

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Obituary for Mr George Yuan

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death on 22 May of Mr George Chung-Ming Yuan. Mr George Yuan helped to develop the Chinese collection at the National Library of Australia, where he worked in the then Orientalia Section from 1964 to his retirement in 1979. He was a foundation member of EALRGA. He was the author of works on Australia and the Chinese in Australia and was a fine calligrapher. He was a man of great charm and kindness who was universally liked by staff and readers. He is survived by his wife Jane, his three sons and his grandchildren.

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University of Melbourne Library

Staff news

Tim Meredith is the new Arts and Humanities Librarian. The East Asian Collection of the University of Melbourne Library is included in the sections for which he is responsible. He started working in early July 94.

Mailing lists

Three East Asian Collection E-mail mailing lists were set up to provide a channel to East Asian Collection Users for discussions and communication. They are EALINK (East Asian Collection User Group), EACHIU (East Asian Chinese Collection Users Group) and EAJAPU (East Asian Japanese Collection Users Group).

CJK OPAC display

NCSA telnet software was installed in the East Asian Collection which allows the computer to display Chinese characters on the screen when telnetting to other libraries' CJK catalogues and Chinese databases.

The collection

The East Asian Collection will be relocated from its existing location to the Southwest of the third floor, Baillieu Library in mid-November.

The East Asian Collection of the University of Melbourne Library has recently received the following materials donated by the State Education Commission of China:

1. 65 volumes of Chinese language materials in the areas of Chinese language and literature, Chinese language learning and teaching.
2. The State of the Chinese Society series : investigative reports on the economic and social situations in 100 counties and cities. Published by Encyclopedia of China Publishing House. 100 volumes (21 volumes available at the moment), 1991-1995.

Special thanks are due to Madame Yiqing Guo, Consul, Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Melbourne who arranged the above donations.

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Monash University Library

Monash University Library has recently received donations of Chinese books from Taiwan. Mr Jack Wu of the Mandarin Association of Melbourne arranged for the donation of over 300 books on mainly literary topics from a number of sources in Taiwan. In addition, the author Hsia Tsu-li (Julie Chang) donated over 80 books including her own works. A presentation ceremony was held in the library to thank the individuals concerned.

In 1995 the library's Asian language materials will be transferred to an Asian Studies Research Library to be located in the newly built extension to the Main Library.

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National Library of Australia Acquisitions

Following consultation between NLA and ANU Library, NLA have purchased the Foreign Office Files for Japan and the Far East Series One; Embassy and Consular Archives - Japan (Public Record Office Class FO 262), Parts 1-3, covering the period 1905-1926 on 106 reels of mfm. They are located at RM mfm 1840.

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