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Report of Library Renovation in Nov-Dec 1994

During the last November-December term break, renovation was carried out for selected sectors' of NIE Library. The old tiles were replaced by new vinyl sheets. The areas affected were mainly on the ground floor. They were :

1. Lending Collection, A to H
2. Current Periodicals area
3. Library Foyer area
4. Media Unit
5. Reference Unit

In addition, renovations were made to:

1. Room 304.3/304.4 on the 3rd storey which houses the Chinese / Malay / Tamil and CYA Collections
2. Staircase on the left wing (the one leading to the students' toilets)
3. Staircase on the right wing.

The Library also made use of this opportunity to reorganize the collections and improve the furniture layout of selected sections:

1. New shelves (a total of 10 rows) were added to the Lending, Media and Periodical Collections in view of the increase in materials in these areas.
2. A new "sitting height" Circulation Counter replaced the old "standing height" Counter. The Reserve /Red Spot Collection is now available on open access within the counter, thus saving staff time in retrieving books on behalf of users.

3. A new Reference Office (opposite the reference counter) was set up for the use of electronic databases. Microform reading/printing machines were relocated next to the Instructional Materials Collection, thus making them more accessible to users. All the reference materials were repositioned to project a better image of the collection, as well as to increase the reading space.
4. The Library foyer was brightened up with the rearrangement of shelves away from all the tall windows and thus allowing more natural light to filter in. The furniture throughout the Library was also rearranged to give a more spacious look to the library while maintaining the existing number of seats. Most of the users who returned to the Library after the long vacation felt that the Library looked more impressive and user friendly and was more conducive for studies.

The renovation/reorganization would not have been possible if we did not have the assistance and cooperation of the following:

1. Library staff, student assistants and institute attendants who were involved in the packing, shifting and cleaning of the furniture/collection,
2. Mr Andrew Tan, Technical Officer (Building)/DED who coordinated the renovation project.
3. Mr Lim Tow Seng, Technical Officer (Electrical)/DED who had to relocate and add new power points,
4. Mr Lim Lye Kheng, Network Administrator and all the staff from Helpdesk/CSC, for the connecting and disconnecting of terminals affected by the renovation.

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