Getting Back to Normal: Opportunities and Challenges

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About the East Asian Library

• One of distributed libraries serving the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures and Global Studies Program

• 7,955 net square feet, over 168,102 CJK collection

• Three Full-time staff

• Reopen since August, 2021
Opportunities vs. Challenges

• Reduced open hours and staffing
• Increasing circulation, visits, and users’ enthusiasm
• Featured in Student Life
Faculty/Students Engagement

• Department graduate student orientation
• New faculty luncheon
• Library workshop: E-Resources and Data for International Research
• Class visits/Research consultations
• Help desk interactions
• Language/cultural events
East Asian Collection Exhibition

August 1–December 17, 2021
John M. Olin Library, Level 1, Thomas Gallery

Legendary: Horses and Classical Chinese Literature
East Asian Languages and Cultures

• Technology, Empire, and Science in China
• Kitchen, Studio, Factory: Making in East Asia
• Contemporary Chinese Popular Culture
• Historical Methods- Transregional History (Asia in Saint Louis)
Embedded Library Services

• Visualization of the navigation of Taiwan Studies Collection along with Library of Congress Subject Headings

• Intermedial Aesthetics: Chinese Literature and Film

• Asia in Saint Louis: Archival Research and Community Engagement
Further Conversations

- Normal library operation hours?
- Programmed library services?