Report on the Library Session at the 10th KSAA Conference

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I attended the 10th Korean Studies Association of Australasia Biennial Conference at the University of Technology Sydney, 15-17 November 2017 where I organised library-related drop-in sessions during the two days of the conference.

Altogether 15 people dropped-in: 9 academics, 5 PhD students, and 1 librarian. Six came from Australia, two each came from Korea and Russia, one each from Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and South Africa.

On Thursday 16 November, Emily Kang, Rare Books and Special Collection Liaison Librarian at the University of Sydney and I held “Library Information Room” drop-in sessions 11:15am-12:45pm and 1:45pm-3:45pm. On Friday 17 November, we held “Library Information Drop-in Session” 11:15am-12:45pm and 1:45pm-5:00pm.

The sessions provided information to support Korean Studies researchers and promote Monash University Library’s Korean Collection. Topics discussed included Korean history, Korean library collections in Australia, geography, North Korea, comparing Australasian and Korean bands during the Vietnam war, Korea-Russia relations, multinational organisations in Korea, international reproduction, cinema and literature, comfort women, migration, tourism, Korean society and culture, and Korean studies more broadly.

Most attendees spent about 30 minutes seeking information from their session, during which they gained by learning how to find and obtain resources for their research.
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