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A WORD FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

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The NTU Library has been busy renovating a number of libraries during the vacation in November and December. We recognize that despite easy availability of online and on-the-tap information through our rich variety of electronic resources, library users, particularly students continue to need conducive spaces for their learning and research activities.

This is confirmed by feedback from our users who often cite inadequate library space as an area that need more improvement. Even though the LWN Library expansion project has been put on hold for the time being, we continue to add more interim space and refurbish current facilities to cater to expanding needs.

The series of renovation carried out in the last 2 months involves the LWN Library, Library 2, Media Resource Library, ACRC and the Wang Gung Wu Library.

LEE WEE NAM (LWN) library
The Engineering collection at Library 2 has been moved to the LWN Library. They can be found at Level 2 and 5.

With this relocation completed and the existing Science collection at Level 4, the LWN Library now focuses on providing science and technology resources and services.

One of the most visible changes in LWN Library is the addition of a new floor for quiet reading and collection. Located on Level 5, the space was formerly occupied by the Centre of Educational Development. We have designated this space a Quiet Zone, where users can expect a quiet and peaceful environment for study, contemplation, reflection and productive thinking. There are more than 300 seats, many of which have stunning panoramic views beyond our garden campus. We are sure that many users will enjoy this reading space for its serenity, peace and quiet. We hope that users will help to maintain the ambience of this area. Those who wish to engage in discussion with fellow users can move to Level 2 and 3, where a moderate level of noise is tolerated. In this way the Library aims to meet both the needs of those who need quiet and those who need to work together with others in a more collaborative mode.

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THE BUSINESS *library*

Library 2, which for many years serves as the main library stacks for all book collections, is now designated as the Business Library. With the entire Engineering collection relocated to LWN Library, only the Business collection and some of the older materials in communication and library science are left. This gives the business collection more space to grow.

More user space with additional seating areas and computer workstations are now at Level B3, the Learning Commons. Most of the computers are located here and the area is designed for users to have more interaction with each other.

Similar to LWN Library, there is also a Quiet Zone on Level B4 for those who wish for more peace and silence. Another change is the relocation of the Media Resources Library to Level B2 of the Business Library. Users can continue to request for AV materials at the service desk although our future plan is to open the collection for browsing. The current Media Resource Library at Level B3 will be converted into an enhanced instructional facility to cope with increased demand for instructional classes.

ACRC *and others*

ACRC (Asian Communication Resource Centre) at WKWSCI also underwent a complete facelift. Despite being one of the smallest libraries with only a footprint of 350 sq metres, we managed to squeeze in more seats, computers and printing facilities.

Minor renovation work is also underway at the Wang Gungwu Library at the Chinese Heritage Centre. A new stack area and a rare book room were added. This completes the physical development plan of the library which was initiated when the NTU Library took over management in 2007.

Finally, we consolidated all closed stacks collections in one area at the former Office of Facilities Planning & Management.

We hope that this series of refurbishment in our libraries will provide our users with greater enjoyment in using our libraries. Our libraries are popular places on campus. We see a steady increase in visitorship, leading to an average of 7,200 visits each day in 2007.

As we continue to improve our physical facilities to provide a conducive ambience to enrich our users' learning and research experience on campus, we also hope that our users will help us to maintain and create the appropriate environment for all to enjoy.

a quick style guide for the division of sociology

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The Division of Sociology expects all sociology students to adopt the citation style of the American Sociological Association (ASA) for their assignments. As this is a fairly new development, many students are unfamiliar with this citation style.

The HSS library created a quick style guide that summarizes the guidelines published by the ASA regarding how to cite references properly.

This handy 2-page PDF document was endorsed by the Division of Sociology and was added to its website.

