Physical to Virtual: the Transformation of UCI Library Exhibit on EAC30

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From I-Ching to Manga:
UCI’s East Asian Collection
Celebrating 30 Years
The EAC30 Library Exhibit was originally scheduled to launch in person in the spring of 2020.
LIBRARY FACILITIES CLOSED
DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS
Library’s Very First Online Exhibit was launched on November 19, 2020.

Faculty speaker comparing library with restaurant.
During and After the Transformation

Grateful

Frustrated

Excited

Wishful
Grateful for the Great Team

- Curator
- Event Office
- Design Services
- Web Services
- SC&A
Frustrated due to -

• having to drop the original plan
• tight timeline
• physical access barrier for exhibit item review
• asynchronous review and reference
• difficulty reflecting a 3D object on a 2D screen
• technology’s limits
Excited to have -

• unlimited exhibition space, which allows
  o Display much more items
  o Show the same artifact from different angle
• zero temporal and geographical constraints
  o Accessible around the clock and the world
  o Available indefinitely
• increased visits and views
Wishful to

• go back to normal sooner rather than later
• be able to set up the physical exhibit
• meet and greet visitors in person
• never have to experience this pandemic!
THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?