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Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL)

CEAL is a committee of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS). It was founded in 1958 as the Committee on American Library Resources on the Far East (CALFRE), building on earlier organizations going back to 1948. As a non-profit organization, the mission of CEAL is to serve as a forum for the discussion of East Asian library issues of common concern; to formulate programs for the development of East Asian library resources, services, and systematic organization of all types of recorded information and knowledge; and to promote interlibrary and international cooperation in East Asian librarianship. CEAL membership is open to all current AAS members who pay CEAL membership dues (currently \$30.00).

CEAL publishes the *Journal on East Asian Libraries* (JEAL), a peer-reviewed online journal that is published in February and October. The entire set of back issues of JEAL (1963-current) is available online at (<http://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/jeal/>). CEAL also conducts and publishes annual statistics on collections, expenditures, staffing, and services in East Asian libraries in North America. All historical and current data is available online in the CEAL Statistics Database (<http://www.lib.ku.edu/ceal/stat>).

CEAL meets annually in conjunction with the AAS annual conference and sponsors speakers and panels on issues related to serving the East Asian Studies community and to building and maintaining print and electronic library collections for East Asian Studies. The organization is governed by a 20- member Executive Board and has standing Committees on Chinese Materials, Japanese Materials, Korean Materials, Public Services, Library Technology, Technical Processing, Membership, Publications, and Statistics.

Organizations sharing CEAL's objectives may be affiliated with the Council or its committees, subject to the approval of the Board. Applications for affiliation or renewal should be submitted to the President with a statement of purpose, rationale, and other relevant information about the organization.

For more information about CEAL, go to its web site (<http://www.eastasianlib.org/>). The CEAL listserv (<http://www.eastasianlib.org/Eastlibinstructions.htm>) is for discussions among those interested in East Asian libraries, and the CEAL News blog (<http://cealnews.blogspot.com/>) has updates on topics of interest. Job opportunities in the field are posted on the CEAL Jobs blog (<http://cealjobs.blogspot.com/>). CEAL also maintains the online Directory of East Asian Libraries in North America (<http://www.eastasianlib.org/cmb/index.htm#Directory>).

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