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### *EAST ASIAN LIBRARY RESOURCES IN AMERICA: A NEW SURVEY*

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The development of East Asian collections in American libraries during the last decade was exceedingly impressive. A recent survey<sup>1</sup> by the AAS Committee on East Asian Libraries of the acquisitions, fiscal support and personnel of the East Asian collections in the United States and Canada (and one in Latin America) indicates that the total number of both individual collections and volumes of resources at the end of the fiscal year of 1969/70 has doubled that of a decade ago. The current holdings in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and other East Asian languages have reached a total of over five million volumes located in more than seventy different collections, half of which were established in the 1960's. This means the acquisitions made during the last decade (1960-70) equaled the total number of volumes accumulated over the last hundred years before 1960 and as many new collections have been established since then as those founded before that date. The year 1959-60 was the beginning of massive support for Asian and other area studies in the United States from the federal government, private foundations, and universities and institutions, thus resulting in the rapid growth of non-Western language resources in American libraries.

Of the total holdings as reported by 71 collections at the end of June, 1970, 3.3 million volumes (60%) are in Chinese, 1.9 million (33%) in Japanese, 140,000 (3%) in Korean, 120,000 (2.5%) in Manchu, Mongolian, Tibetan, Moso and Hsi-hsia, and 56,000 reels (1.5%) in microform in various languages (See Table 1). The average annual increase during the last four years (1966-70) was 300,000 volumes, which is 50% higher than that for 1960-66, and double that for 1956-60. Most of the collections acquired a few thousand volumes each year, but ten of them each added between 10,000 and 23,000 volumes in 1969-70. Over 60% of the new additions were made to the 15 major collections with holdings of over 100,000 volumes, which contain some 4 million volumes or 80% of the total resources in 1970. The growth of

1. Previous surveys were published in the *Library Quarterly*, 32:1 (January 1959) and 35:4 (October, 1965); and *CEAL Newsletter*, 16 (October, 1966), 22 (December, 1967), and 29 (May, 1969).

library resources in the East Asian collections indicates a trend toward doubling the total size every ten years since 1930. The total holdings in 1930 were about 400,000 volumes, which have doubled successively at the end of each of the new four decades, reaching a total of 5.4 million volumes today (See Table 2).

At present, 57 collections reported to have maintained a staff of 409 persons, expressed in terms of full time, for the acquisition, preparation, and servicing of the materials. These include 226 professionals, who were trained in library schools or in Far Eastern studies and 183 pre-professional or clerical members, who are supervised under professionals in supporting the administration, processing, circulation, and maintenance of the collections. These figures may be compared with a working force in 1964 of 250 persons, including 160 professionals, an addition of two-thirds of the personnel in 1970 to that of six years ago.

A total of over 35 million dollars was invested in the development and maintenance of the East Asian libraries during the last decades since 1959-60. For the year 1969-70 alone, the total expenditures were 5.2 million dollars, including almost 2 million for the materials, binding, and supplies (37%) and 3.2 million (63%) for acquisitions, preparation, and services. In comparison with those five years ago, the expenditures for 1969-70 were doubled, but the ratio 1:2 between materials and salaries remains about the same. About 90% of the money came from the collections' parent institutions or universities, 7% from foundations and endowments, and 3% from NDEA funds (See Table 3). These figures indicate a substantial increase in institutional support but gradual decline of foundation and federal funds from those of five years ago. The total budget for 1970-71 shows about the same as the expenditures for the previous year, but a general trend of curtailment in acquisitions was reported by most of the collections for the current year. The total book budget dropped almost 20%, while the salary shows a 6% gain as a result of the normal adjustment in salaries. The expansion of the collections seems to have reached the top of the curve in the last few years and the downward turn of the line is hoped to be temporary as a result of adjustment in support of Asian and other foreign area studies in this country.

