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Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies Library Panel (Long Beach, CA: 1989)

The library panel, entitled "From Off-line to Online: the Computer Revolution in the Library and Librarians/Scholars of Asian Studies," was a part of the second-day program of the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, held October 20-21, 1989, in Long Beach, California. Three well-researched papers were presented by Lucia Hu of the University of Arizona on "CJK Online Cataloging and Information Sharing Coming of Age at the University of Arizona," Hideyuki Morimoto of Arizona State University on "Information Seeking Activities Among the East Asian Studies Researchers in the Online Network Environments," and Phyllis Wang of the University of California at Davis on "Public Access: Our Next Concern." The panel was organized and chaired by Ai-Hwa Wu of Arizona State University.

It was well-attended by librarians and faculty researchers. During the discussion periods, Gail King of Brigham Young University raised the timely concern about the short loan period for materials borrowed through interlibrary loan. Richard Wang of the University of California at San Diego commented on the latest CJK developments at OCLC; and Philip Williams, a faculty member of Arizona State University, registered his dismay at the deleterious effect the escalating cost of journal subscriptions has on research and study. Some faculty members in the audience also expressed an urgent call for libraries throughout the nation to make retrospective materials accessible through electronic data bases.

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