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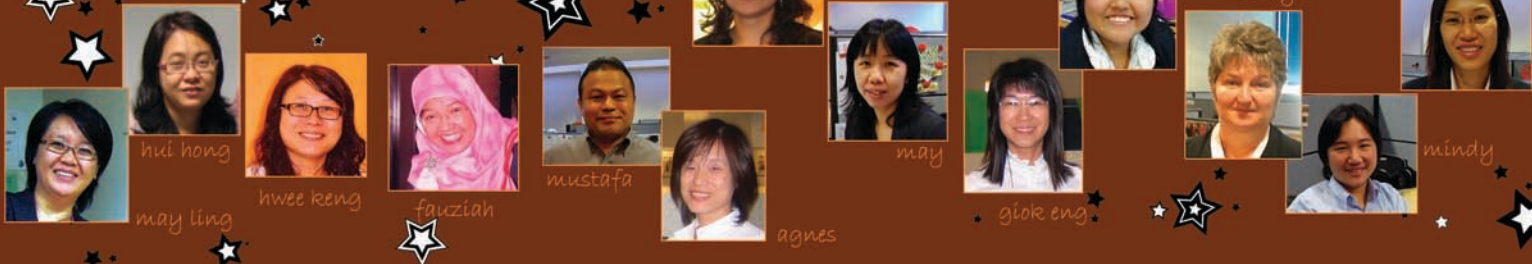
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## welcome to the library get to know your frontline staff



## Global Issues in Context – transporting you to where news is

by Seow Hwee Ling

The latest database subscribed by TP Library - Global Issues in Context - should give a headstart to students in Communication Skills classes.

Suitable for students from all disciplines, the database focuses on on broad issues such as war, genocide, terrorism, human rights, poverty, famine, globalization, world trade, nuclear proliferation, and global warming. Global Issues in Context allows you to explore world current events from various perspectives and viewpoints.

Its media-rich portal is constantly updated with full text articles from magazines & newspapers and with extensive multimedia features — including video, podcasts and interactive statistics.

Go global, be engaged. Indulge in a totally new experience!



Global issues in Context can be accessed via the Digital Library Portal.

### User Education classes

Recent databases which TP Library has subscribed to are:

- IEEE Computer Society Pick5
- Books24x7 – Engineering Pro
- MedicinesComplete

They are highlighted in our User Education classes which are conducted throughout the year. Classes start in April, be sure to join in!

## Resources for Early Childhood Education

By Ho Mui Huay

The new diploma in Early Childhood Studies commences this academic year. Here is a list of resources to help you kick-start your library research.

### Audiovisuals:

- Child development: the first twelve months. **HQ774 Chi**
- Child care in action. Infants & toddlers. **HQ778.5 Chi**
- Early childhood education settings and approaches. **LB1139.25 Ear**

### Books:

- Approaches to early childhood education. **LB1139.25 App**
- Care and education in early childhood: a student's guide to theory and practice. **LB1139.3 Gre.Cu**
- Early childhood education today. **LB1139.25 Mor**

### Journals:

- Childhood education. **LB1141 CE**
- Journal of research in childhood education. **LB1028 JRC**
- Rattler: the children's services magazine. **HQ778.7 AUS.RA**

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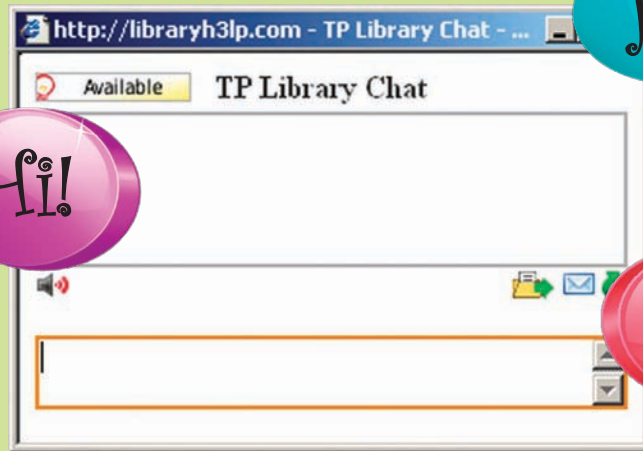
New integrated OPAC

# Let's chat about it!

By Mindy Tan and Koh Hwee Keng



Ernie



Alice and Bert



Welcome to the new school term! For all you freshies out there, we know you may be worried about starting the new school term, so we decided to drop in on Ernie, a fellow freshman, as he chatted with two seniors, Alice and Bert.



