LI KA SHING LIBRARY

The Li Ka Shing Library at the Singapore Management University (SMU) strives to be the hub for intellectual knowledge resources and services that supports the research and learning needs of the SMU community. The library continually seeks to employ the latest technology to facilitate innovative learning, knowledge creation and discovery, as well as providing access to a wealth of research resources on and off campus.

The library building showcases unique architectural features that permit abundant natural light and allow for views of the surrounding art and cultural district; skylights and light wells that infuse the interior spaces with natural brightness; and greenery that cascades down the library’s modern, curvilinear facades. The library offers a wide range of learning areas and is equipped with state-of-the-art technology to facilitate learning, collaboration and research. It brings the SMU community together and functions as a centre for learning and collaboration, and yet, it is also a place for concentration and tranquility.

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RESEARCH RESOURCES

- Over 100,000 printed volumes and electronic books
- More than 160 electronic databases
- Access to over 70,000 electronic journals
- 18,000+ books research publications in its Institutional Repository (InK)
- More than 3,000 audio-visual materials
- Oral History Collection
- e-Examination papers

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- Financial databases such as Bloomberg, Thomson ONE by Datastream, S&P Capital IQ, SSC Analytics, and Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS)
- Printed and electronic newspapers and magazines
- Lifestyle collection for recreational reading and viewing – travel books, bestsellers, documentaries, reviews, board and digital games

LEARNING AND RESEARCH BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The library continually develops innovative and high-quality information resources and services, with a focus on extending and strengthening research capacity through scholarly communication, learning and teaching in information literacy skills. These play an imperative role in supporting SMU’s research efforts and contribute to the university’s strategic goals, such as delivering a holistic undergraduate experience, developing opportunities for lifelong learning through its graduate, professional and executive education, and creating a stimulating research culture.

STIMULATE A DYNAMIC LEARNING CULTURE

The library supports the SMU community’s information needs through the design, development and delivery of learning programmes which equip students with lifelong learning skills.

- LibQuest (Library orientation for all first-year students)
- Subject-specific Research Guides
- eLearning Solutions
- Thematic Workshops
- Library Training to support Research and Academic Writing Skills
- Dynamic inbound library learning services designed with faculty collaboration

COMMUNITY HUB

- Research consultation – Students are guided by research librarians in designing research strategies and accessing the most appropriate resources and key databases in their research work.
- Course support services – Faculty tap on library services to deliver course readings to students
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DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS

As partners in research, teaching and learning, the library team provides high-quality customer-focused services such as workshops, research consultations, guidance for students, and advice on scholarly communication.

ENHANCE RESEARCH, TEACHING AND LEARNING

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VISION
To be a leading research library providing ubiquitous access to information using innovative strategies to drive intellectual exchange and the creation of knowledge.

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

VALUES
The Library is guided by the values embraced by the Singapore Management University, namely Commitment, Integrity, Responsibility, Collegiality, Leadership, and Excellence, as well as the values adopted by the library: Respect, Accountability, Passion, Professionalism.

ADVANCE SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION
Open access to SMU’s research publications supports the availability and dissemination of scholarly knowledge, promoting the visibility of research within the university and throughout its impact both nationally and internationally. Faculty members and postgraduate students may include their publications and dissertations in the university’s institutional repository and archives. The library plays a key role in advocating and supporting open access collections through several initiatives:
• Institutional Knowledge (InK)
• Oral History Collection
Researchers’ IDs, issued upon request by faculty, ensure that publications included in the Web of Science are correctly attributed to the author. They enable the tracking of citation metrics and the identification of research collaborations across countries.

HOLISTIC APPROACH
The Library supports SMU’s holistic education experience by being a catalyst for learning, engagement and interaction with faculty, students and the community. The diagram below illustrates these dynamic synergies.