The Pao Yue-kong Library is a six-storey, purpose-designed building with an area of 16,674 square metres, providing over 3,100 reader places. It also provides a 24-hour study room, group discussion rooms, a seminar room for library instruction classes, group rooms for the use of audio-visual materials, study carrels for private study and a fully-equipped resource centre for the disabled.

The Collections
The Library houses one of the largest collections of scientific, engineering and business materials in East Asia.

Other areas of strength are information technology, computing, textiles and design. The present collection exceeds 1.73 million items, and more than 40,000 volumes are added annually. The Serials Collection holds over 8,800 active print serial titles. The Library provides Internet access to over 24,000 unique full-text electronic journal titles and 6,500 electronic books.

The Library also houses several special collections, including the China Collection (comprised of materials in several languages on China), a Slide Collection and a Slide Image Database containing 80,000 images in electronic format, a collection of over 18,000 local Chinese and English language television programmes on Hong Kong issues, a comprehensive Standards Collection, the PolyU Examination Database, the PolyU Course Scheme Database and two Electronic Newspaper Clippings Databases.

Direct Access to the Library’s Online Catalogue and Electronic Resources
Through the Library’s automated system, students can access our Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), electronic books, video-on-demand, e-learning programmes and a broad range of bibliographic and full-text databases online or on CD-ROM.

A multitude of index and abstract databases, journal citation/full-text databases and online reference tools can also be accessed on the Internet via the Library homepage at www.lib.polyu.edu.hk.

Other services such as book reservations and renewal, the checking of loan records, book ordering and reference enquiries can be made via the Library homepage. The Library is networked with local libraries in Hong Kong and linked to databases in institutions in the Chinese mainland and overseas.

Services
Service and helpfulness is our mission. A professional librarian is stationed at the Information Desk to assist you to retrieve information and use library materials effectively.

Postgraduate students and final year undergraduate degree students can request inter-library loan services with local and foreign libraries for materials that are not held in the Pao Yue-kong Library. Enquiries, recommendations and suggestions on library matters can also be made via the Suggestions Box on the Library homepage.

Our students can use the interactive voice response system to obtain information about library opening hours, remote dial-in and library loans, or obtain library ticket application forms by fax.

Library Orientation and Information Literacy
To help our students make the most effective use of library resources, we provide library orientation sessions, a virtual orientation on the Library homepage, advanced information and research skills seminars and an online information literacy programme for the needs of various modes of study.

Research students are very welcome to visit our Information Consultancy Centre where our faculty librarians will provide advice on the strategic use of information and library resources for study and research.