: Hi there, I am finally in TP. Is studying here tough? 🤔



: Hey, there are also online exam papers, just check OPAC (<http://spark.opac.tp.edu.sg>) and click on "exam papers" tab to start searching. Check out page 4 of this issue of InfoWise for more info.



: Ok, as long as you know where to get the stuff you need for assignments and exams. 😁



: But how to find textbooks that I need among all the books at Level 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8? Looks so complicated! 😞



: Yeah, Library has all the stuff.



: Check OPAC using author or title listed in the recommended reading list. OPAC will tell you which floor the book is on. Get the call number of the book to locate it.



: Library - where is it?



: Level 4 has latest movies 🎬 + music CDs 🎧 + documentaries 📺 + academic journals 📖 + Level 5 – dictionaries + encyclopedias, etc. Level 6 has Open Shelf books with A to H call number, Level 7 – J to S and Level 8 – T to Z.



: Library is the tallest building on campus.



: If you cannot find what you want, always check with the helpful librarian on duty at the Information Counter. Or



: It's in the middle of the horse-shoe at the plaza level.



better still, use  available from 9am and 5pm to get instant answers.



: How do I use the stuff in the Library for assignments and exams?

: WOW!!! That's so cool! 😍 Can I ask them if I have problem getting info for my assignments?



: Let's start with Level 2's red-spot corner opposite Customer Service Counter. It has all the recommended textbooks and exam papers.



Redspot@L2



Audio-visual experience@L4



: Sure, you can just approach the counter, or make an appointment for your group with Project Advisor Services for Students (PASS). User Education classes are also held regularly to demonstrate the use of OPAC and research databases.



: BTW, how do I borrow books?




: Use your matric card, create a NEW PIN at Customer Service Counter and use the Self-Check Machines to borrow books.




: How many can I borrow?



: For full-time students, you can borrow up to 15 books for 2 weeks. Mind you, some books are red-spotted, and you are only allowed to borrow them for three hours. You can also borrow movie titles home too!

If you are late in returning, you will incur fines. For redspot books for instance, that is a hefty 50 cents per hour. Get the complete list at [http://spark.tp.edu.sg/lib\\_home/lib\\_for\\_members/lib\\_loan\\_privileges.htm](http://spark.tp.edu.sg/lib_home/lib_for_members/lib_loan_privileges.htm) 




: WOW, if I borrow so many books, I won't be able to keep track of them! 



: Don't fret. Use the OPAC to check your own record, renew books, track reservations and fines.



: Yeah, better keep track of the due dates; fines are no joke! 



: What if I need to photocopy?



: Photocopiers are available on all floors. You need cash card for that. Ez-link card for network printing.



: Huh, Network printing?  I just need to print from the Internet PCs in the Library?



: Yes, Internet PCs aka Spark PCs are connected to the printers @ Level 2, 3, 4 and 5, so you can select and print your stuff at any printer. You can also set-up your laptop @ CyberCentre to get wireless LAN access on campus.



: Photocopying services are also available at Level 1 from 8.30am to 8.30pm.



Cable TV room@L3



Info Counter@L5





: My friend told me that there are big and small rooms @ Level 4, 6, 7 and 8? What are they for?




: These rooms are study room (≤2 students) and project room (≤6 students). Book the project room if you need a place for discussion as discussions in reading areas (especially Level 5!) is strictly prohibited.




: Food and flavoured drinks are not allowed in the library as they attract ants and cockroaches. Playing cards and board games are also not allowed in the library. There are Library rangers  patrolling the library to confiscate these items to maintain a conducive environment for all of us. 




: Fair enough! 




: Hey, Bert, did you tell Ernie about the lifestyle floor? Our favourite level? 




: What's that? 



