ABOUT THE COLLECTIONS

The South/Southeast Asia Library (S/SEAL) serves as the center for UC Berkeley’s South and Southeast Asia collections, housing a core collection of over 4,000 non-circulating items. This collection is particularly strong in the social sciences and humanities and features general and specialized reference and bibliographical materials, as well as high-use journals and newspapers.

In addition to its core collection, S/SEAL coordinates collections comprised of over 600,000 items across campus. Collections can be found in the Gardner (Main) Stacks, The Bancroft Library, the Newspapers/Microforms Library, the Media Resources Center, and various subject libraries. Low use materials are stored off campus in the Northern Regional Library Facility (NRLF), located in Richmond, California. S/SEAL also provides access to local, regional, and international online catalogs and databases.

South Asia includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Materials in South Asian vernacular languages are primarily in Bengali, Dari, Hindi, Nepali, Newari, Pali, Panjabi, Persian, Prakrit, Pushto, Sanskrit, Sinhalese, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu.

Southeast Asia includes Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Materials in Southeast Asian vernacular languages are primarily in Burmese, Chinese, Hmong, Indonesian, Khmer, Lao, Malay, Tagalog, Tamil, Tetum, Thai, and Vietnamese.

HOURS

During the academic year, S/SEAL is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 5 pm. During the summer and winter intersessions, S/SEAL is open Monday through Friday from 1 pm to 5 pm.

REFERENCE

Reference is available by phone, email, or in-person appointment. Drop-in assistance can be provided when library staff is available.

Reference guides outlining research strategies and listing appropriate reference sources are available on the library homepage.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION

Library catalog and research instruction is available by appointment to both classrooms and individuals. Please contact library staff for assistance.

CIRCULATION

The S/SEAL collections are “Library Use Only.” A scanner is available for public use.

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