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How to Cite Electronic Sources

How to Access NTU, NIE and NUS Library OPAC from your PC in the Office

GPO : General Periodicals Ondisc
Now Available in NIE Library

With the support of Director, NIE Library has now acquired the complete set of GPO. It is available at Reference Office, opposite the Reference counter. Printing of full text image articles is 10 cents per page plus GST for NIE staff and students.

If you need further information, please contact the Reference Librarian, Miss Dexterine Ho at ext: 5245.

What is GPO?

General Periodicals Ondisc is a CD-ROM database which provides abstracts and indexes to approximately 1,600 journals, many of which commence from 1986. Out of the 1,600 journals indexed, there are 350 titles of which cover-to-cover full-images are available as far back as 1988.

The subject coverage ranges from behavioural sciences, botany, chemistry, computer science, current affairs, health, history, geography to language, mathematics, psychology, science and sports, etc.

The 350 full-image periodicals include popular titles such as Adolescence, American Psychologist, Arithmetic Teacher, Byte, Child Development, The Economist, Journal of Higher Education, Journal of Modern History, and Journal of Modern Literature.

The Feedback from GPO Users (Jan 5 to Apr 1995)

Initially, the NIE Library had the GPO on trial in Jan 1995. Following overwhelming response from the users, and with the support of Director, the NIE Library purchased the set in Apr 1995.

During the trial period, responses from the users were collected. The following is a summary of the usage and feedback:

No. of users: 29

No. of searches conducted: 30

Categories of Users:

18 students (Dip. Ed., B.A., B. Sc., M. Ed. M.A., M. Sc., and Ph.D.)
(62% of total users)

11 staff members (SOA, SOE, SSC, CARE, NTU/EEE, and Library)
(32% of total users)

Time taken to conduct the searches:

24 of them took less than half an hour

4 of them took about an hour

1 of them took more than an hour

How users felt about searching GPO:

22 of them found the search procedure quite easy

6 of them found the search procedure easy

1 of them found the search procedure a bit difficult

No. of citations and full text articles printed/save to disk:

128 citations were printed by 9 users

108 full text articles were printed by 16 users

1 citation was saved by 1 user

Comments on GPO:

28 of them found it very useful and would recommend it for purchase.

1 of them found it useful, although would not recommend for purchase.

Topics searched varied from "Feudalism and society in the Middle Ages" to "Biomechanics of sports".

Nearly all users found GPO very useful. The Library has therefore subscribed to the system and it is now yours to use!

All are welcome!

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