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**Reason for seeking advanced training:**

In order to handle ever-expanding informational resources quickly and effectively, the library of Tunghai University is in the process of computerizing all of its services. Therefore, I believe that a librarian today should be equipped with complete knowledge of the computer network. Due to the many of changes in the Western Cataloguing Division, there is an urgent need for me to improve my knowledge and skills. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to gain some practical experience at the International Christian University, because it will help me to learn more efficiently and to perform my duties in the Western Cataloguing Division.

**Conclusion**

The digital library will become the necessary trend of the library in the future, and will undoubtedly have a major impact on the working contents and procedures of traditional libraries in such areas as collection development, technical services and reader services. The reading space in a digital library environment will no longer be restricted to physical reading rooms. Computer networks can bring a vast amount of informational resources to users at home or at work. It will also be possible for users to access many digital libraries at same time.

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## New Reading Habits

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The appearance of the Digital Library in the University Library brings great changes in reading habits. Teachers or students who have high ideas in life to access information by LAN(Local Area Network), and experience great change in information collection—a change from print collections to electronic collections, and from human services to technological services. The Digital Library expands the range of service to the readers, including the readers who come to the library, and also exist in invisible places by e-mail, FAX, BBS, telephone, Home-page---etc. Under the help of LAN, the communication between library and users is faster and easier than before.

I have been working in the Tunghai University Library for 17 years. In the past, I worked at the circulation division. In these years, I am working at the serial division. My major job is to handle foreign language periodicals including E-journals. Nowadays, our library style is on the way toward the Digital Library with more and more electronical information including E-books, E-journals, CD-ROM---etc, I think our library will stand on in the international platform in the future by globalization. Our library has almost 93 databases. In order to introduce these databases, we hold a series of training courses for the users. Some courses are taught by salesrepresentatives , sent by the vendor, and others are supported by several librarians. Last year a graduate student of the Economic Department volunteered to teach Junior students of the Economic Department to learn the Database search. This is an easier way to lead students to access knowledge. Our library has another volunteer good system, as a assistant, to help the librarian to handle with the problems during the work.

HomePage is a major entrance of the library, it presents a huge library in front of you. The function of HomePage is transferring message, if you

read the HomePage and you will find a lot of message. It can't speak to the reader now, but maybe it will be able to answer the questions that the reader asks in the future. Tunghai University Library Newsletter (<http://140.128.103.2/lib/>), is on the right side of HomePage. Here you can share the thought, experience of the librarian, library policy and new books information etc. If you read the Newsletter lately, you will know that WLAN (Wireless LAN ) was started on Feb 18, 2002. It will put the users more convenient online, and it elevates the quality of library service.

To face the Digital Library generation, more and more information using of international Language will appear on LAN in the future. This is a challenge to the librarian, so the librarian must think a way to show their data on WebPac. Owing to the development of WLAN, we can anytime or anywhere search the information that we need. These reading habits save time and are more convenient than before. On the other hand, EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility) surrounds the human body silently under LAN environment. This is a new issue that the people of the e-generation need to learn to reduce the damage. In the past, the traditional library offered information depending on reading books of all kinds. These days we depend on LAN, computers deeply under Digital Library. Computers replace pens to help us to do many things that you have never dreamed of.

The Library is not only the greatest asset at school, but also is a wonderful place to nourish your mind and heart. If you are willing to enter in, no matter how the style changes, you can enlarge your vision as you surf in the cyberspace. Through Digital Libraries, we will access more information quickly, share more experiences from work, and learn how to cooperate with each other in many ways. In my opinion, I think each library will be better than before through Digital Libraries cooperation.