TABLE 1

HOLDINGS OF FAR EASTERN MATERIALS IN AMERICAN LIBRARIES  
(Number of volumes as of June 30, 1970)

<u>Library</u>	<u>Chinese</u>	<u>Japanese</u>	<u>Korean</u>	<u>Manchu</u>	<u>Mongol</u>	<u>Tibetan</u>	<u>Other<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>Micro- form<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Additions 1969-70</u>	<u>Staff in full-time</u>
American Museum	7,200*	8,700*	1,000*	-	-	-	-	-	16,900*	-	-
Arizona	40,969	21,755	1,906	-	-	-	-	1,350	65,980	22,795	4
Art Institute	200*	2,300*	15*	-	-	-	-	-	2,515*	-	-
British Columbia	112,550	34,121	300	-	-	-	-	662	147,633	8,963	8
Brown	57,460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,460	4,324	2
California:											
Berkeley <sup>c</sup>	153,275	142,348	13,680	328	719	501	-	1,355	310,851	8,812	19.5
Chinese Center	14,086	637	-	-	-	-	-	3,021	17,744	1,076	4
Los Angeles	142,230*	50,000*	677*	-	-	-	-	-	192,907*	8,173	5.5
Santa Barbara	16,392	5,909	2	-	-	-	-	69	22,372	-	3.5
San Diego	1,670	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,670	-	-
Center for Res. Lib.	1,598*	100*	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,698*	-	-
Chicago	184,373	47,125	1,500	1,000	200	1,000	-	3,360	238,558	17,199	13.5
Chinese Lib. of Am.	20,376	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,376	-	-
Claremont <sup>c</sup>	38,916	9,516	840	-	-	-	-	-	49,272	1,800	2
Cleveland Museum	10,474*	2,360*	25*	-	-	-	-	-	12,859*	-	1
Colorado	15,000*	5,000*	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000*	-	-
Columbia	178,294	106,916	13,696	649*	105*	1,000	-	4,976	305,636	13,025	22
Cornell	158,543	19,400	200	-	-	-	-	-	178,143	21,006	10
Dartmouth	29,300	4,380	56	-	-	-	-	200	33,936	5,192	6.5
DeYoung Museum	4,800*	1,500*	500*	-	-	-	-	-	7,000*	500	-
Duke	4,600*	3,200*	400*	-	-	-	-	-	8,200*	-	-
Field Museum	11,000	1,000	-	10	50	650	-	-	12,710	400	1
Florida	5,000	2,000	10	-	-	-	-	-	7,010	-	1
Fogg Museum	(5,000)	(2,600)	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,600	525	1
Freer Gallery <sup>c</sup>	8,071	4,034	18	-	-	6	-	-	12,129	382	3
Georgetown	3,700	1,500	3	1	-	-	-	60	5,264	-	1
Hartford	3,865*	1,000*	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,865*	-	-
Harvard	304,748	115,696	22,651	2,214	482	1,034	598*	3,987	451,410	11,909	31
Harvard Law School	2,375	9,945	530	-	-	-	-	-	12,850	-	1.5
Hawaii	81,244	91,684	9,732	-	-	-	-	12,381	195,041	5,094	10.5
Hinomoto	-	29,400*	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,400	-	-
Hoover	120,357	52,326	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	175,683	11,912	20
Illinois	36,092	19,713	850	-	-	-	-	1,168	57,823	8,403	9
Indiana	40,314	10,213	2,063	-	-	-	-	650	53,240	3,112	7
Iowa	27,000	9,000	550	-	-	-	-	-	36,550	3,940	3
Kansas	39,281	12,362	355	-	-	-	42	1,183	53,223	2,864	3

