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The subject pathfinder is available online at <http://blogs.ntu.edu.sg/library/eng/2010/11/pathfinder-on-integrated-circuits>

The official opening of VIRTUS, the IC Design Centre of Excellence, on 20 October 2010 gave the Library the opportunity to hold an exhibition of library resources related to integrated circuits (ICs) and to compile a subject pathfinder on ICs, listing books, journals, conference proceedings and databases relevant to integrated circuits.

The books displayed at the exhibition included some titles authored by the EEE faculty. Engineering librarians were on hand at the exhibition outside Tan Chin Tuan Lecture Theatre to introduce the resources to the visitors and answer their queries. The exhibition helped to create an increased awareness of the relevant and up-to-date library collection on integrated circuits.

#### List of books displayed

- Power integrity analysis and management for integrated circuits [TK7874.58.N158]
- Wafer-level testing and test during burn-in for integrated circuits [TK7874.B151W]
- Digital integrated circuits: analysis and design [TK7874.65.A977 2010]
- Electromigration in ULSI Interconnections [TK74.76.T161]
- Design of CMOS RF integrated circuits and systems [TK7874.78.Y46]
- Intellectual property for integrated circuits [KI401.I61PN]
- Modern semiconductor devices for integrated circuits [TK7871.85.H874]
- Analysis and design of analog integrated circuits [7874.G781 2010]
- Passive RF integrated circuits [TK74.78.P288]
- Analysis and design of analog integrated circuits [TK7874.G781 2009]
- Transient-induced latchup in CMOS integrated circuits [TK7871.99.M44K39]
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- Invention of integrated circuits : untold important facts [TK7870.15.S272]
- Linear integrated circuits [TK7874.654.B186]
- Test and diagnosis of analogue, mixed-signal and RF integrated circuits : the system on chip approach [TK7874.T342T]

## Library resources on integrated circuits



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- Handbook of 3D integration : technology and applications of 3D integrated circuits [TK7874.H236D]
- Designing bipolar transistor radio frequency integrated circuits [TK7874.78.S974]
- TCAD for Si, SiGe and GaAs integrated circuits [TK7874.A735]
- CMOS/BiCMOS ULSI : low voltage, low power [TK7874.66.Y46]

These books are located in Lee Wee Nam Library, Level 5.

#### Excerpts from the Pathfinder

Prof. Yeo Kiat Seng, Head of Division of Circuits and Systems and Founding Interim Director of VIRTUS, School of EEE, in his write-up for the pathfinder stated that integrated circuit design is a high value-added activity to the electronics and semiconductor industry, and an important area identified by Economic Development Board (EDB) to sustain Singapore's future economic growth. Prof. Yeo further elucidated that recognising the significance of this research area to Singapore's electronics industry, EDB and NTU have jointly set up VIRTUS ("Excellence" in Latin), to expand and excel current research capability in the niche areas of analog / mixed signal/RF IC design and develop key technologies required to design integrated circuits and systems for applications in medical technology, clean technology and consumer electronics.



Prof. Tan Cher Ming browsing the Library's book display at the official opening of VIRTUS



## History from many angles



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The fall of Singapore, followed by the Japanese Occupation from 1942-1945, has been described by Winston Churchill as “the greatest disaster in British military history” due to the speed of the capitulation and the number of soldiers captured. The fall of Fortress Singapore has been subjected to analysis by many scholars and researchers. This is not only because of the magnitude of the disaster, but also due to the fact that the promised official enquiry was never carried out, even after the end of World War II. The refusal to conduct an official enquiry was highly unusual.

*A great betrayal? : the fall of Singapore revisited*  
[D767.55.G786]  
Available at HSS Library

A new book on the Malayan Campaign entitled *A great betrayal? : the fall of Singapore revisited* has been published. While there have been many books on the reasons for the fall of Singapore, this recent collection of essays is important as it analyses the Malayan Campaign from a number of different angles and sheds light on the disastrous capitulation of Fortress Singapore.

Topics include whether the British ever had a working strategy to defend Singapore, to the role of the Australians and Indians in the defence of Singapore. One essay examines the culpability of General Percival in the fall of Singapore.

What makes this book interesting is the inclusion of interviews with Japanese soldiers involved in the Malayan Campaign and their recollections of the fighting. This humanises the Japanese soldiers who have largely remained a faceless group in conventional textbooks while still acknowledging the atrocities that were committed.

