

specific language skills in English, Chinese, Putonghua and other languages.

Self-Access Language Learning

The Language Centre offers a wide range of facilities for self-access language learning in its Multimedia Laboratory (OEW705) and websites (<http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~sall/> (for English, French and German) and <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~sall/chinese/index.html> (for Chinese)), with teacher guidance where necessary.

Putonghua Computer Room

Learners of Putonghua can make use of self-access computer software in the Putonghua Computer Laboratory.



6.5 Library

Main Library

Located in the Au Shue Hung Memorial Library Building on the Shaw Campus, the Main Library has a total floor area of 7,806 square metres with a seating capacity of over 1,000. It has a comprehensive collection of Chinese and Western books, periodicals, non-print materials, and newspaper clippings. As of June 2005, the Library has a collection of 887,901 volumes of printed materials with 3,814 titles of active journal subscriptions. There are also 114,673 items of materials in other formats.



News Books and Popular Books Area

The Library currently subscribes to 151 electronic databases such as *Web of Science*, *ABI/Inform Global*, *JSTOR*, *WiseNews*, altogether with access to 18,347 electronic journals on a broad range of subjects. These electronic resources and other library services are available to our users via the Library's homepage at <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/lib>.

The Multimedia Learning Centre (MLC) is equipped with PCs and a variety of audio-visual facilities to enable students to make use of multimedia materials and self-learning resources such as *TOEFL*, *GRE Prep Course*, *GMAT Prep Course* and *English-to-go* to become active and independent learners. Other special collections include the Contemporary China Research Collection, the Archives on the History of Christianity in China, Elsie Tu Collection and the European Documentation Centre.

The Library maintains close connections with other major libraries in Hong Kong and overseas. Through respective computer networks, their catalogues can be searched via the Library's homepage. Interlibrary loan (ILL) is a research-support service through which materials not held by the Library may be obtained from other libraries. The ILL system allows eligible users to track their requests' status and retrieve journal articles in PDF format online from anywhere at any time. Postgraduate degree and final year students of the University may apply to use the facilities of the libraries of other participating UGC granted institutions.

Hong Kong Academic Library Link (HKALL) is a project in accelerated resource sharing among eight local university libraries. With HKALL, eligible HKBU users can request materials from other UGC-funded libraries directly. The requested materials will be delivered to our Library for further checkout. Users' access to the materials they need is improved as it does not involve intermediary manual processing.

The Library has developed an online library tutorial at <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/lib/support/tutorials.html> as a self-paced and self-learning programme for users to acquire library competency without physical or time limits.

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For the convenience of users and guests, a 24-hour automated trilingual telephone hotline is also available under the University Hotline System at 3411-7799. The hotline service provides brief answers to some frequently asked questions.

Chinese Medicine Library

With the introduction of Hong Kong's first full-time degree programme in Chinese medicine by the University in autumn 1998, the Chinese Medicine Library (CML) was established in August 2001. It is the first library among the universities of Hong Kong dedicated to meet the growing information demand in the development of Chinese medicine. The CML is located on Level 2 of the Jockey Club School of Chinese Medicine Building on the Baptist University Road Campus. It has a total floor area of 495 square metres and a seating capacity of about 70.

As of June 2005, the CML has 17,894 volumes of books, 275 active serials subscriptions on Chinese medicine, and a growing collection of multimedia materials and electronic books. There are over 20 Chinese medicine-related electronic databases available to the University community.

For more information, please visit the Library's homepage at <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/lib>.



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