

Union Catalog of Myanmar Academic Libraries (UCMAL)

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Abstract

A union catalog is a combined library catalog describing the collections of a number of libraries. Union catalogs have been created in a range of media including the book format. Print Union catalogs are typically arranged by title, author and subject. The electronic versions typically support Keyword, Browse and Expert Search (Boolean queries).

In this paper, a brief description and history of the Union Catalog, how Universities' Central Library and 23 University Libraries initiated this UCMAL project and a description of the Union Catalog is a valuable tool for researchers, librarians, students and library patrons as it assists in locating and requesting materials from other libraries through the inter-library loan service. They also allow researchers to search through collections to which they would not otherwise have access.

In the paper, it will explain about Union Catalog of Myanmar Academic Libraries (UCMAL) project which was initiated by the Universities' Central Library (UCL). It is a combined catalog of the major University Libraries in Myanmar. Currently, the Union Catalog of Myanmar Academic Libraries has details of more than 229,500 book titles, in Myanmar and English, from 23 major university libraries.

Introduction

It is known that in the year 1799, during the reign of King Pa Don @ King Bodawpaya (1781-1819) of the Konbaung dynasty who founded the golden city of Amarapura, the Venerable Moug Htoug Sayadaw had compiled a collection of the Palm leaf manuscripts of the Pitakas.

So it shows that the Union Catalog had been in use in Myanmar Pitaka Taiks (library of Buddhist scriptures) since the reign of Myanmar Kings.

In the year 2000, Universities' Central Library (UCL) started using library Automation System (ELIB) and it was introduced to other Universities and colleges for use. In 2013 UCL started leading all Universities and Colleges under the Ministry of Education to become a web-based e-Catalog. Firstly, most of the University libraries in the whole country with e-Catalog had already changed to library Automation System that is the International Standard (Machine Readable Cataloging MARC Format).

In May 2013, two Library Automation System (e-Circulation) Training courses were conducted at the Universities' Central Library for librarians and library staff, one for Upper Myanmar University libraries and one for Lower Myanmar University libraries. Altogether 98 trainees attended the courses. The syllabus included data entry, database creation, backup system, upload system, how to connect e-book with e-Catalog etc.

The website for the UCL was launched in 2015. At the same time, the online catalog of the Universities Central Library was included. As the UCL led this initiative, most of the University libraries under the Ministry of Education also came to become the e-Catalog. Hence the UCL website has been visited by over four hundred thousand people and is still being visited now.

UCL's Online Public Access Catalog

The Universities' Central Library has an e-Resources page to access a wide range of Electronic Resources including Online Databases, full-text Journal articles and indexes, eBooks, Newspapers, Magazines, etc.

e-Catalogs of the Universities' Central Library can be searched here where catalogs of a total of 70,613 books, 23,707 Thesis and 12,731 Palm Leaves are available.

Most of the Universities and Colleges Libraries under the Ministry of Education do not stop their work at this e-Catalog stage and also continue to establish the Union Catalog and

change over to the e-circulation system. In order to execute the change, all the librarians and library staff have to take the course on the library Automation System (MARC Format) and e-circulation training. In place of the traditional circulation system, the electronic circulation system was introduced. This initiative was directed and managed by the Universities' Central Library.

Definition of the Union Catalog

It is a Union database of a Consortium of Libraries which provides for resource sharing among participating member libraries. It empowers users to search the catalogs of ANY or ALL of the libraries with a simple, but powerful web interface.

The Initiation of the Union Catalog of Myanmar Academic Libraries

The Universities' Central Library initiated the introduction of the Union Catalog. It has been the dream of all the successive librarians that the e-Catalog from all Universities and Colleges libraries should be compiled in one Union Catalog under the Ministry of Education.