Another essay analyses Japanese General Yamashita Tomoyuki, the “Tiger of Malaya”. He is described in the book as a brilliant but tragic general whose leadership played a significant role in the Japanese capture of Singapore. It looks at the relationship of Yamashita with the other Japanese generals and the Japanese Emperor, and at how internal politics ultimately sent him to defend occupied Manila. At the war crimes tribunal, Yamashita was sentenced to death for the atrocities committed by Japanese troops under his command in Manila.

This book is highly recommended for its engaging language and clarity of presentation. The addition of interview excerpts from actual Malayan war veterans is another strong point of this book, as it offers a rare glimpse of the situation on the ground from the viewpoint of the combatants. However, the relative depth of discussion of certain chapters will be fully appreciated only by readers already familiar with the pivotal events of the Malayan Campaign.

### Further Reading

A wealth of titles has been published on the Malayan Campaign and the fall of Singapore. These titles range from books analysing the reasons for the loss of Singapore to discussion of the tactics used in important confrontations. The list below is a selection of titles which may be of special interest to general readers.

**The defence and fall of Singapore 1940-1942** [D767.55.F245]

**Odd man out: the story of the Singapore traitor** [DS610.55.E48]

**Did Singapore have to fall? : Churchill and the impregnable fortress** [D767.55.H118]

**Guns of February: ordinary Japanese soldiers' views of the Malayan Campaign and the fall of Singapore 1941-42** [DS596.6.F862]

**Singapore 1942: Britain's greatest defeat** [DS610.55.W286]

**The end of the war: Singapore's liberation and the aftermath of the Second World War** [D767.55.B743]

**Singapore: the pregnable fortress: a study in deception, discord and desertion** [D767.55.E48]

Titles on the Malayan Campaign can be found at the following call numbers: D767.55 & DS610.55

A subject search using the keywords “**World War, 1939-1945 Campaigns Singapore**” will also retrieve a selection of relevant titles at the Library Catalogue.

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清雍正4年（1726）武英殿铜活字本，民国23年（1934）中华书局以雍正本为底本，采用胶版缩小影印。是中国现存类书中规模最大、体例最完善的一部。

### 鲁迅全集（共20卷）

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### 小贴士：什么叫毛边本？

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王赓武教授发表主旨演讲“海外华人与他们的图书馆”

# Exciting library spaces and new ways of searching



Artist's impression of Learning Pods at Business Library

In the second semester, library users can enjoy the result of several new initiatives that we embarked on this academic year. Though the Library has not been successful in increasing its total floor area, we have been continually intensifying the use of our spaces to provide greater value to students. There are also major initiatives to provide more efficient access to the rich information resources that we have built up and maintained. On the technology front, we are currently looking at improving our library system and will launch a mobile application at the start of the semester.

## New Learning Commons at Business Library

The Lee Wee Lam Library Learning Commons launched in March 2010 was a huge success. The attractive design and state-of-the-art collaborative learning environment drew a large number of students daily and attracted favourable attention of local and overseas visitors. We have even been invited to present our Learning Commons project at an Australian conference in March 2011. Following this success, the Library is in the midst of building another learning commons at Business Library. This will occupy the main part of Level B3, one floor below the main entrance. Apart from the popular learning pods and multiple-screen work desks, we will also add several new attractions such as a language practice and learning area, a career information area, a mini cinema and a business information lounge.

The language practice area will provide enclosed booths and other language learning and practice resources. We hope that this will be useful to the large number of international students, particularly those from non-English speaking environments, to hone their English language skills through self-practice and access to useful learning tools. The career information area will provide



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online information on careers as well a collection of books and other resources to help graduating students explore various career options. The mini cinema is the second exclusive AV viewing room that the Library provides following the success of the first at ADM Library. The business information lounge provides Bloomberg terminals and other computers for accessing business data as well as a cosy seating area where you can sip a cup of coffee and talk business with your friends.

## Final renovation at LWN Library entrance

Minor renovations will be carried out at Lee Wee Nam library entrance area where the express PCs will be rearranged to provide a larger exhibition area. This will be the final phase of the remake of the library entrance. Apart from topical book exhibitions held in this area, the Library will continue to work with students on collaborative exhibitions in this high traffic area.

