Imagine, Align, and Prosper:
Roles of East Asia Libraries and Librarians in Digital Scholarship

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Does Digital Scholarship have a future?

• In some ways, scholarly innovation has been domesticated, with the very ubiquity of the web bringing a lowered sense of excitement, possibility, and urgency.

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Evolving Notion

• Scholarship
• eScholarship
• Digital scholarship
• Open scholarship
• Scholarship
Infrastructure

- Interoperable network
- Services, resources, expertise
- Agreement and sharing
- Cost reduction
- Increased efficiencies
Open access

- Social interoperability
- Changing business models
- Separation reduction
- Common purpose and mutual benefit
Critical risks and impediments

- Fragmented funding
- IP and copyright
- Complex environment
- Cross-sector tensions
- Proprietary perspectives
- Sustainability
- 21st century skill set
- Disparate political, economic and cultural environments
Things are changing
Think, for example, of a distinction between outside-in resources, where the library is buying or licensing materials from external providers and making them accessible to a local audience (e.g. books and journals), and ‘inside-out’ resources which may be unique to an institution (e.g. digitized images, research materials) where the audience is both local and external. Thinking about an external non-institutional audience, and how to reach it, poses some new questions for the library.
New intent? New opportunities?

- Research for the public good
- Community engaged scholarship
- Data science for the social good
- Research impact
- Global research library
Library Publishing

• ETDs
• Digitization
• Repositories
• Korean Liberation Space
• Japanese Multi-volume Sets Discovery Improvement Project
Convergence
The best possible role for UW Libraries to play in my professional future would be:
1) **Provide open access to everything** (by me, by students, and ideally by society, but that’s a stretch);
2) The primary place to archive not only discoveries, but also the **data and assets behind those discoveries**;
3) A facilitating role in making the private scholarly search engines the most usable, useful, informative way to perform literature reviews and make sense of the massive collection of discoveries that we have.

—UW faculty

As a PhD student, I had a question about copyright issues involving my published article. **UW Libraries was very helpful in allowing me to successfully navigate the complexities of copyright law and inform me about open access options** that I was unaware of. **As a result, my work has been cited more than I anticipated!**

—UW graduate student

Some open access journals offer lower fees if the university has a subscription/account with the journal. If the UW does not subscribe to an open access journal, which results in high fees for faculty, **to what extent does this reduce faculty publishing in that journal?** Which open access journals would faculty most like to publish in? **Such a short list might be where the UW invests its subscription resources.**

—UW faculty
Open cultural materials

• Digitization of rare Chinese books
  • With National Central Library, Taiwan
• Hidden Collections
  • With UBC and University of Beijing
• Studies on Ethnic Groups in China
Indigenous Studies

MURKUTU SHARED
• With UBC, WSU, and UW Libraries and Press

LOST LANGUAGES FOUND
• Recordings of Lushootseed restored and given new life
• With CAIIS and American Indian community
Sephardic community

- Community collections
- Ladino language
Virtual reality in libraries

https://hsl.uw.edu/vr-studio
New Services

• Research commons
• Research data management
• Data cleaning
• Digital scholarship centers—virtual and physical
• HathiTrust Research Center
Learning organization

- Librarians
- Scholars
- Students

KUDOS TO THE COUNCIL ON EAST ASIA LIBRARIES
Yes, there is a future...and it is bright!

- Convener
- Connector
- Collaborator
- Content providers
- Capacity
- Concierge
- Conservator
- Celebration
THANK YOU!

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