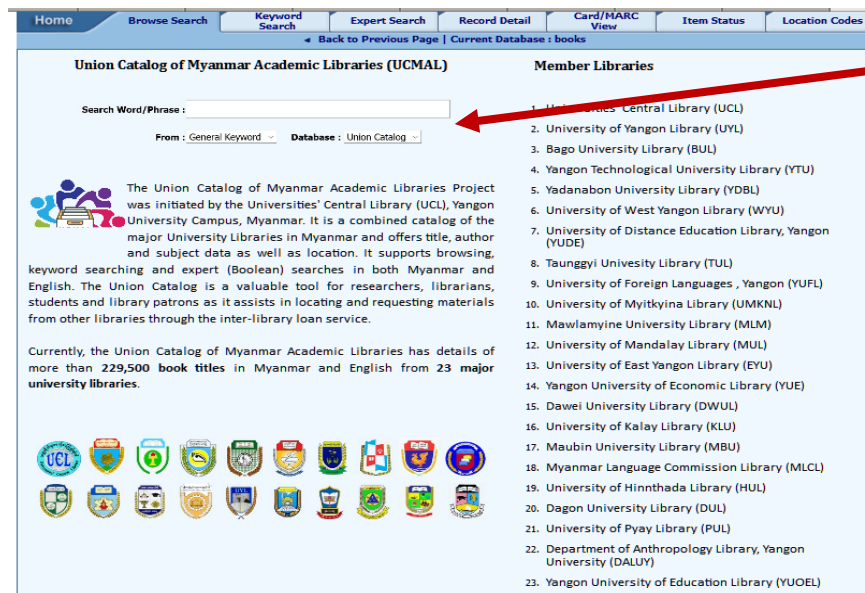
On 15 November 2017, the UCL successfully launched the Union Catalog of Myanmar Academic Libraries(UCMAL) at the website: www.uclmyanmar.org. The Union Catalog of Myanmar Academic Libraries includes 23 Libraries in Myanmar. Currently, it has details of more than 229,500 records of English and Burmese book catalogs. It offers title, author and subject data as well as location. Keyword search and Expert search can also be used to find books. Zawgyi Font should be used in order to search Myanmar books. Users can enquire through email, telephone or ask a Librarian from the UCL website. Only 23 University Libraries are included in this project but steps have been taken to invite other libraries to become members. Hence more academic libraries are expected to join and the union catalog data will be updated periodically.

The Universities' Central Library website: www.uclmyanmar.org



Union Catalog of Myanmar Academic Libraries (UCMAL)

Union Catalog of Myanmar Academic Libraries (UCMAL). In search for Myanmar and English books; for Myanmar books, please use Zawgyi font.



Search word/phrase

Browse search - e.g. use author name “Thaw Kaung, U” result with 37.

UNION CATALOG OF MYANMAR ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Home Browse Search Keyword Search Expert Search Record Detail Card/MARC View Item Status Location Codes

← Back to Previous Page | Current Database : UnionCatalog

Browse starting with: Thaw Kaung, U

Category: Author Database: Union Catalog

Materials: All

Language: All

Publish country: All

Line per page: 50

Search Reset

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Call Number	959.1 Th
Author	THAW KAUNG, U Same Author(29)
Title	Aspects of Myanmar History and culture / U Thaw Kaung
Imprint	Yangon Gant gaw - Myains Sarpay 2010
Physical Description	290p. map., photos 22 cm.
Subject	MYANMAR - History Same Subject(290)
Location	MYANMAR - Culture Same Subject(5)
Accession No.	M, 88927

Card View MARC View Record Detail

Search results of U Thaw Kaung

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Row	Call Number	Heading	Location
1	959.1 Th	Aspects of Myanmar History and culture / U Thaw kaung	MUL
2	959.1 Th	Aspects of Myanmar history and culture / U Thaw Kaung	WYU
3	959.1 Th	Aspects of Myanmar history and culture / U Thaw Kaung	PUL
4	959.1 Th Ref:	Aspects of Myanmar history and culture / U Thaw Kaung	UYL
5	959.1 Th	Aspects of Myanmar history and culture / U Thaw Kaung	UYL
6	959.1 Th	Aspects of Myanmar history and culture / U Thaw Kaung	YUFL
7	959.1 Th	Aspects of Myanmar history and culture / U Thaw Kaung	YUFL
8	025.3 Ca	CATALOGUE of the Burma research society English and Burmese Books / compiled by U Thaw Kaung	UCL
9	895.84 Th	From the librarian's window views of library & manuscript studies and myanmar literature / U T	YUDE
10	895.8 Th	From the librarian's window / U Thaw Kaung	MUL
11	091.09591 Th	From the librarian's window views of library and manuscript studies and Myanmar literature / U	UCL
12	895.8 Th	From the Librarian's Window: views of library & manuscript studies and Myanmar Literature / U T	WYU
13	Th	Myanmar Wonderland places of historical interest and scenic beauty	MLCL
14	910.9591 Th	Myanmar wonderland places of historical interest and scenic beauty / U Thaw Kaung	UCL
15	959.1 Th Ref:	Myanmar wonderland: places of historical interest and scenic beauty / U Thaw Kaung	UYL
16	959.1 Th	Myanmar wonderland places of historical interest and scenic beauty / U Thaw Kaung	MUL
17	959.1 Th	Myanmar Wonderland / U Thaw Kaung	DUL
18	959.1 Th	Myanmar wonderland / U Thaw Kaung	MBU
19	895.84 Th	Myanmar Wonderland / U Thaw Kaung	YUFL
20	959.1 Th	Selected writings of U Thaw Kaung / U Thaw kaung	WYU