## Coping with limited library space

We have installed compact shelving at the Chinese Library to cope with the growing collection. Unfortunately some seats have to be taken out to accommodate the shelves. Similarly HSS Library had some new shelves added and the layout slightly rearranged to make space for more books. Both Chinese and HSS libraries have already reached their optimum capacity as they are comparatively small libraries. It will be a great challenge to provide a critical collection of books and resources to meet the demands of the HSS faculty and students.

## More effective information searching and finding

If you are familiar with the Library, you will realise that it is an oasis of information providing high quality scholarly resources and learning materials. We have more than 200 databases in all disciplines taught in NTU, 48,000 e-journals, close to 30,000 AV materials and more than 700,000 books. Some users can be overwhelmed by this rich array of resources and may not know where to begin and how to identify the useful resources to consult for their learning and research needs.

## Subject rooms

To help users optimise the use of the Library, we have just developed a wide range of subject rooms. Each of these rooms focuses on resources on a particular subject or discipline. Users who are not familiar with the different types of resources in a subject area can go to the specific subject room to see a list of guides on what, where and how to access relevant resources. For example, the Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) Subject Room lists the core and secondary databases for EEE, points to

highly cited journals, shows how to access e-books, recommends relevant EEE websites, library classification numbers to browse the collection and many guides and tips on basic information seeking for the subject. We hope that users will find our subject rooms good starting points to look for relevant information and a convenient place to gain quick access to various resources in the Library. When completed we will have a total of 41 subject rooms.

## Web-scale discovery

Another exciting tool which we will introduce for more convenient searching is what is known as web-scale discovery. Currently most library-based searching requires the users to access different search tools to access different types of materials, e.g. the Library Catalogue for books in our libraries, hundreds of databases for journal articles and various websites for e-books, etc. This is because each system maintains its own index which the users have to search separately. Web-scale discovery consolidates all these multiple indexes together into one big index, allowing users to perform one search for various types of resources at the same time. Thus when a user is looking for "carbon tubes" in a web-scale discovery system, it will display and link to books in the libraries as well as journal articles, conference papers and other materials found in databases and e-journals. This is possible only recently due to exciting developments in the information and publishing industry. The Library is now evaluating a number of providers for such systems and when it is implemented, we are sure our users will welcome this convenient search tool.

## Towards mobile learning

Many pundits are predicting that the next few years will see the smart phone as the dominant communication and computing

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device. Certainly its portability and increasingly powerful technological features have great potential for enhancing our learning capability and may even alter the way we learn. The Library has been keeping tabs on these developments and is constantly on the lookout for ways to support m-learning or mobile learning. A library mobile interface will be launched at the start of the second semester. Users will be able to use their smart phones to access the Library Catalogue, browse through a list of new resources and services, check the facility booking system and connect to various library service points. This is just the beginning of our exploration into mobile services and we expect to see further developments in this area. The Library's mobile page can be accessed via the Campus Mobile Homepage (<http://mobile.ntu.edu.sg>) which was launched recently by CITS.

We are excited by these new developments and we hope that our users will find them exciting and beneficial for their learning and research needs as well. Feedback and suggestions from our users on further improvement on these areas are most welcomed.

Artist's impression of PC Area at Business Library



Snapshots ..



## New staff



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Literature was formative for Emma in her teenage years. An avid reader, especially of 19th century novels, she was particularly moved by Dostoyevsky. The desire to explore more deeply questions raised by Dostoyevsky of the meaning of life and the problem of evil and suffering were influential in her decision to read theology at university.

After her graduation, Emma came to live in Singapore. To begin with she had a stint as a teacher in a local secondary school and she subsequently worked for five years as an editor in a publishing company. She gave up work for some years to spend time with her family during which she

undertook some part-time cataloguing work with the National Archives.

During a year spent in America with her family, Emma was inspired by the children's librarians at the public libraries there. These librarians had an infectious passion for getting children excited about books. This experience changed Emma's concept of what a librarian could be and got her excited about the profession. She recently graduated with an MSc (Information and Library Science) by distance learning from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen. Studying mostly without access to a physical library made her appreciate the importance of e-resources but she missed personally meeting the librarians.

Emma enjoys research, writing, teaching and helping people. She feels privileged that as an English Literature Librarian she will have the opportunity to be part of the students' learning experience and to assist the faculty with their information needs.



# Do more with the Library Catalogue!



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