The document includes:

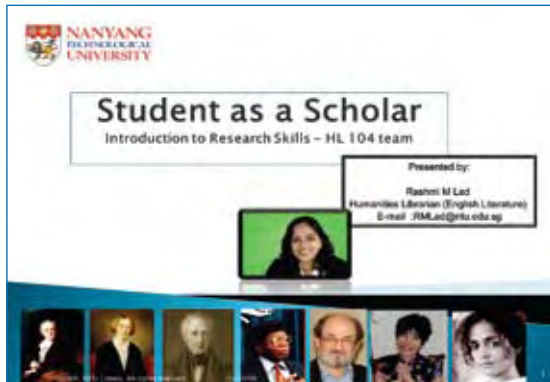
1. Instructions and examples on writing in-text citations within an essay.
2. The correct way to format the reference list required at the end of the essay
3. Some tips to more commonly encountered questions about this style.

The ASA Quick Style Guide can be readily downloaded at

1. Division of Sociology website at <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/HSS/Sociology/Pages/default.aspx>
2. Sociology course module in EdveNTure



it's connecting time at HSS library!



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More than 90% of participants said that they would recommend this workshop to their friends.

The humanities librarians are always exploring and grabbing any opportunity to connect with HSS students and staff.

A well maintained blog, subject librarians at the research assistance desk, tea parties, talks by invited scholars, discussion forums, instructional workshops and courses.

Our goal is to build a partnership in research and learning with HSS staff and students.

We conducted over 40 instructional workshops with the aim to enhance students' information fluency since the beginning of the academic year. Some of these sessions were run independently by the library while others were co-organized with the faculty and incorporated into the curriculum.

Students and the faculty welcomed the idea of more instructional sessions to the curriculum as the benefits are evident in subsequent assignments and research papers.

All humanities librarians aim to provide 1 instructional session for all first-year students and 2 sessions for the third and fourth-year students.

As Samuel Johnson said in 1770s, "Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it." One of the main goals of the HSS librarians continues to be facilitating the latter!

Ninety-One students attended the work-shops. From all reports Rashmi's program exceeded the goals. An informal survey of students in tutorial responded that they felt the sessions were informative and helpful on the final project. When surveying final essay submissions, I noted that those attending the program did markedly better on research, documentation, and format than did HL104 students last year, when there was no formal library instruction workshop.

I think this Library Instruction Workshop Week was well worth the time in this first year course and highly recommend it to anyone.

Brian K. Bergen-Aurand,
Assistant Professor English Literature

For example, a series of 5 workshops under the title 'Student as a scholar' was offered as a part of the module HL104: Texts in Context course for first-year students majoring in English Literature.

The 3-hour workshop introduced the library, its services and resources to the new students. It also helps the students to see themselves as part of the ecology of scholarly communication.





a library floor with a view

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Looking for a quiet place to do your learning or reading? A place that is not only quiet but picturesque and next to an oasis of knowledge?

Yes, you can find it at **Quiet Zone @ LWN Library**

Quiet Zone is located at Lee Wee Nam Library Level 5. Previously an office space, it was recently refurbished into a library space. It has a floor area of about 1,200 m² and near to 300 seats including individual study carrels and sofas. The window seats overlook the campus surroundings and have a fantastic view of Jurong West and even parts of the Straits of Johor.

Also located at this floor are some 40,000 volumes of books (LC Class TK to TT) covering Electrical & Electronics,

Aeronautics, Chemical Technology and Manufactures. Bound periodicals, previously located at LWN Level 2, have also been relocated to this floor.

There is a self service photo-copier for any photocopying needs and 6 express terminals. An interesting space is the Phone Talk Booths. Use these booths to take or make short phone conversations without disturbing others.

HOW DO YOU ACCESS QUIET ZONE @ LWN LIBRARY?

At the Lee Wee Nam library's main entrance, proceed straight to the lift lobby from the turnstiles. Take the lift or staircase to Level 5. Directional signs are available. Service staff are available to assist as well.

WHY WAIT? CHECK OUT QUIET ZONE @ LWN LIBRARY NOW!



find all engineering and science resources in one library location

Hi engineering and science students, have you ever wondered why you need to go to Library 2 for your reserved books and Lee Wee Nam Library for your other resource needs?

The library has done something about it.

