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OVERVIEW

The University of Wisconsin-Madison's Memorial Library has one of the strongest collections of materials from and about South Asia in the United States. This third annual report outlines some general characteristics of the South Asian serial collection, highlights recent additions and identifies services available through the Library related to South Asian studies. Previous reports on Humanities and on Social Science topics can be found on the web at: <http://www.library.wisc.edu/guides/SoAsia/#reports>.

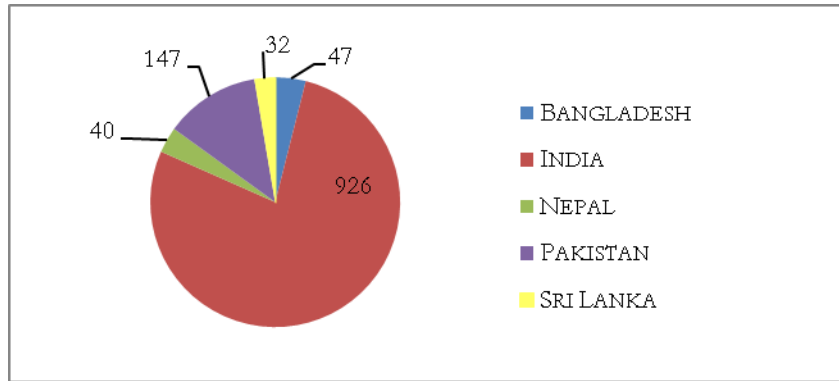
SERIAL COLLECTION CHARACTERISTICS

Although diminished since the PL-480 days, the Libraries still actively and aggressively support periodical literature from South Asia. We currently subscribe to over 1100 periodicals from South Asia, covering a wide range of subjects from current events and governmental information to research reports and association proceedings to scholarly journals. Furthermore, we try to maintain representative linguistic coverage across the disciplines. Please see <http://www.library.wisc.edu/guides/SoAsia/currentjournals.html> for a full list of current subscriptions from South Asia.

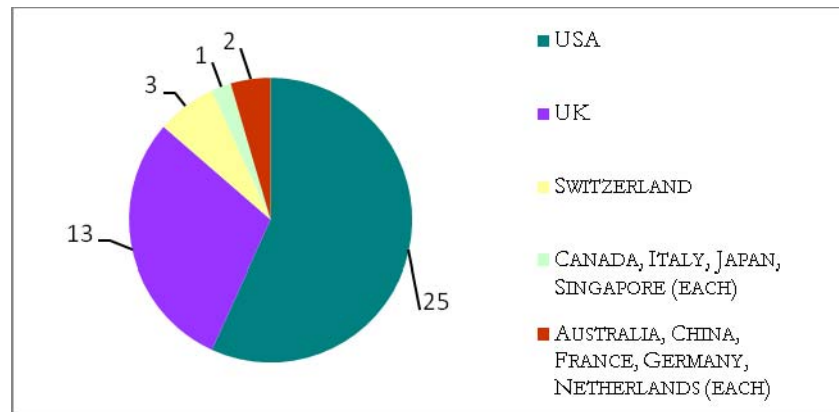
As the tables on the following pages illustrate, the majority of our South Asian periodicals come from India and are in English yet we strive to document and archive materials from other areas and in other languages. We also subscribe to many journals with South Asian content from outside of the subcontinent (above and beyond those covered in or through other departmental- or discipline-based areas); these international materials dominate our electronic subscriptions. Usage data from the past three years highlights the breadth of South Asian research on campus.

While the Libraries are committed to periodical literature from and about South Asia, we recognize that using this material can be difficult. Our research has shown that very few journals and magazines from South Asia have been indexed and that those which have been indexed are usually incomplete or subpar. Through grant funding, we have been able to begin filling this gap by documenting existing indexes; please see the *Guide to the Indexing of South Asian Periodical Literature* for more information (<http://digidoll.library.wisc.edu/SouthAsiaIndex/>). We have also sought outside funding to begin the actual indexing of material. Through generous pilot grants from the American Institute of Pakistan Studies and the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, and through the hard work of UW graduate students, we have started indexing the following journals: *Ceylon Historical Journal*, *Journal of the Music Academy* (Madras), *کھوج* (*Khuj*), *Pakistani Literature*, and *سويرا* (*Saverā*). With the help of the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections Center, we hope to have a beta version of a new online index available soon.

