END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

At this time of year when we are coming towards the end of the academic year, it is time to give ourselves a good opportunity to look back and reflect upon our achievements of the recent past. Some of the developments with the library in 2007 include an expansion to the 7th floor with a new library annex; the installation of a new time-keeping system to monitor the use of PCs in the library; an increase in books and the arrival of new faces and helping hands to facilitate our services. With our new library on its way, the library staff strive to work towards continuous improvement to our library services and facilities.

During the exam period, the library will extend its operating hours till 4pm on Saturday for the whole month of November. This is to provide support to students preparing for their final examinations. To all who are struggling with examinations at this moment, the library would like to take this opportunity to wish all “Good Luck” and “All the Best”.

As Christmas is just round the corner, everyone is in the midst of doing some Christmas shopping and planning for the holidays. As part of the end-of-the-year celebration culture, everyone places a lot of expectations on the holidays and looks forward to the joy of the season. Christmas is also a time of coming together and sharing love, joy, care and happiness. Whatever the definition and true meaning of Christmas is for you, we would like to wish you....

Merry Christmas
LEVEL 7 LIBRARY ANNEX

Due to the growth in student number and the demands for facilities and discussion rooms, the Level 7 Library Annex was officially opened in July 2007 and has been fully utilized ever since.

The facilities available at this floor are:

- Eight Discussion Rooms which can accommodate a maximum of 7 users
- Reading Area
- Individual Study Carrels
- Audio Visual Room
- IT Section

LIMIT COMPUTER SESSION TIME

The library has also adopted a new system called the Time Limit Manager to monitor and control the use of PCs in the IT & Electronic Resources Section.

How it works:

In order for users to access any of the PCs, a reservation ticket or pin number is required. These numbers are issued by the library staff at the circulation counter when users produce their student IDs. When a PC is available for use, the screen will display an inviting entry screen which requires the users to log in the valid pin number.

As soon as the user has logged, the system will display a countdown timer on the top of the PC screen to indicate 2-hours usage. The clock will indicate the remaining time before all programs are automatically closed and as preparation for the next user. We wish to remind all users to save all documents before the end of the time limit. You may request for extension by getting a new pin number from the library staff; with condition that no other users are in the waiting list.

Again, the library would like to remind all users that online chatting, games or inappropriate use are strictly prohibited. A first warning will be given and if this practice persists, all programs will be closed and the PC will automatically shut down.
EBSCOHost has upgraded their database sometime in September this year which allows users to have full access to the Psychology databases.

The new link has been restored back in our own library webpage but new username and password are needed to access this database. The library staff will be happy to provide you with this information and assist you should you face difficulties accessing the database.

**ANNOUNCEMENT STOCKS-CHECKING**

Please be informed that Swinburne Sarawak Library will be conducting stock check in December. The dates will be announced at a later time.

During this period, there will be no loan transactions in order to ensure the smooth running of our stock check process.

Please check out announcements on the notice board with regard to this matter.

**QUOTES CORNER**

“Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.”
~Author unknown~

“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”
~Sydney J. Harris~

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”
~Winston Churchill~

“Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”
~Will Rogers~

“People know you for what you’ve done, not for what you plan to do.”
~Author unknown~

“Worrying is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do, but it gets you nowhere.”
~Glenn Turner~
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