You can now find engineering and science reserves, lending and reference collections in Lee Wee Nam Library.

- Reserves are located at entrance level
- Science collection at Level 4
- Engineering collection at Level 2 & 5



synthesis digital library of engineering and computer science

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Engineering Librarian (Communication)

Staff and students can now access an electronic book resource that provides access to engineering and computer science titles in the form of synthesized lectures. Each lecture focuses on a specific R&D topic and is synthesized by a prominent researcher in the field.

The lectures provide useful introductions to new fields, current developments, and advanced topics.

Published by Morgan & Claypool Publishers, this resource has been awarded Best Reference Work Award 2008 by the American Society for Engineering Education's (ASEE) Engineering Library Division.

To access:

- (1) Go to Library homepage: <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/library>
- (2) Click on **Databases** under **Finding Information**
- (3) On the Databases page, click on **S** under the alphabetical listing
- (4) Click on **Synthesis Digital Library of Engineering and Computer Science**
- (5) Provide NTU network username and password if prompted



welcome! IEC standards

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Good news for engineering students and faculty! IEC standards have been added to the online standards collection subscribed by NTU Library.



These standards are published by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), a leading global organization that prepares and publishes international standards for electrical, electronic and related technologies.

The standards span the following subject areas:

- Electronics
- Magnetics and Electromagnetics
- Electroacoustics
- Multimedia
- Telecommunications
- Energy Production and Distribution
- Terminology and symbols
- Electromagnetic Compatibility
- Measurement and performance
- Dependability
- Design and development
- Safety and the Environment

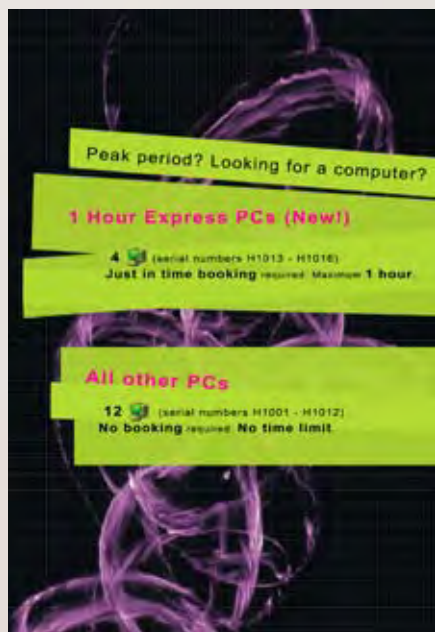
NTU Library subscribes to more than 5000 current and active full text IEC standards in the IHS Standards Expert database.

To access the standards database:

- i. Go to the library home page <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/library/>
 - ii. Click on **Databases** under **Finding information**
 - iii. Click on **Engineering** from the subject list and go to the **Standards** section
- Or
- iv. Select **IEC Collection**
 - v. Provide NTU network ID and password if prompted
 - vi. Select **IHS Standards Expert**

To retrieve specific standards:

Key the document number or organization / keyword or text into the appropriate search boxes



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图书馆特在电脑区添设3张阅读桌子和12张椅子，以提供更多的阅读座位。

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博客新书推介

为了及时向那些不能亲自来图书馆的读者介绍新书，我们在图书馆博客上开辟了“新书快照”和“读读好书”两栏目。“新书快照”每星期一期，将重点新书封面分类排列，并注明索书号以便读者查询；“读读好书”栏目由学科馆员撰写，或推介一些重点图书，或与读者分享读书心得，旨在倡导一种“爱读书、读好书”的风气。我们还定期将这些栏目电邮通知中文系师生，让他们足不出户便能了解更多新书。详情：<http://blogs.ntu.edu.sg/library/chinesestudies/>

这世上没有做不到的，只有想不到的！你如果还有什么新点子，欢迎与我们交流！我们愿把中文图书馆建设成你理想中的精神家园，期待着你的参与！





the NTU art & heritage museum - the new kid on the block

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The NTU Art & Heritage Museum was officially launched on 20 October 2008.