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Tag	Ind	Content					
001	##	0022-3046					
035	##	(UCMAL.UnionCatalog)0022-3055					
092	##	a959.1 bTh					
100	##	THAW KAUNG, U					
245	##	aAspects of Myanmar History and culrue cU Thaw kaung					
260	##	aYangon bGant gaw - Myains Sarpay c2010					
300	##	a290p. bmap., photos c22 cm.					
650	##	MYANMAR - Culture					
650	##	MYANMAR - Culture					
852	##	aMUL					
900	##	M. 88927					
998	##	Englishbooks,elf ccat e20130405 m u					
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MARC Tag

Location of books and Universities libraries name can be found. If you want to know the short form of libraries click on Menu bar.

The screenshot shows the 'Location Codes (Member Library Codes)' page. The list includes:

- BUL Bago University Library - သို့တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- DUL Dagon University Library - ဒဂုန်တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- DALUY Department of Anthropology Library, YU - နေ့သုတေသနတကြည့်တိုက် ရန်ကုန်တကသို
- DWVUL Dawei University Library - တာဝသတကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- EYU University of East Yangon Library - ရန်ကုန်အရှေ့ပိုင်း တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- HUL Hinthada University Library - တာဝတကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- KLU University of Kalay Library - ကလေးတကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- MBU Maubin University Library - မေပုင် တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- MLCL Myanmar Language Commission Library - မြန်မာတိုင်းရင်းစာပေကော်မရှင်တကြည့်
- MLM Mawlamyine University Library - မော်လမြိုင် တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- MUL University of Mandalay Library - မန္တလေး တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- PUL Pyaw University Library - ပြည်တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- TUL Taunggyi University Library - တောင်ကြီး တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- UCL Universities' Central Library - တကသိုလ်ဌာနတိုက်တကြည့်တိုက်
- UMKNL University of Myitkyina Library - မြစ်ကြီးနား တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- UYL University of Yangon Library - ရန်ကုန်တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- WYU University of West Yangon Library - ရန်ကုန်အနောက်ပိုင်း တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- YDBL Yadanabon University Library - ရတနာပုံ တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- YTU Yangon Technological University Library - ရန်ကုန်နည်းပညာ တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- YUDE University of Distance Education Library, Yangon - ရန်ကုန်အဝေးသင် တကသိုလ်တကြည့်
- YUE Yangon University of Economic library - ရန်ကုန်စီးပွားရေး တကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်
- YUFL University of Foreign Languages Library, Yangon - ရန်ကုန်နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာ တကသိုလ်တ
- YUPEI Yangon University of Education Library - ရန်ကုန်တက္ကသိုလ်တကြည့်တိုက်

The right side of the screenshot shows a detailed view of a record with the following location codes:

Location	Code
MUL	
WYU	
PUL	
UYL	
UYL	
YUFL	
YUFL	
YUFL	
UCL	
YUDE	
MUL	
UCL	
WYU	
MLCL	
UYL	
MUL	
DUL	
MBU	
YUFL	
WYU	
UCL	
UYL	
MUL	
DUL	
PUL	

Location codes

Expert search

Each Universities Catalog can be visited in expert search

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Home Browse Search **Keyword Search** Expert Search Record Detail Card/MARC View Item Status Location Codes

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Search Word/Phrase: Thaw Kaung, U From: General Keyword

Location:

- UCL - Universities' Central Library
- Search in All Libraries (or) Select Library
- BUL - Bago University Library
- DALUY - Department of Anthropology Library, YU
- DUL - Dagon University Library
- DWUL - Dawei University Library
- EYU - University of East Yangon Library
- HUL - Hinthada University Library
- KLU - University of Kalay Library
- MBU - Maubin University Library
- MLCL - Myanmar Language Commission Library
- MLM - Mawlamyine University Library
- MUL - University of Mandalay Library
- PUL - Pyay University Library
- TUL - Taunggyi University Library
- UCL - Universities' Central Library
- UMKNL - University of Myitkina Library
- UYL - University of Yangon Library
- WYU - University of West Yangon Library
- YDBL - Yadanabon University Library
- YTU - Yangon Technological University Library

