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The *Library Update Online* seeks to serve as a link between the Library and our users. We, at the Library, wish to thank you for putting forth your comments and recommendations thus far. We hope to, through this informal channel, continue to hear from you so that we can provide you with a better service.

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Library Renovation

You may have noticed that the library has undergone some renovation at the Reference and Media sections. The aim of the renovation is to merge the Reference and Media Counters and to create a separate area for the CJ Koh collection which is a special reference resource collection on teachers and teacher education funded by the Endowment Fund donated by Mr. Koh Choon Joo. The Media/Reference Counter is now fully operational, and you can now borrow and return AV materials at the counter too.

Movement of Staff

With the merging of the Media and Reference Counters, there was an adjustment in staffing. Mrs. Loo Wah Enn, Head/Media Unit, is temporarily assigned to the Cataloguing Unit to look into policies for selection, evaluating and cataloguing AV materials, and to clear outstanding backlogs before our move to Yunnan Garden while Mr. George Yam Wai Ho was transferred from the Acquisitions Unit to the Reference Unit to assist in bibliographic instruction and user education, and maintain the NIE Library and Information Services Centre Web Page. Wah Enn can be reached at ext. 5252 and George at ext. 5243.

Nie Library Web Page Undergoes Facial Uplift

The NIE Library and Information Services Centre Web Page recently underwent a facial uplift in the opening page. The layout of the page was redone to give it a more compact look, removing unnecessary icons that previously slowed the transfer of the page. The Web Manager, Mr. George Yam Wai Ho, welcomes any suggestions on how NIE Library and Information Services Centre Web Page could be further enhanced. You can email him at wwwlib@nievax.nie.ac.sg or call him at ext. 5243.

Searching For S'pore Resources on Library Web Page

A local search engine, Technobiz, has been included in NIE Library and Information Services Centre Web Page. Its database contains mainly web sites in Singapore. The NIE Library and Information Services Centre Web Page's URL (uniform resource locator) has been added to Technobiz's database. If you want to search for local resources and do not want to be swamped by foreign sites from other search engines, you can try this one out at our Search Engine Page.

New Databases At Reference Unit

A. Dictionary of Organic Compounds on CD-ROM (Version 5:1)

This database provides descriptive and numerical data on the chemical, physical and biological properties of compounds, systematic and common names of compounds, literature references, structure diagrams and connection tables. It covers over 199,000 organic compounds with full text retrieval, structure and substructure searching. The data is taken from the Chapman & Hall Chemical Database which is continually updated and revised.

B. Sirs Researcher on CD-ROM

This database is a general reference CD-ROM with full-text articles and graphics on social, scientific, historic, economic, political and global issues. Sources include more than 1,200 newspapers, magazines, journals and government publications.

Answer To Last Issue's Trivial Pursuit Question

In the last (15th) issue of the Library Update, we asked: *In which James Bond film is Singapore mentioned?*

The answer is: ***You only live twice*** (British ambassador: "... our tracking station in Singapore ...").