

## Library

### ABOUT US

#### History

Established in 1964, the library was originally a small building with only a small collection of resources. However, as the school developed quickly, and as its student enrollment rose over the years, the library's facilities were enlarged and different branches started to be set up from 1980 on.

Automation of cataloguing, circulation, retrieval and periodical management has been processed since 1980. In 1997, the library database system improved the original automation system and elevated services through an online system connected with the campus information network. By doing this, patrons could access the collections via the Internet.

In 1999, the school turned into a four-year college from a junior college. With the rapid growth in student numbers, the old library building became too small to offer a full range of services to its patrons. From 2002 to 2004, a new seven-floor library building (Section A) was constructed with a remodeling of a four-floor building (Section B) connected with it. In April 2004, Section A and Section B were completed. In May 2005, a remodeling of the three-floor old library building (Section C) was completed as well.

The current library building, composed of the three integrated sections, not only keeps records of the past but also provides brand new modern facilities to serve our faculty, staff, students and alumni. Meanwhile, more books in Chinese as well as foreign languages have been purchased to enrich the library's collections.

The library will continue to expand our collections not only in volumes but also in different categories in order to provide a wide variety of resources. Meanwhile, the library will strive for offering more advanced and comfortable learning environment to our students as well as faculty.

#### Resources

The library collection presently includes more than 350,000 books; periodicals 635; e-journals 30,491; databases 90; audio-visual materials 6,041; e-books 398,460.

#### Building

The total area of A, B and C sections covers 8,907 square meters with the equipment as listed below:

- more than 900 seats for reading
- more than 350 IPS
- wireless LAN for portable computers
- new book display area & retrieval provided with 10 computers on the 1st floor in Area A; periodical area provided with 4 computers for retrieving on the same floor in Area C
- Learning Commons equipped with 10 group study rooms, 26 computers and 6 iPads on the 2nd floor in Area C.
- Multi-Media Learning Commons equipped with audiovisual facilities, 5 multi-media study rooms, language learning area and 32 computers on the 3rd floor in Area C.
- each floor provided with 1-2 computers for retrieving from 1st to 6th floor in Area A

- each floor provided with more than 8 IPS from 1st to 6th floor in Area A

### **Services**

The services offered at present include the following items:

- **Circulation Services**  
Patrons may borrow books, and use the reading room (located in Area B)
- **Reference Services**  
The librarians are available to answer patrons' inquiries and guide them in finding materials they need. In addition, database retrieval services, inter-libraries loan services, and library instruction are offered as well.
- **Periodicals Services**  
We offer current and bound periodicals and newspapers for patrons.
- **Multimedia Services**  
Our AV materials, covering a range of subjects in a variety of formats, offer comfortable AV seats for patrons to use.