Ever wondered how to view the Chinese titles in the library system? You were right if you thought it was not that straightforward. Our library system currently only accepts HZ code for entering Chinese characters, and because of this, common Chinese software such as Chinese Star cannot be used to view the Chinese titles as they support only GB (Guo Biao) and Big 5 (“Da wu ma”) codes.

A partial solution is available via the Internet Explorer encoding function. Due to the current library system's limitation, only the title can be displayed in Chinese characters. Other information such as the author’s name or publisher can only be displayed in Hanyu Pinyin.

However, this is still better than no character display at all. The following are the how-to steps for searching Chinese titles in the library WebOPAC system:

1. Key in LIBRIS website address:
   http://libris.nie.edu.sg

2. Click on NIEOPAC:

3. Right click on the mouse and select Encoding (HZ code) and key in the book title in Hanyu Pinyin:
Good news for Macintosh (Mac) fans! A new Mac laboratory has been set up in NIE. This is the second Mac laboratory so far. The first one was set up by the English Language & Literature Academic Group (ELL AG) two years ago. Located at NIE3-B1-06, this second Mac laboratory is equipped with 20 Macs, 2 scanners and a colour poster printer.

The laboratory is frequently used by academic staff from the Visual and Performing Arts Academic Group (VPA AG) for conducting lessons for trainee teachers. The laboratory is opened for booking by other academic staff. However, priority will be given to staff from VPA AG. If you are interested, please email Asst Prof Guy La Pointe at glapoi@nie.edu.sg to make a booking.

More information on other computer facilities...

Apart from the Mac laboratory, there are other common computer labs which academic staff could utilise for their lessons. Some of the computer laboratories are available for booking at http://www.nie.edu.sg/html/fass.htm. These laboratories are used to teach trainee and in-service teachers attending the foundation course module in instructional technology as well as those attending course modules on the integration of IT into the school curriculum subjects. When these laboratories are not being used for teaching, some of them are available to trainee teachers for project work such as the creation of computer-based teaching and learning materials.

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Special Display at LIBRIS

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the structure of DNA

In collaboration with Natural Science Academic Group, LIBRIS is holding a 4-week mini display on DNA to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the structure of DNA. Starting from 25 April 2003, you will get to see the display at the LIBRIS Lobby. A concurrent display will also be held at the DNACentre@NIE.

The themes of the exhibits are as follows:

Week 1: Introduction to DNA
Week 2: Post Watson and Crick: major discoveries and other milestones
Week 3: Applications in Medicine and Genetic Engineering
Week 4: Ethics and policy

Interested? Come and journey through the exhibition at LIBRIS and DNACentre@NIE to find out more!