

匹茲堡大學東亞圖書館

The University Library System (ULS) at the University of Pittsburgh's

EAST ASIAN LIBRARY Korean Collection

About the East Asian Library

The University Library System (ULS) at the University of Pittsburgh began its Chinese collection in 1960 after it was selected as one of the twenty National Defense Education Act centers for Chinese studies. Five years later, the East Asian Library (EAL) was established to include also the Japanese collection. The Korean materials were added to the collection from 2000. Today, the EAL has become one of the most prominent East Asian collections in North America with over 375,900 volumes of monographs, about 1,200 titles of periodicals, around 8,900 reels of microfilms, over 25 current newspapers, 1,650 multi-media resources, and 8 major area studies online databases. As of June 2005, the library ranks the 14th in size among more than 80 East Asian collections in North America and is the largest and the major resource center in the Tri-state area (Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia). The library's primary mission is to support the Asian Studies Center for instruction and research in Chinese, Japanese and Korean studies.

The EAL Korean Collection

The EAL consists of four collections—Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and English languages. The Korean collection at the University of Pittsburgh supports the research and instructional needs of the Korean Studies faculty and students. It is comparatively a new collection, with vigorous growth in recent years, especially with supplemental acquisition budget support from the Asian Studies Center. The collection ranks 23rd among 54 Korean collections in North America, with a holding of more than 6000 volumes of Korean monographs, 30 titles of current Korean periodicals, and other resources. The collection is strong in core reference materials



of Korean studies, Korean economics and politics, history, literature, language, philosophy, etc.

The Korean collection supports major research and teaching activities concerning Korea in several academic disciplines: business, East Asian languages and literatures, economics, history, international relations, linguistics, political science, and sociology.

The East Asian Gateway Service

One of the EAL's most successful and well-known programs is the East Asian Gateway Service (EAGS). It was established in October 1998 by a grant from the U.S. Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. Since October 2001, it has been financially supported by the University of Pittsburgh Library System. The EAGS is a pioneer for developing a transcontinental interlibrary partnership.

The EAGS, administered by the EAL of the ULS, focuses on free delivery of full-text Chinese and Korean language academic publications

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to researchers. Currently, our newly expanded service for Korean documents offers delivery to the University of Pittsburgh faculty and students only.

The Korean document delivery service focuses on Korean academic publications not held by or available from libraries in the United States. The service is provided in collaboration with Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), one of the prestigious IT schools in Asia. The service operates strictly under the copyright laws of the United States and Korea. Any University of Pittsburgh faculty or students who need full-text Korean academic journal article(s) for their research/teaching may make a request via emailing the EAL or filling the online request form. The service is also reciprocal, as the ULS provides document delivery service of English language materials to its Korean partner library.

University of Pittsburgh—Yanbian University Exchange Program

To further expand partnership network, the ULS has recently signed an agreement with Yanbian University, China for exchange of materials

published in Western countries and Korean materials published in Yangbian area and North Korea.

Outreach Activities

The EAL has actively participated in on-campus and local community events to showcase library services and resources. Highlights of outreach activities include coordinating the International Week and Asian Studies Center display booths at various events, participating in annual Dragon Boat Festival organized by the Pittsburgh City since 2002, and supporting and cosponsoring library exhibits on Korean cultures.

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