: The Lifestyle floor is where all the fun is. We have cable TVs, computers, and a whole range of fiction and lifestyle titles. You can also get popular teen and entertainment magazines on this floor! 




: Hey, let's catch up tomorrow at the Library! 



: K. BTW, during term time, library opens from 8am to 9pm (Monday to Friday) and 8.30am to 5.30pm (Saturday). During vacation, opening hours differ. Check out website for update: [http://spark.tp.edu.sg/lib\\_home/lib\\_about\\_us/lib\\_open\\_hours.htm](http://spark.tp.edu.sg/lib_home/lib_about_us/lib_open_hours.htm) 



: Okay. C U! 

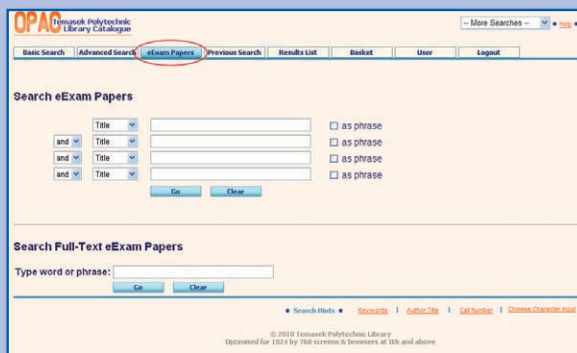
# Exam Papers and more...integrated into OPAC

By Ng Pui San

Remember how you used to go to the Library's Digital Media Repository (DMR) for your exam papers? Well, besides exam papers, other DMR contents such as images, videos, publications, and student projects are available now on OPAC!

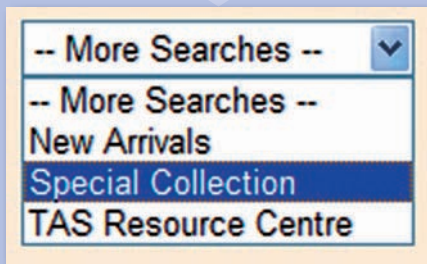
With effect from March, the contents in DMR are integrated into OPAC to allow for a more seamless search, so that you don't need to log in to another system to view the objects.

For a start, exam papers can be searched using the "eExam Papers" tab upon login:



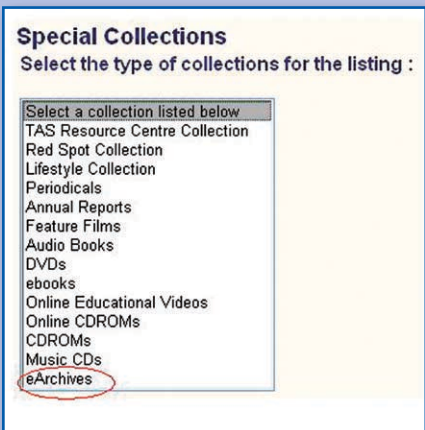
**What was DMR?**  
 Started from 2004, the Library's Digital Media Repository (DMR) is a digital storehouse of resources, and works by Temasek Polytechnic students and staff. The DMR comes with search, browse and download functions to facilitate locating of images, videos, publications, exam papers and student projects.


For those who want an overview of what kind of materials are present in OPAC, just click on "Special Collection":



A myriad of digitized resources are available in OPAC. These include ePublication (such as annual reports, prospectus, and conference papers), eNewsletters (such as PDFs of Infowise), eImages and more.

For more information, go to the Information Counter at Level 5 for assistance.



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For more titles, look under these Call Numbers on the shelves:

Call Numbers	Subjects
HQ767.8 – (Level 6)	<b>Child development</b> (comprehensive works on the physical, psychological and social growth of children)
LB1139.2 – (Level 7)	<b>Early childhood education</b> (activities and schooling that effect developmental changes in children)

**Find Articles:**

Use our subscribed research databases to find articles related to early childhood education:

- **Ebscohost Academic Search Premier** – a multi-disciplinary database.
- **Ebscohost Education Research Complete** – a definitive resource for education research. Covers all levels of education from early childhood to higher education, and educational specialties such as multilingual education.
- **ERIC, the Education Resource Information Center**
- **Ebscohost Professional Development Collection** – designed for professional educators, covers a specialized collection of high quality education journals.



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