well as looking through, reflecting on and providing feedback for the improvement of the current Korean Studies LibGuide. Based on experiences with other LibGuides, it is very meaningful for the Library to gain feedback from student's perspective as they are one of the main categories of LibGuide users. The interns are also involved in activities related to the research and learning team in the Library, such as attending Korean conference held in the Library and shadowing librarians in the research and learning point. These student interns are also given the opportunity to attend trainings as deemed relevant to their professional development needs.

Reflecting on the current experience, while a lot of learning is still happening, the Matheson Library feels that it is ready for the second batch of Korean Studies student internship next year!

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