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WHAT IS IN THE SERIALS SECTION?

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When you come to the library and would like to refer to the journals, where do you go to? The answer is the Serials Section, level 4 of the Main Library. To be exact, on the left wing of the fourth floor.

In other libraries, the section is either called Periodicals Section, Journals Section or Koleksi Terbitan Bersiri. In IIUM Library, it is simply called the Serials Section. The Serials Section is manned and maintained by the serials staff who purchase the collection, catalogue it, shelve it and man a counter specifically to handle request for its collection. The Counter is opened from 9.00am until half an hour before the library closes.

Serials, as the name implies, refers to the collection of over 1,500 titles of journals/periodicals, magazines, government publications, reports, yearbooks, IIUM examination papers, newspapers, etc. which are published periodically over the years. These collections are mostly in print format which cannot be borrowed by library customers. Other than that, the Serials Section also made available materials in online format like the online databases and electronic journals which can be accessed 24 hours a day through the library website.

The services that are available at the Serials Section are:

1. Journal Collection
Both the current and back volumes are placed together on the open shelves. Current journals are in loose form while previous issues are bounded according to year of publication.

2. Popular Magazines
Consist of local popular magazines and international popular magazines. For recent year publications, customers need to place a request for them at Serials Section counter. Previous issues are bounded according to year of publication and available at the open shelves.

3. Daily Newspapers
These are local daily newspaper in various languages, Malay, English and Chinese. Other than reading them at the Brothers’ and Sisters’ Newspaper Reading Areas at level 2, they can also be requested at the Serials Section counter.

4. Back Issue Newspapers
The Section maintains the previous 6 months (local daily newspaper) and previous 1 year (Utusan Malaysia and New Straits Times only) of local newspapers. Again, these need to be requested at the Serials Section counter.

5. Electronic Resources
Access to electronic resources is restricted to eligible IIUM Library customers only. The library subscribes to 47 online databases and has 5 open access databases which are accessible via World Wide Web. The list and access of the online databases is through the library website. Other than that, electronic journals are also made available. They are searchable through the IIUM Library Catalogue and at the IIUM Library Digital Services. The library also has about 103,278 titles of e-books. They are also searchable through the IIUM Library Catalogue and at the IIUM Library Digital Services.

6. Official Publications
Various official publications which consist of the Malaysian government publications, foreign government, local, national, international and regional organizations, business organizations, universities and colleges, NGO, associations and societies. They are available at the open shelves.

7. IIUM Past Examination Papers
Printed and bounded IIUM past exam papers are available at the open shelves. If customers want to access the digital format, they can do so through the IIUM Library Digital Services. However, access to the digital format is in campus only.

So there you have it – the collections in the Serials Section. This section is mostly visited by the postgraduate students and lecturers as they need to refer to more updated materials for their research. This can only be offered by materials which are published periodically. However, it has also proved to be beneficial to the undergraduates too. So what are you waiting for? Come to the library today and refer to all the collections in the Serials Section!