

2012 Survey Feedback and Changes at Ikeda Library

We conducted a survey to find out how we can improve our services to meet our students' needs. The comments and questions from the students were insightful and gave us the opportunities to review our current practices. Here are common feedback and our responses to them.

1. I would like to see more French language materials.

During the summer of 2011 and fall semester, the library developed its French language collection extensively in preparation for the new French courses being offered at Soka. From recent French grammar textbooks to French verb workbooks, the library's French language collection can be found in the stacks (French language: PC 2100-2600; French literature: PQ 150-4000). In addition to the recent acquisition of print materials on the French language, the library has also added many audio/visual materials to the French language collection. To find out more about French language materials, please search for the following subject on the library's homepage: French language -- Textbooks for foreign speakers. Also, more French films recommended by faculty will be purchased during the summer of 2012.

2. I would like to see new music in the library, especially foreign language and exotic music.

The library actually has a solid collection of exotic music, including the Music of Bhutan (M1825.N5218 M76 2006), the music of New Orleans (M1668.8 .N49 2005), and Kongo magni, popular music of Mali (M1838.M32 K65 2005) to name just a few. Stop by the library's circulation desk and browse through our music sound recordings folder to find the music you are looking for or to discover new genres.

In addition to providing students with a physical music collection, students also have access to the database Music Online. Music Online is an extensive online music tool provided by Alexander Street Press. This tool allows you to cross search the following online music databases to search for the exotic music you may seek.

3. I would like to see classic films.

The library has quite a few classical films in its collection. Here are a few examples of the classical films available at the library for checkout:

Citizen Kane (PN1997 .C57 2001)

Gone with the Wind (PN1997 .G66 2004)

Casablanca (PN1995.9.F54 C352 1999)
Psycho (PS3503.L718 P75 1999)
The Gold Rush (PN1995.9.C55 G68 2003)
All Quiet on the Western Front (PN1995.9.W3 A45 1999)
City Lights (PN1995.9.C55 C47 2003)
Frankenstein (PN1995.9.H6 F735 1999)
Mutiny on the Bounty (PS3527.O437 M8 2004)
Modern Times (PN1995.9.C55 M63 2003)
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (PN1997.F72 C263 1999)
The Wizard of Oz (PZ7.B327 1999)
The Grapes of Wrath (PS3537.T3234 G8 2004)
It's a Wonderful Life (PN1995.9.C5113 I87 2001)
Gilda (PN1997 .G55 2000)
The Postman Always Rings Twice (PN1995.9.F54 P678 2004)
An American in Paris (PN1997 .A343 2008)
All About Eve (PN1997 .A443 2002)
A Streetcar Named Desire (PS3545.I5365 S873 1997)
From Here to Eternity (PN1997 .F76 2001)
High Noon (PN1997 .H54 2002)
Ben Hur (PN1995.9.J46 B4 2001)
North by Northwest (PN1995.9.D4 N67 2000)
Dr. Strangelove (PN1997.A23 D7275 2001)
Rebel without a Cause (PN1997.R4 R283 1999)
Star Wars (PN1997 .S75 2004)

4. *I would like to see fiction and novels.*

We actually have quite a good collection of novels. They are shelved in our Circulating Collection on the 3rd floor, call number PN (General literature), PR (English literature), PS (American literature), and PZ (Fictions). We encourage you to go up there and browse the books. In addition, new acquisitions are briefly displayed at the entrance. We are also purchasing more leisure readings and placing them by the daily newspapers on the 2nd/main floor of the library.

5. *I would like to see up-to-date TOEFL/GRE test preparation books.*

The library recently conducted an extensive collection development project in the area of test preparation textbooks. This collection development project included both TOEFL and GRE books. To locate the TOEFL books present in the library's collection, please search "Test of

English as a Foreign Language Study Guides” as a subject search on the library’s main webpage. To locate the GRE study guides, please search “Graduate Record Examination Study Guides” as a subject search on the main library webpage. All recent TOEFL and GRE collection additions to the library include the most recent and up-to-date test preparation materials for both tests.

6. I would like more more Spanish language materials.

In addition to developing the French language collection this summer, the library also conducted a large-scale Spanish language collection development project. From recent Spanish grammar textbooks to Spanish verb workbooks, the library’s Spanish language collection can be found in the stacks under around the following Library of Congress call numbers: PC4112, PC4129, and PC4117. In addition to the recent acquisition of print materials on the Spanish language, the library has also added many audio/visual materials to the Spanish language collection. To find out more about Spanish language materials, please search for the following subject on the library’s homepage: Spanish language Textbooks for foreign speakers.

7. I would like to see travel guide books.

When developing the French and Spanish language collections this summer, the library also added numerous and updated travel guidebooks to assist students preparing for study abroad. To search for these travel guidebooks, please visit the library’s homepage and search “travel guidebooks” as a keyword. Included in this collection are Lonely Planet guidebooks and The Rough Guide series. They cover most of the countries that SUA students go for study abroad.

8. I would like to see sign language materials.

The library collection includes a number of sign language related materials. Most of these items are located under the Library of Congress call number HV2474. To browse through a list of our sign language related books, please go to the library’s homepage and search “American sign language” as the subject term.

9. I would like to see media studies material.

The library’s collection includes a number of film and media studies materials. Most of these items are located under the Library of Congress call numbers PN1994 or PN1995. To browse through a list of our film studies books, please go to the library’s homepage and search “motion pictures” as the subject term. For a list of books focused on media studies, go to the library’s homepage and search “media studies” as a keyword term.

10. *I would like to see new fiction in the library.*

With each new shipment of requested books that come from our print material vendor, new fiction titles are frequently included. To view recent fiction additions to the library, make sure to stop by and browse through our “New Book” section located next to the newspapers and magazines on the second floor. You can also keep an eye out for new fiction additions on our “New Print Books” section under the “What’s New” column of the library’s homepage.

11. *I would like to see more environmental studies material.*

The library’s collection includes a growing section regarding multiple topics on environmental studies and policies throughout the world. To see a list of books on the topic of environmental policies, please go to the library’s homepage and search “environmental policy” as a subject term. To see an extensive listing of books on different environmental aspects, please go to the library’s homepage and search “environmental aspects” as a subject term. By conducting this particular search, you will be able to browse a list of dozens and dozens of subject specific and narrowed-down environmental topics of interest.

12. *I would like to see young adult fiction.*

Last summer, the reference librarian Lisa Polfer worked very hard to expand the young adult section of the library. We now have many of the most popular and classic young adult books in our collection now. For a list of young adult fiction to browse through, please go to the library’s homepage and search “young adult fiction” as a subject term. New young adult fiction additions to the collection include the popular Hunger Games trilogy, Clare Cassandra books, and P.C. Cast novels.

13. *I would like to see tourism materials.*

When developing the French and Spanish language collections this summer, the library also added numerous and updated travel guidebooks to assist students preparing for study abroad. To search for these travel guidebooks, please visit the library’s homepage and search “travel guidebooks” as a keyword. Included in this collection are Lonely Planet guidebooks and The Rough Guide series.

Don’t wait till we have another survey. Feel free to share your thoughts or questions with us any time. We will continue exploring ways to improve our services and actualize your wishes.

See you in the library!

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