The Museum was initiated as a joint effort by the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences and Art, Design and Media and the NTU Library. Currently, the Museum is supported by the Library.

Its mission is to foster a strong appreciation of art and heritage as an integral part of a well-rounded education and to inspire the highest achievement in artistic and creative expression amongst staff and students.

As a University Museum, it will capitalize on its close relationship with academic units on campus to create a synergy that will be unique in the local art and cultural scene.

The collection focus will be on artefacts of heritage value and artworks of significance to the historical, modern and contemporary development of art.

In a unique way the Museum's collection will support the academic and research programmes of this University. For example, artefacts and artworks that are relevant to teaching and research in the diverse range of disciplines at the University may be included in the collection.

The Museum will also pay attention to the quality of artefacts and artworks in terms of aesthetic significance, rarity, and relevance to the academic

and research programmes of the University.

The collection will be displayed mainly at, but not restricted to:

- Exhibition areas throughout the University's colleges;
- Exhibition areas at the Lee Wee Nam Library and the other libraries;
- Lobby of the University Administration Office;
- Other prominent public spaces within the University;

The general public may have access to all venues without appointment or registration.

Roeland Stulemeijer and assistant curator Grace Tng form the foundation staff of the Museum. Roeland is a conservator by training and has over 15 years of experience, 10 of which have been in Singapore. He has interests in exhibition design and building, and collections management. The skills he has in these fields and in conservation he will apply at NTU to bring exciting exhibitions to the ADM Galleries, libraries and around campus for everyone to enjoy.

Grace has an M.A. from Sydney University in art history with special commendation for her research paper.

If you are interested in doing museum related research, email Roeland at museum@ntu.edu.sg.



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Science Librarian (Chemistry)

Frank joined the Library Promotion Division in September 2008. Prior to joining NTU Library, he was a teacher with the Ministry of Education for about 11 years. He decided to make a career switch to librarianship in 2007 to pursue his interest in information studies. So far he has found librarianship fulfilling and intends to develop his career in this field.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the National University of Singapore and a Master degree in Mathematics Education from the National Institute of Education. He is currently pursuing a Master degree in Information Studies at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information.

He finds his job scope as a library promotion librarian exciting as he is given opportunities to promote the wide range of library resources to the NTU community. In addition to library promotion, he is also the Science librarian for Chemistry.

His personal interests include reading, playing badminton and tennis, as well as watching movies and sports programmes.



BUSINESS RESOURCES & SERVICES

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under one roof

LIBRARY 2 IS GONE!

Okay, it is not really gone. It became the Business Library.

We consolidated business resources, facilities and services in one library location in order to better support business research needs.

Engineering resources previously in the library has been relocated to Lee Wee Nam Library to make room for business resources, facilities and services.

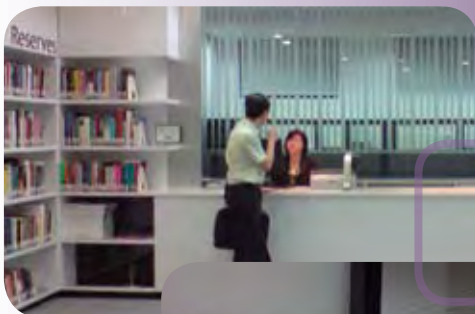
So, what can you find in the new Business Library?

- Popular business databases like Bloomberg and Datastream
- On-site business research consultation during office hours
- Media collection and 26 AV viewing stations
- New discussion rooms at B3
- Photocopiers and network printing services located at one location

Bloomberg



A facelift for ACRC



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Head, Asian Communication Resource Centre

Asian Communication Resource Centre welcomes students and staff back to a new term with a brand new look and enhanced services and facilities.

- 10 spanking new networked PCs
- 1-hour PC booking service
- Brand new seats and tables
- Network printing
- New photocopier
- 24-hour book return
- Re-configured audio-visual viewing spaces
- Easy and flexible seats

ACRC will also be extending opening hours. We are now open from 8.30am to 9.30pm.

