

THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF  
USING KOREAN EBOOKS  
IN AN ACADEMIC LIBRARY

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CURRENT STATUS OF  
THE USE OF KOREAN EBOOKS  
IN UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
AT MANOA

Major purchase vendor:  
BookRail

Total purchases: 102  
titles

No Korean e-book  
orders after 2014

## CONSIDERATIONS IN PURCHASING DECISIONS

Collection development policy

Assigned subjects for cooperative collection development of  
Korean Collections Consortium of North America

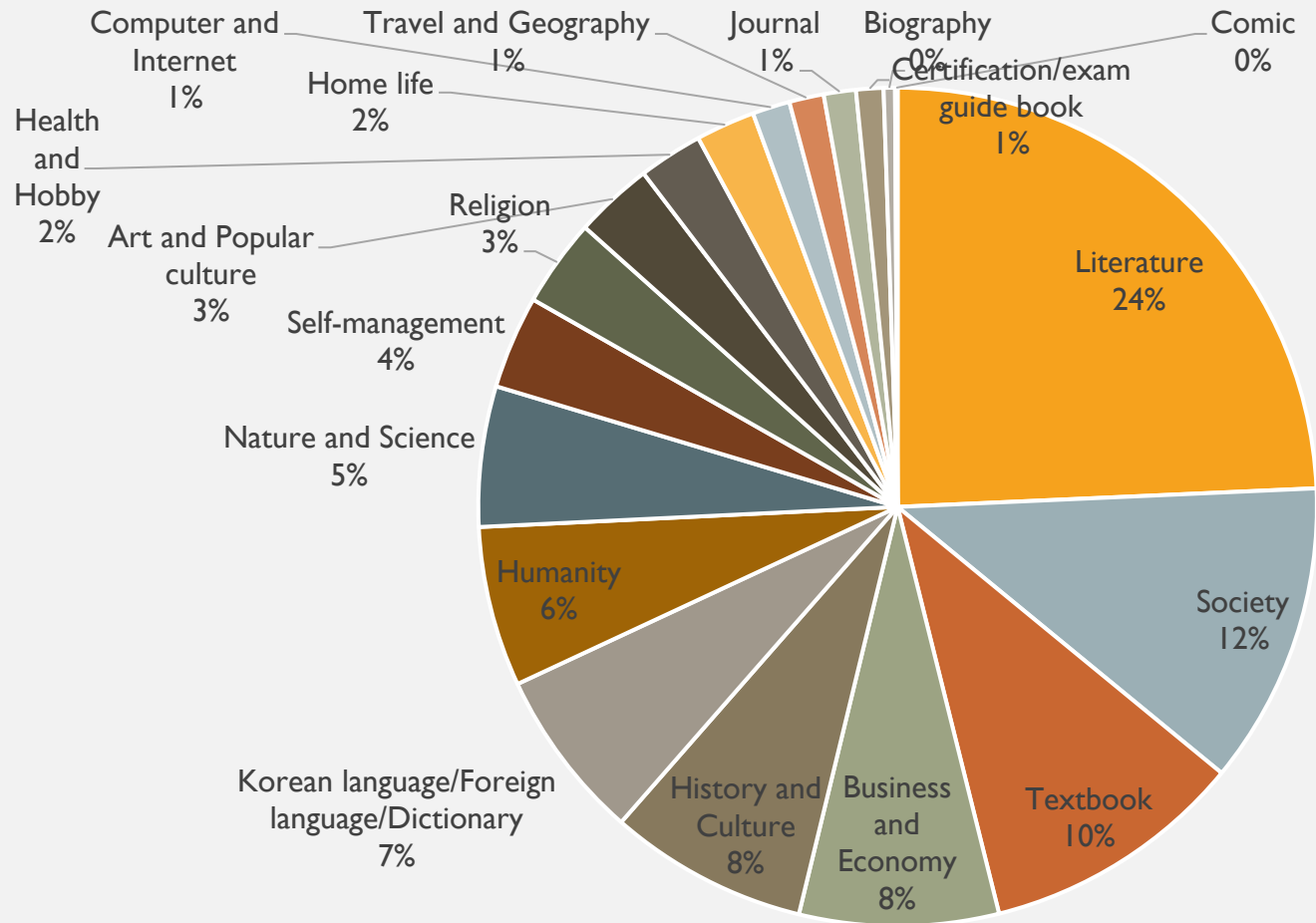
Research interests of campus members

Academic trends / noteworthy political and social situations  
/ significance of the books in their academic fields

Purchase requests

# BOOKRAIL SEPTEMBER 2021 CATALOG

- 19 categories / 23,575 titles
  - Home life
  - Health/Hobby
  - Korean language/Foreign language/Dictionary
  - Textbook
  - Comic
  - Literature
  - Business/Economy
  - Society
  - Certification/Exam Guide Book
  - Travel/Geography
  - History/Culture
  - Art/Popular culture
  - Humanity
  - Biography
  - Self-management
  - Nature/Science
  - Journal
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# UHM LIBRARY KOREA COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

- III. GUIDELINES TO MATERIALS COLLECTED OR EXCLUDED

Areas of Exclusion: Textbooks are not collected. Language learning textbooks are excluded except as examples or representative works in learning Korean. A small historical collection of Korean public school textbooks from the twentieth century is maintained for their value as historical artifacts and potential value to research.

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## MCCULLY-MŌ'ILĪ'ILĪ PUBLIC LIBRARY KOREA COLLECTION

Located less than a mile from the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus

30,000 titles

Purchase eBooks from Kyobo


Sufficient funds from Korean community in Hawaii





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UH'S ASSIGNED  
SUBJECTS FOR  
COOPERATIVE  
COLLECTION  
DEVELOPMENT  
OF KCCNA

- Architecture (95)
- History, To 1392 (180)
- Modern social conditions (30)
- Nationalism (10)
- Public health (6)
- Traditional music (22)
- Urban planning/studies (24)
- Publications on Cheju-do (35)
- Publications on Korea and Koreans published in Europe
- Publications on Korea and Koreans published in Hawai'i



RESEARCH  
INTERESTS  
OF THE UH'S  
KOREAN  
STUDIES  
COMMUNITY

- Korean-Japan relation (38)
- Human rights/human rights law (3)
- Korean language pedagogy (37)
- Korean linguistics/phonetics/phonology (33)
- North Korea architecture (1)
- South Korea-North Korea relation (190)
- Hallyu/the Korean wave (11)
- Intercultural communication (17)
- Modern Korean women literature (10)
- Modern Korean poetry (67)
- Aging population (5)
- North Korean refugee (2)
- Korean film industry (3)

NEW  
PUBLICATION  
ORDER IN 2019

- Total 782 titles
- 0 title were available as eBooks

ORDER BY  
REQUEST IN  
2019

## Korean publications

- Total 92 titles
- 0 titles were available as an eBook

## English publications

- Total 46 titles
- 43 titles were available as an eBook

- There are simply not many ebooks
- Give us more books to purchase!

- Willingness to purchase more e-books
  - library's space issue
  - users' familiarity with e-book use increased due to the pandemic
- Increase in the number of recently published e-books
  - 40% of books in the BookRail catalog were published in 2020-2021

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