Preserving our collection: UM Library’s initiatives

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ABSTRACT

- Being the oldest university in Malaysia, the University of Malaya Library holds a vast amount collection of resources. These include the earliest Malaysian publications, law reports, journals, manuscripts, newspaper cuttings and various other information sources with historical value. Thus, there is a need to preserve these information sources not only for the future generations but to make it accessible to researchers. This paper will look at the various digital initiatives that had been developed by the University of Malaya Library as a means of preserving its collection for posterity. The digitising of these resources has changed the way in which the Library now offers its services to the users and markets its products to the masses.
UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA

- Locally known as Universiti Malaya or in short UM
- Malaysia's oldest university
- Situated on a 750 acre (309 hectare) campus in the southwest of Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia
- Has its roots in Singapore with the establishment of King Edward VII College of Medicine in 1905
- 1949 - University of Malaya was formed with the amalgamation of King Edward VII College of Medicine and Raffles College in Singapore
- 1962 - University of Malaya Kuala Lumpur was established
- 22 academies/institutes/faculties/centres
- 112 undergraduate programmes and 132 postgraduate programmes
- 15,202 undergraduates and 10,762 postgraduate = 25,964
- 2,716 academic staff, 562 professional/managerial and 3,092 non-academic staff = 5,830
- Research university
UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA LIBRARY

- Main Library
- 3 branch libraries (Za’ba Memorial Library, T.J. Danaraj Medical Library and Tan Sri Professor Ahmad Ibrahim Law Library)
- 8 special libraries (Built Environment, City Campus, Dentistry, Engineering, Malay Studies, Islamic Studies in Kuala Lumpur and in Nilam Puri, and Language & Linguistics).
SERVICES

- Provides a multitude of services which supports teaching, learning and research
- Can be viewed at its website at http://www.umlib.um.edu.my.
## Collection

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<td>(Books, Proceedings, Thesis, Journals, Maps, Posters, Standards)</td>
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DIGITAL INITIATIVES

- UM in the News – news clippings
- UM Memory – photographs
- MyManuskrip – Malay manuscripts
- MyAis – Malaysian journal articles
- Eprints – publications of our academics
- UDL – dissertation & theses made digital
- DSpace@UM – dissertation & theses born digital
All news

UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA IN THE NEWS

All news: 4,149 news

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7. Pesan imam kota suci Mekah kepada Mursyidul Am Pas. Datuk Dr. Firdaus Abdullah. Utusan Malaysia | 21-September-2011 | Image: 211KB
UM MEMORY

BROWSE ITEMS (2096 TOTAL)

Browse All  Browse by Tag

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Profesor Ungku Aziz sedang menyurakna demonstrasi pelajar di hadapan Dewan Tunku Canselor.

Tags: Demonstration, Ungku Aziz

Dancer

Tags: Singapore, Students activities
Special Features

MyManuskrip or Digital Library of Malay Manuscript enables repositories within Malaysia and those outside to participate in building and offering manuscript content as well as outputs of manuscript research such as articles, reports, theses and links to relevant sites. As such, repositories, cultural and national heritage centers, manuscript libraries and museums are invited to share and provide access to their manuscript contents and expert knowledge concerning Malay scriptorium.

We now have 4 collections and more than 179 titles of manuscripts in our archive.

- Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka Manuscripts
- University of Malaya Manuscripts
- Published Malay Manuscripts
- Other Manuscripts Related Resources
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Malaysian Abstracting & Indexing System

Delivering access to abstracts and full-text literature published in Malaysian journals and conference proceedings in the sciences, technology, social sciences and the humanities...

MyAIS is an open access system for abstracts and indexes of articles published in refereed scholarly Malaysian journals. In some cases, this system also provides full-text access to scholarly articles in journals as well as conference proceeding published in Malaysia or abroad. MyAIS relies on the voluntary contribution from Malaysian academics, academic and professional publishers. This is a non-profit making project that attempts to serve Malaysian educational and research community with information about what has been published in Malaysian refereed journals for each year and in the various disciplines. Self-submission and archiving of abstracts and full-text articles is encouraged.

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Welcome to UM Research Repository

The University of Malaya Research Repository is an open access digital archive containing the details of published and unpublished research work produced by the UM researchers. It has been established to provide a deposit service for the academic staff and researchers. It is an initiative of the UM Library.

Search Repository

Search the repository using a full range of fields. Use the search field below for a quick search.

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Advanced search

Latest Additions


Welcome to DSpace@UM, the University of Malaya's institutional repository.

The DSpace@UM Project has the objective of developing a system that will preserve and disseminate digital materials created by or associated with the University of Malaya.

This service, being maintained by the Faculty of Computer Science & Information Technology, increases the visibility of UM's research; can help with time-consuming research reporting exercises and begins the process of digitally preserving the University's intellectual output.

It utilises DSpace™, an open source digital repository software platform developed jointly by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Libraries and Hewlett-Packard Laboratories.

Search

Enter some text in the box below to search DSpace.

Communities in DSpace

Choose a community to browse its collections.

Academy of Islamic Studies [0]
Academy of Malay Studies [0]
WHY DO WE DO IT?

- Open Internet presence has affected the way our users access information sources
- Users = new Internet generation who prefer any where any time access
- “Digitisation is defined as being the conversion of analogue items into digital format for the purpose of improving access and it can also provide crucial support and help preserve records” (Smith, 2010)
- Digitising allows for
  - Access
  - Enhance services
  - Preservation of materials
• Provision of services
  • Ubiquitous library
  • Space for users
  • Infrastructure – wifi, computers

• Marketing of services
  • Lectures/classes/demonstrations
  • Website
  • Facebook
LESIONS LEARNT & FUTURE PLANS

- Prioritise – “better to have a few complete collections online rather than lots of part collections“ (Leslie, 2004).

- Important selection criteria – “worthwhile heritage print collections that are little known because they are inaccessible and deserve to be digitised, because they will then be more accessible” (Joint, 2006)
Future plans – digitise heritage print collections

- Out of copyright heritage materials
- Out-of-print local journals
- Old law reports

Specifically:
- Malaysian legal sources
- Dutch title published in 17th century
- *Majalah Hiburan*
- *Peranakan* Collection
References

- University of Malaya Library. [http://www.umlib.um.edu.my](http://www.umlib.um.edu.my)