

Library Showcases Resources to Student Teachers

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The Library and Information Services Centre (LIBRIS) held a successful roadshow from 10 to 11 August 2006 with the goal of introducing student teachers to its resources, services and facilities (right) and registering those interested in its training classes. This event espouses the Library's strategic goal to "develop NIE core stakeholders into independent and empowered information users, in support of lifelong learning, information literacy and e-learning initiatives". LIBRIS obtained generous sponsorship from UBS Library Services Pte Ltd, Kinokuniya Book Stores of Singapore Pte Ltd, NIE's Campus Book Centre, Select Books Pte Ltd, Hotshot Café and 3M Library Systems for the event.

Seventeen training classes were held from 15 to 18 August 2006 for the benefit of 98 student teachers. Feedback from participants was very encouraging: 98% of the attendees learnt something new at the workshops while 98.5% of them felt that the courses were well organised and clearly presented. Comments such as "this course should be provided to all new student teachers; I am sure it would be very helpful to them", "trainers were very willing to explain functions...



Functions introduced will definitely help in writing our papers" and "very friendly staff and comprehensive session for me" from participants were testament to the positive outcome of these classes.

A series of equally well-received training sessions on using e-databases to help student teachers prepare their assignments were conducted on 19 and 21 September 2006.