SERIAL TITLES BY COUNTRY OF PUBLICATION: SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES



SERIAL TITLES BY COUNTRY OF PUBLICATION: NON-SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES



SERIAL TITLES BY LANGUAGE

- 1013 English
- 94 Hindi
- 66 Urdu
- 16 Tibetan
- 13 Telugu
- 7 Sanskrit
- 6 Sinhala
- 5 Bengali
- 3 French, Kannada, Tamil (each)
- 2 Arabic, German, Oriya, Panjabi (each)
- 1 Assamese, Japanese, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Sindhi (each)

HIGHEST USAGE PRINT TITLES (IN DESCENDING ORDER)

Lok Sabha Debates
Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies
Journal of Indian Philosophy
Parliamentary Debates: Official Report
Indian Journal of Chemistry (Section B)
Journal of the Pali Text Society
East and West (Rome)
Journal of Vaisnava Studies
South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies
Asian Cinema
International Journal of Hindu Studies

EXAMPLES OF TITLES AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY

Asian Journal of Communication
Buddhist Studies Review
Bulletin de l'École française d'Extrême-Orient
Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies
Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East
Hindu
India Review
Indian Express
India-West
Indo-Iranian Journal
Journal of Asian Studies
Journal of Indian Philosophy
Journal of the American Oriental Society
Journal of Peasant Studies
Middle way: Journal of the Buddhist Society
Paleorient
South Asia Research
South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies
South Asian Popular Culture
Times of India (Mumbai and Delhi)

NOTABLE RECENT ADDITIONS

PRIMARY SOURCES



In response to a direct request, we were able to purchase the satirical *Hindi Punch* on microfiche. Our holdings cover the years 1907-1931 and volumes 1-49. An amazing, and often times entertaining, resource, *Hindi Punch* should prove useful to students and researchers from a wide array of fields such as colonial and imperial history, the history of medicine, the history of advertising and consumption and so on. The approximately 1500 microfiche are available in the Microforms and Media Center (MMC) on the fourth floor of Memorial Library.

VIDEO COLLECTION

The Library continues to maintain and develop a nationally recognized collection of visual materials related to South Asia. These include feature films, documentaries, television programs and the like. In 2007-2008, we added a number of South Asian feature films on DVD including:

<i>Anubhav</i> (1971)	<i>Pakeezah</i> (1971)
<i>Apabaran</i> (2005)	<i>Parineeta</i> (2005)
<i>Dilwale dulhania le jayenge</i> (1995)	<i>Pather panchali</i> (1955)
<i>Hum aapke hain koun--!</i> (1994)	<i>Tere ghar ke samne</i> (1963)
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Iyer</i> (2002)	<i>Umrao Jaan</i> (1981)
<i>Pabli</i> (2005)	

In response to direct classroom needs, recent video documentary additions include:

One night in Bhopal (2005): "This program provides a chilling reconstruction of the Union Carbide methyl isocyanate disaster and details its horrific and protracted consequences."

1-800-INDIA (2006): "This Wide Angle case study explores the experiences of emerging Indian professionals who have been recruited into positions requiring long hours, late-night shifts, and Westernized work habits. The program reveals the human and cultural impact of a controversial yet essentially unstoppable global economic trend, examining its effect on Indian family life, on the evolving landscape of urban India, and on the aspirations and daily lives of young Indian citizens, especially women, as they enter the work force..."

Larger than life (2005): "This program travels through the landscape of Indian cinema, providing contrasts and comparisons with its counterpart in the west. Interviews with Shah Rukh Kahn and Manisha Koirala examine the pressures of Indian film acting on the Indian film industry..."

The rock star and the Mullahs (2003): "Salman Ahmad is the charismatic lead guitarist for the popular Pakistani rock group, Junoon. Inspired by the ancient Sufi tradition, the band's music and lyrics reflect the moderate, liberal side of Islam. This program follows Salman Ahmed as he journeys to the tolerant, ancient city of Lahore and the fundamentalist stronghold of Peshawar to reveal the internal religious and political conflicts of nuclear-armed Pakistan..."

Finally, continuing a project begun in 2006, and through the generosity of a Friends of the Library Grant, we continue to convert the most highly used titles from the *South and Southeast Asia Video Archive* from VHS to DVD formats. The conversion both helps preserve the films as well as makes them more useable with contemporary technology. Examples of recently converted titles include:

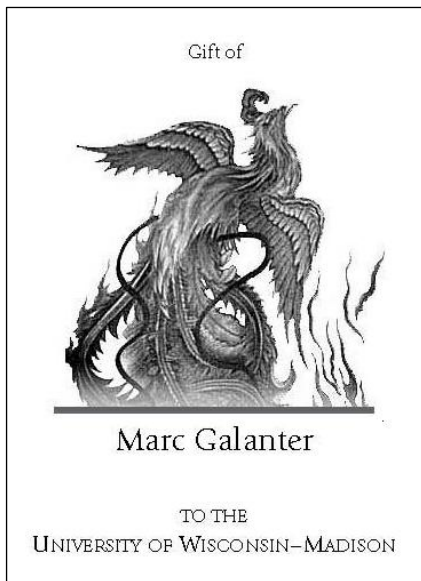
<i>Chakra</i> (1992)	<i>Khamdshi</i> (1975)
<i>Chalakitogudu Chadastapupellam</i> (1992)	<i>Maya Memsaab</i> (1992)
<i>Damini</i> (1992)	<i>Sankarabharanam</i> (1991)
<i>Dhoop kinaray</i> (1988)	<i>Surkhayan</i> (1985)
<i>Insaf ki pukar</i> (1989)	<i>Swarna Kamalam</i> (1988)

NEW ONLINE RESOURCES

Indlaw: Responding to our growing local community of scholars with interests in law (in particular those affiliated with the South Asia Legal Studies Working Group), the Law Library has recently licensed *Indlaw*. One of the

premier online databases for legal information coming from India, *Indlaw* provides immediate access to case laws, legislation, rules, notifications, circulars, trade notices, practice directions, forms, reports and proceedings, and press notes.