TABLE 1 continued

Library of Congress	390,511	519,448	38,033	2,900	320	1,102	3,038	9,468	964,820	20,114	54
Maryland	6,444	81,585	17	-	-	-	-	612	88,658	3,821	5.5
Massachusetts	3,000	900	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,900	900	1
Metropolitan Museum	3,180*	2,220*	5*	-	-	-	-	-	5,405*	-	-
Mexico	2,253	1,153	1	-	-	-	-	-	3,407	-	-
Miami	9,292	912	386	-	-	-	-	72	10,662	9,787	2
Michigan (Ann Arbor)	109,821	106,175	891	-	-	-	-	7,894*	216,887	13,835	14
Michigan (East Lansing)	7,964	2,825	145	-	-	-	-	200	11,134	3,021	3.5
Minnesota	45,511	9,785	196	8	5	43	-	327	55,875	6,623	4
Monmouth	-	400	100	-	-	-	-	-	500	-	-
Nat. Agricultural Lib.	19,500	21,500	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	43,000	-	5
Nat. Lib. Medicine	5,650*	12,000	1,000*	-	-	-	-	-	18,650*	(1,000)	3*
Nebraska	2,500	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500	-	-
N.Y. Botanical Garden	100	1,000	25	-	-	-	-	-	1,125	50	-
N.Y. Public Library	9,609*	11,166*	1,596*	550*	-	-	-	-	22,921*	(7,400)	6*
North Carolina	16,860*	495*	10*	-	-	-	-	-	17,365*	-	6
Northwestern	15,577*	13,163*	100*	-	-	-	-	-	28,840*	1,038	1
Oberlin	4,315	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,378	419	1.5
Ohio	37,845	3,250	107	-	-	-	-	405	41,607	5,736	3
Oregon	6,000	5,500	25	-	-	-	-	100	11,625	-	2
Pennsylvania	33,146	14,800	1,134	-	-	-	-	-	49,080	6,500	4
Pittsburgh	41,000	3,215	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	45,415	4,914	6
Princeton	180,257	37,242	3,290	1,834	216	45	-	2,169	225,053	15,351	13.5
Rochester	20,423	8,141	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,564	-	3.5
Royal Ontario Museum	1,125	1,985	11	-	-	-	-	-	3,121	430	2
St. John's	25,500	450	-	-	-	-	-	325	26,275	3,316	4
Seton Hall	9,301*	5,200*	1,100*	-	-	-	-	-	15,601*	(1,500)	2
State Dept.	2,000	3,000	700	-	-	-	-	-	5,700	(500)	1
Texas	2,897	14,684	25	-	50	125	-	-	17,781	2,773	2
Toronto	83,500	28,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	111,500	-	12
Virginia	32,624*	2,550*	1,085*	-	-	-	-	-	36,259*	-	1
Washington (Seattle)	102,724	32,627	8,169	-	71	919	-	4,391	148,901	11,330	15
Washington (St. Louis)	28,000	27,000	-	-	-	-	-	500	55,500	6,100	4.5
Wisconsin	80,000	19,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	6.5
Yale	116,973	61,094	2,250	-	-	-	-	2,478	182,795	12,013	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,335,755</b>	<b>1,881,268</b>	<b>137,960</b>	<b>9,494</b>	<b>2,218</b>	<b>6,425</b>	<b>3,878</b>	<b>55,314</b>	<b>5,432,312</b>	<b>299,887</b>	<b>409</b>

NOTE: - Zero holding, or information not available.

\* Figures from previous reports and not up-to-date.

( ) Figures estimated by investigator.

a Including Moso, Hsi-hsia and other vernacular languages, but not western language books on Far East.

b One reel of microfilm and one box of microfiche is counted as one volume; figures in brackets is counted in other categories and is, therefore, not included in total.

c Figures revised as previous report or estimate incorrect.

d Including 80,000 volumes of deposit from Monmouth Series collection; current total does not correspond to figures

TABLE 2  
GROWTH OF FAR EASTERN COLLECTIONS IN AMERICAN LIBRARIES  
1930-1970

(Unit: 1,000 volumes)

Year	Number of volumes at end of period				Total	Additions during 5-year period	Average annual increase
	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Other			
-1930	355	32	-	-	387	-	-
1931/35	500	60	-	-	560	173	35
1936/40	779	90	-	-	869	309	62
1941/45	938	111	-	-	1,049	180	36
1946/50	1,188	586	-	-	1,774	725	145
1951/55	1,434	742	-	-	2,176	402	80
1956/60	1,634	894	23	5	2,556	658	159
1961/65	2,409	1,359	75	15	3,858	1,302	260
1966/70	3,335	1,881	138	22	5,432*	1,518	313

\* Including 56,000 reels of microfilm not accounted earlier.

TABLE 3

FISCAL SUPPORT OF EAST ASIAN COLLECTIONS IN AMERICAN LIBRARIES\*  
1964-1971

Source	Books	Salaries	Others	1970/71	Total	
					1969/70	1964/65
Institution	\$1,137,888	\$3,275,258	\$1,119,979	\$4,585,125	-	\$2,172,282
NDEA	160,865	8,500	-	169,365	-	128,137
Foundation	108,254	197,799	1,000	307,053	-	335,123
Endowment	65,994	-	-	65,994	-	51,003
Total						
1970/71	1,473,001	3,481,557	172,979	5,127,537		
	29%	68%	3%	100%		
1969/70	1,738,201	3,261,293	166,666		5,166,160	
	34%	63%	3%		100%	
1964/65	783,091	1,771,439	132,015			2,686,545
	29%	66%	5%			100%

\*Data for 1969/70 and 1970/71 are based on reports from 57 collections and those for 1964/65 from 40 collections.