



TATEUCHI EAST ASIA LIBRARY

UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON



Grand Re-opening

February 21, 2024

3:30pm - 5:00pm





ABOUT US



The Tateuchi East Asia Library was established in 1937 with a small collection of Chinese materials. With more acquisition post WWII of materials from Japan and Korea, the library went through a series of transformation from the Oriental Seminar Room, Far Eastern Library, and East Asia Library. With the generous \$6M support from the Tateuchi Foundation, the library was renamed Tateuchi East Asia Library in 2020. Throughout the years, the library continued to serve its patrons within and outside the UW community with its rich collection of East Asia resources in different formats and information services that cover wide subject disciplines.



Tateuchi East Asia Library

A Brief History

1937 **Oriental Seminar Room**
Suzzallo Library

The library received the first funding from the Rockefeller Foundation to purchase a small collection of Chinese literary works. During the 1940s, the holdings increased to 20,800 volumes, including a gift of 2,000 volumes from Columbia University. Additional purchases were made with grants from the Rockefeller Foundation. This modest collection, unnamed, uncataloged, and untended was shelved in the "Oriental Seminar Room" in Suzzallo Library and was available to faculty and students by request only.

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A Brief History

1950

Far Eastern Library

Thomson Hall Basement

With the establishment of The Far Eastern Institute in 1946, the Oriental Seminar Room collection became the Far Eastern Library. Dr. Ruth Krader was appointed as the first curator of the Library in September 1947. In 1948, the library acquired the George Kerr collection, which formed the basis of its Japanese collection. A small number of Korean titles assembled during World War II for U.S. Army teaching purposes formed the beginning of the Korean collection. In 1950, the Far Eastern Library moved to the basement of Thomson Hall.





Circa 1950's

Yeen-Mei Wu (China Studies Librarian, far left)

Karl Lo (Head of East Asia Library, far right)

Tateuchi East Asia Library

A Brief History

1976

East Asia Library

Gowen Hall

The 1960's saw the addition of the Helmut Wilhelm collection of Chinese classics and the Robert Paine collection of Japanese art materials. In 1976, the Library moved to its new home in Gowen Hall, where it has remained to present, and was renamed the East Asia Library.





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A Brief History

1980-90

East Asia Library

Gowen Hall

The collection continued to grow rapidly throughout the 1980's. Automation was also introduced during this period. Strong growth of the collection took place in the first half of the 1990's, especially in the acquisition of electronic resources about East Asia, both in online and CD-ROM formats.

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2020

Tateuchi East Asia Library

Gowen Hall

The East Asia Library received a phenomenal gift of \$6 million from the Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation in February 2020. In recognition of this gift, the library was renamed the Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi East Asia Library.





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A Brief History

2022-23

Tateuchi East Asia Library

Gowen Hall - Renovated

In 2019, The Tateuchi Foundation made a \$50,000 gift that was matched by UW Libraries to support the first library space utilization study since 1976. The goals included ways to enrich the user experience and enhance the environment for learning, teaching, research, and work.



Hyokyoung Yi
Interim Director
Korea Studies Librarian

Welcome

to Tateuchi East Asia Library

I am committed to working collaboratively with UW Libraries' leadership and with you, our UW community, to continue to provide excellent service and support for all of our Tateuchi East Asia Library users. Having worked at Tateuchi East Asia Library for 21 years, I am very familiar with the library, its collections and the special relationship and role that our librarians and staff play in helping to guide and inspire teaching, learning and research for our UW users, community members and an international community of researchers.

Welcome to the Tateuchi East Asia Library

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ACADEMIC SERVICES



COLLECTION

Collect a variety of resources for the interdisciplinary studies of East Asia – from pre-modern rare prints to today's born-digital databases.



SERVICE

Provide instruction classes and reference services to faculty and students, and research assistance to scholars at UW campus and beyond.



ENRICHMENT

Sponsor and co-sponsor an array of exhibits and activities that showcase East Asian culture and enrich learning.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



RESOURCE

Enhance the community's accesses to East Asian resources not available in other public libraries.



REFERENCE

Provide information services to all users, including students, faculty, and community members.



CULTURE

Act as a cultural hub for community members to display their works and seek references for their cultural endeavors.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION



INTRODUCTION

Collaborate with overseas institutions introducing and presenting East Asian historical heritages and cultures.



EXCHANGE

Receive visiting scholars and librarians from China, Japan, and Korea, exchanging valuable expertise on librarianship and academic research.



COLLABORATION

Work with East Asian national libraries in digitizing, cataloging, and preserving special collection items.