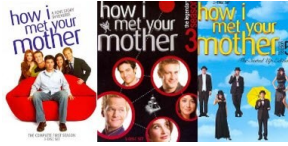


Innovative Resources and Access



The library worked hard through the holidays to bring you many exciting new offerings. Among these, [PYXIS+](#), the library's new generation smart search engine, allows you to search for books, articles, journals and other library resources - faster and easier. The library also undertook several new initiatives to add to the 'fun and leisure' aspect of our service. Check out the new board and digital games, iPads, print magazines, a refreshed LifeStyle collection and exciting new movies and popular TV series (recommended through the successful "Ask and you shall receive" campaign) which are available for loan. The Collaborative Study Area has been revamped to enable you to lounge and relax while browsing magazines and newspapers. Last but not the least, we have installed new digital screens on all floors to keep you up to date with what's going on!



Buzz

If you happened to see groups of students running around the library in Jul and Aug last year and guessing whether they were treasure hunting, you were quite right. Library Orientation 2012 "[LibQuest](#)" was converted into a scavenger hunt game that allowed freshmen to explore the library resources and facilities and look for clues while getting themselves acquainted with library staff. The takeaways were understanding of library common services and facilities as well as basic information literacy skills. The feedback? "[Library Rocks!](#)" – *Freshmen, 2012*.



Nothing says welcome like free food! The [New Students' Welcome Tea](#) was held on 31 Aug 2012 and over 140 first-year students packed the Collaborative Study Area, getting to know library staff over lunch and games. More than 20 prizes were given out to delighted lucky draw winners and enthusiastic supporters of our [Twitter](#) and [foursquare](#) games. During the event, we also launched our new search engine [PYXIS+](#), celebrating its birthday with a lavish and delicious birthday cake. Thanks for coming to the party, everyone! Well, not forgetting our faculty, the library hosted a "[Back to School](#)" tea session for the first time on 6 Sep 2012, welcoming and engaging faculty members with some of our new offerings.



On 3 Sep 2012, we organised the inaugural [Emerging Trends in Research Assessment Seminar](#) where thought leaders from the industry, research and education sectors shared their insights on bibliometrics analysis, funding assessment and research impact. The seminar was well-attended by over 100 participants from SMU, NTU, NUS, SUTD, and government agencies such as National Research Foundation and A*Star.



The library also regularly hosts a number of activities including literary festivals and book talks. On 24 Sep and Oct 2012, Martin Jacques (*far right*) and Ronald Chan (*right*) spoke at our library on "[When China Rules the World](#)" and "[The Journey of a Successful Value Investor](#)" respectively. Both speakers were extremely engaging as they intrigued the audience with their colourful anecdotes and wealth of experience.



Trick or Treat! October ended with a little pumpkin cheer. **Friendly Ghosty** and **Drac-U-Lah** visited the library relieve the mounting tension as exams were approaching, and got everyone acquainted with the [Library's Facebook](#) :)

In an effort to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Foundation, the Diplomatic Ladies Group (comprising nine wives of Ambassadors from Asia, Europe, Latin America and Africa) on 12 Dec 2012 launched their first-ever photo album "[Forever in Our Hearts: Singapore through the Lens of Ambassadors' Spouses](#)". They took to the streets of Singapore to capture what Singapore meant to them. Former Singapore President Mr SR Nathan graced the occasion as Guest-of-Honour.

[>> more Events](#)

Spotlight



Heartiest Congratulations to **Rajendra MUNOO** for being conferred the "LAS Special Librarian Passion Award" (2012).



Congratulations to **Chrissy TAN** for being awarded the "SMU Staff Service Excellence Award" (2012).

From the keyboard of Gulcin CRIBB, University Librarian

As the new University Librarian, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first issue of the library newsletter, [LIBconnect](#).



I am delighted to be here at SMU, one of the finest higher education institutions in Asia with an incredible track record in research, teaching, learning and student satisfaction built so quickly in a short span of time. I am also delighted to be part of an amazing team of expert [library staff](#) who always go beyond the call of duty to support the SMU community, ensuring they receive excellent service to advance their research, learning, teaching and service delivery.

We have recently revised the library's [vision and mission](#) statements and I am pleased to share these with you.

***Library's Vision:** To be a leading research library providing ubiquitous access to information using innovative strategies to drive intellectual exchange and the creation of knowledge.*

***The Library's mission** is to enable a culture of lifelong learning through collaboration, engagement and outreach. It aims to provide seamless access to information using innovative and leading edge technology. The Library is committed to delivering exceptional services and building dynamic relationships with the SMU community and beyond.*

In this issue, you will discover that many new [services](#), resources and [facilities](#) have been introduced in recent months. We are excited about the amazing take-up of new services and resources, and are equally delighted to hear your comments, suggestions and inputs for improvement.

There has been an overwhelming number of exciting activities that took place to strengthen our reach and relationships with faculty and students, and a variety of events organised by library staff, often in partnership with others at SMU and beyond. Whether you are using our physical or virtual services and facilities, we welcome you to visit our [website](#) to discover the resources available to you.

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Welcome!

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What's new in the coming term...

◊ Look forward to revised opening hours during the weekends: 1pm-9pm on Saturdays and Sundays, with effect from 12 Jan

◊ Library Service Quality (LibQual) Survey in Feb