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The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Spencer Art Reference Library

The Library of this museum has been undergoing many changes in the last year. A successful grant application will enable the library to join the RLG/RLIN bibliographic computer network with its extensive art program. Anticipated start-up date will be mid-summer 1984. The library's Asian collections are strong especially in Chinese art and history with large holdings in the Chinese vernacular. Presently holdings are also rapidly growing in the area of Japanese and Indian art holdings. The library's present association with RLIN will not include computer input via the CJK system. The Library hopes to add this capability in the future.

In 1983 two major holdings were added to the collections of the Spencer Art Reference Library in the area of Asian studies. The first was the personal research collection of Director Emeritus, Laurence Sickman, consisting of 1,016 volumes collected during the more than fifty years that he has been associated with the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art as art advisor, Curator and Director. The collection's emphasis is primarily in the area of Chinese painting. The second is the 8,000-volume collectanea, Pai pu ts'ung shu chi ch'eng, reprinted in facsimile in Taipei, 1965-70.

(Stanley W. Hess, Head Librarian, Karen L. Meizner, Head of Cataloging)

Yale University Council on East Asian Studies Travel Grants

The Council on East Asian Studies is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of travel grants for 1983-84 to assist visiting scholars from outside the Southern New England area in their use of the East Asian Collection at Yale University. Grants of up to $250 each will be awarded to scholars in East Asian studies to help defray travel expenses. Special consideration will be given to those residing in areas where no major East Asian collection is available.

Interested applicants should submit a brief description of their research topic and a brief statement on their intended use of the library collection. Please address inquiries and applications to:

Hideo Kaneko, Curator
East Asian Collection
Yale University Library
P.O. Box 1603A Yale Station
New Haven, CT 06520
Saur to Publish Library of Congress Catalog

K.G. Saur Inc., 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010, will publish a microfiche edition of the complete Main Catalog of the Library congress. This project will reproduce the complete dictionary catalog of author, title, subject, series and other entries in their entirety and in a single alphabetical sequence. The Main Catalog, which was closed when the second edition of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules was implemented in 1981, contains 25 million cards covering books, pamphlets, periodicals, and other serials in the Library's collection cataloged through 1980.

The project, which will result in approximately 10,000 microfiche, will be completed by 1988. However, libraries may subscribe now with considerable savings and begin receiving installments in 1984. In total, eighteen individual installments are now planned, beginning with the letters "Z, Y, X" and ending with the letter "A".

The Saur Company is also the publisher of the British Library General Catalogue of Printed Books to 1975 in a book edition now in progress as well as a number of microfiche editions of important library catalogs, notably from the Harvard University Fine Arts Library, the Harvard Law School Library, the Central Institute for Art History, Munich and the Deutsches Museum, Munich. These fiche editions have all employed the same revolutionary new camera technology which has been specially developed to film library card catalogs automatically and will now be applied to the Library of Congress catalog.

(From a Saur press release)

Library Automation Pact Signed

International Business Machine Corp. (IBM) of the United States has signed an agreement with the Republic of China's Tamkang University to develop a standard of software compatible with Chinese library automation systems. A special task force has been organized at the university to implement the project.

Hsü Kuo-an, director of the Industrial Development Bureau, said recently that the cooperative project will help stimulate the development of the information industry in the ROC, with IBM providing terminals of Chinese data-processing systems and related information to Tamkang University for the software development project which is tentatively planned to be completed in two years.

(From The Free China Journal Jan. 1, 1984)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Position: Assistant Japanese Librarian

Available: August 21, 1984

Responsibilities: Performs original descriptive and subject cataloguing and classification (LC System) of all types of library materials in the Japanese language. Supervises other cataloguing-related work performed by non-professional staff. Assists in Japanese bibliographic work and participates in collection development and reference services in Japanese and Asian studies. This position reports to the Japanese librarian.


Benefits: One month annual vacation, 11 paid holidays, two weeks annual sick leave with additional disability benefits, paid hospitalization for all employees (coverage for dependents may be purchased); participation in University Retirement System is compulsory upon appointment (8% of staff member's salary is withheld and is tax exempt until retirement).

Apply to: Allen G. Dries, Library Personnel Manager, University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign, 127 Library, 1408 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801. Phone (217) 333-8169.

By: May 1, 1984
Gest Oriental Library and East Asian Collections, Princeton University

Position: Chinese Cataloguer

Available: July 1, 1984

Responsibilities: Performs original cataloguing (descriptive and subject) and classifying of Chinese language materials (monographs and microform) using the Harvard-Yenching Classification Scheme. Prepares cataloguing for input into RLIN computer database as well as for manual production of catalogue cards. Revises and modifies LC- and member-input copy (machine readable and/or manual) to conform with Princeton cataloguing. Performs related cataloguing tasks such as the correction of cataloguing records as conflicts arise. Assists in general department duties as necessary. Reports to Head of Chinese Section.


Benefits: Twenty-four vacation days per year, plus eleven paid holidays. Annuity program (TIAA/CREF), group life insurance, health coverage insurance, and disability insurance, all paid for by the University.

Salary and Rank: Dependent upon qualifications and experience.

Apply to: Chinese Cataloguer Search Committee
c/o Maria G. Gopel
Personnel Librarian
Princeton University Library
Princeton, NJ 08544

By: May 15, 1984