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Toshie Marra receives UCLA LAUC-LA 2010 Librarian of the Year Award

Toshie Marra, a librarian in the UCLA Richard C. Rudolph East Asian Library, was named the 2010 Librarian of the Year by the Librarians Association of the University of California, Los Angeles. This award recognizes excellence in librarianship, particularly as it furthers the teaching and research mission of UCLA, and meets the intellectual, informational, and cultural needs of the university community.

The award, conferred during the Association's spring meeting in May 2010, recognized Toshie for leadership, courage, and perseverance in her efforts on the behalf of the UCLA Library in the purchase of the microform edition of the Gordon W. Prange Collection. The collection contains magazines and newspapers published in Japan during the Allied Occupation for the years 1945 to 1949. The magazines and newspapers collection is part of the Gordon W. Prange Collection at the University of Maryland at College Park Libraries.

In addition, by building on her relationship with the UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, Toshie was also able to obtain additional support by the Center for the purchase of special storage cabinets and for a new microform reader. The Center also agreed to provide a visiting researcher fellowship to pay for outside scholars to visit UCLA to use the Prange Collection. Toshie was also recognized for her efforts in the establishment of reciprocal library privileges between UCLA and Japanese universities.

(From the Eastlib posting of the award announcement by the LAUC LA Librarian of the Year Award Committee)

Recent publications by William Sheh Wong

Retired CEAL member and colleague William Sheh (Bill) Wong recently had two of his writings published. His article about the Tang poet Wei Zhuang (836-910) was published in the Dec. 2010 issue of Xiang gang wen xue 香港文學; and his article on T. H. Tsien’s new book Writings on Chinese Culture (Hong Kong: Chinese University Press, 2010) was published in Ming bao yue kan 明報月刊 (Mingpao Monthly) in the November 2010 issue, pages 78-80. The article is accessible online at www.mingpaomonthly.com