Choose the individual library

Keyword search

Keyword search – e.g. “Myanmar History”

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Search Word/Phrase: Myanmar History From: General Keyword

Searched List: -- Select word/phrase --

And Or Not Adjacent With

Searched List: -- Select word/phrase --

Submit

Search Result : Occurrence List

Row	Keyword	Occurrence				Bibs
		Author	Title	Subject	General	
1	Myanmar	937	2281	3527	7841	5229
2	History	55	3370	7695	11859	8917
3	Myanmar ^ History	N/A				866

Total result (866)

Title results of “Myanmar History” with Location

Row	Call Number	Heading	Location
1	959.121 By Ref:	A brief history of Kayah State (Karenni State) / by Byuha Khin	UYL
2	959.1 Kh	A brief of overview of Myanmar 2012 / U Khin Mg Win	UCL
3	959.1 Br	A Brief overview of Myanmar 2012	MUL
4	959.104 Ch	A brief study of the Burma Campaign 1943-45 / S.G.Chaphekar	UCL
5	920 Ti	A Burmese heart / Tinsa Naw - Naing & Y.M.V.Han	UCL
6	959.125 Ch	A chronicle of the mons / translated by Tun Aung Chain	YUDE
7	959.125 Ch	A chronicle of the mons / translated by Tun Aung Chin	YUDE
8	De	A Class-Book of Burmese History	MLCL
9	959.1 Ta	A concise history of Myanmar and the Tatmadaw's role 1948-1988 vol. II / Tatmadaw Researcher	UCL
10	959.105 Sa	A description of the Burmese empire / Revnd.Father Sangermano	UCL
11	959.1 De	A DESCRIPTION of the Burmese Empire / Revnd Father Son german	UCL
12	959.104 Sa Ref:	A Guide to colonial sources on Burma ethnic & minority histories of Burma in the India office	UYL
13	959.1 Su	A historical study on the life of hermit U Hkanti and his religious activities in and around M	MUL
14	959.1 Yu	A history of Arakan past and present / Dr. Mohammed Yunns	UCL
15	Ht	A History of Burma	MLCL
16	959.1 Ht	A history of Burma / Maung Htin Aung	MBU
17	959.1 Ht	A history of Burma / Maung Htin Aung	HUL
18	959.102 So	A history of Han Lin Gyi in historical persepective ... / Soe Aye	MUL
19	959.1 Ca	A history of modern Burma / John F. Cady	PUL
20	959.1 Au	A history of Myanmar science ancient times traditions and transformations / Michael Aung Thwin	PUL

Member Libraries

1. Universities' Central Library
2. University of Yangon Library
3. Bago University Library
4. Dagon University Library
5. Dawei University Library
6. Department of Anthropology Library, University of Yangon
7. Hinthada University Library
8. Kalay University Library
9. Maubin University Library
10. Mawlamyine University Library
11. Myanmar Language Commission Library
12. Pyay University Library
13. Taunggyi Univesity Library

14. University of Distance Education Library, Yangon
15. University of East Yangon Library
16. University of Foreign Languages , Yangon
17. University of Mandalay Library
18. University of Myintkyina Library
19. University of West Yangon Library
20. Yadanabon University Library
21. Yangon University of Economic Library
22. Yangon University of Education
23. Yangon Technological University Library

Type of Union Catalog

Union Catalog of Myanmar Academic Libraries is Physical Union Catalog. Advantages of Physical Union Catalog are centralized control over hardware, software and bandwidth and consistency in indexing and searching. It also do high-quality consolidation of records and better quality control in original cataloguing.

Advantages of UCMAL

It enables librarians can search and check the catalog when cataloging of new books and can use copy cataloging. Librarian can provide Inter-library Loan service. And then maintain Quality of the records by allowing experienced catalogers to edit the records. It enables students, researcher and all users can search any / all of these libraries using a single web based user interface from anywhere on the internet and they can know which libraries the titles are available.

Conclusion

It is useful for Researchers, Librarians and every Patron as they assist in locating and requesting materials from other libraries through interlibrary loan service. The development of Union Catalog of Myanmar Academic Libraries records involved participation of 23 “participating libraries” in Myanmar, which contribute their library’s bibliographic data or catalog records to

all the users. It is recognized as bibliographic information tracking device that could locate information around the 23 Libraries in Myanmar Country. It is effective for Myanmar libraries, researchers and all users.

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