SIGNIFICANT DONATIONS



Prof. Marc Galanter has begun the generous donation of his impressive personal collection to the UW Libraries. As an ongoing project, Prof. Galanter will gradually transfer his extensive library to the University for the benefit of scholars and researchers long into the future. To date, the donation has primarily consisted of government documents and publications and of monographs (both legal and otherwise). Many of the documents are very old and quite a few are rare; especially useful among them are materials on customary law, tribunal proceedings, and a few very rare items such as a *Joint Commission Report* from 1862. The monographs, primarily histories and personal accounts, are from the 19th and 20th Century; especially noteworthy are *Treatises on Hindu Law* from 1868 and a variety of treatises from South India, Kashmir and other areas. The Library is delighted to receive this donation and looks forward to future gems from the Galanter collection.

LIBRARY SERVICES AND PROJECTS

RETROSPECTIVE CATALOGING

Memorial Library has had extensive South Asian cataloging backlogs for years and years. Through the tremendous efforts of William Kniffen and his staff in the Library's Central Technical Services Department, over the past calendar year approximately 2,500 backlogged titles have been cataloged in Madcat and moved into the general collection where they can be browsed and checked out. Most are in Urdu but Panjabi, Sindhi, and Persian titles were also included. This significant work dramatically expands our access to material we have owned for years but which was generally unknown or unavailable to researchers—Bill and his staff deserve special thanks!

FACULTY SERVICES: CARRELS AND RUNNERS

All professors are welcome to apply for a faculty carrel at Memorial Library. Located on the 5th floor, the carrels provide a convenient, lockable (although potentially shared) space to conduct research when away from one's office. For more information on the faculty carrels, please contact Carl Croushore (ccroushore@library.wisc.edu). Faculty members are also eligible to designate currently-enrolled Madison campus students or staff as "Faculty Runners" to borrow library materials in their names.

DELIVERY SERVICES

The Libraries strive to get information to researchers as quickly and easily as possible. As part of that mission, journal articles, including those owned by the UW Libraries, can now be scanned and sent to you free of charge without ever having to come into the library itself. If you know the citation for the article you need, simply fill out a "Library Express" request (<http://library.wisc.edu/delivery/>) and the article will be scanned and sent directly to you, usually within one to three days. Another initiative to get material to you as easily as possible is a distance delivery service for books. When you are off-campus for an extended period of time (such as a sabbatical or research leave), the Libraries can send books to you (provided you are outside of Dane County). To request the delivery of books, again fill out a "Library Express" request, choose "Distance Services" as your pickup library and provide the library with your current mailing address. Books are typically shipped within three business days. For more on these services, please see <http://library.wisc.edu/distance/index.html>.

ALERTING AND CURRENT AWARENESS SERVICES

KEEPING CURRENT WITH THE SCHOLARLY LITERATURE is both difficult and time-consuming. As a means to simplify the process, the Library offers many services:

1. South Asian Table of Contents: the tables of contents of recent issues of significant South Asian journals are available off the South Asian Studies Guide (<http://www.library.wisc.edu/guides/SoAsia/>). Journals included in this listing include: the *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, the *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, the *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, *South Asian Popular Culture*, and others. Email alerts are sent on a monthly basis to interested recipients. To receive such email alerts, contact the South Asia Bibliographer.
2. New Monographic Additions: upon expression of interest in a particular area or language, interested parties can be notified of receipts from recent monographic shipments from South Asia. To express interest in such alerting, contact the South Asia Bibliographer.
3. General Email Alerting: many large indexing databases now offer periodic email alerts which notify you when new content has been added that meets criteria you define (such as subject content or new issues of a journal title, etc.). A small sample of databases that provide these services would include the *ATLA Religion Database*, *Current Contents* (through the *Web of Knowledge*), *Index Islamicus*, and *Sociological Abstracts*. For more information on these services and instructions for setting up alerts, please see <http://www.library.wisc.edu/alerts/> or contact the South Asia Bibliographer.

REFERENCE AND INSTRUCTION SERVICES

THE SOUTH ASIA BIBLIOGRAPHER, Mary Rader, is available for reference consultations on South Asia related topics, either on a drop in basis or by appointment. All students, staff, faculty, and community members are welcome. In addition, she can conduct formal instructional sessions on library topics and tools (such as catalogs, article databases, subject indexes, etc.); these sessions can be held independently or as a part of a regularly scheduled class.

PLEASE ADDRESS QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS TO:

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