Here is a summary of Cornell University Library’s (CUL’s) activities in East Asia.

- CUL and Tsinghua University Library (TUL) are working on an East Asia Studies website. Tsinghua will set up the website and both Tsinghua and Cornell will contribute digital content. The effort will bring relevant digital resources together for easier access and expand the content available to researchers and students on both campuses. Liren Zheng, Curator of the Wason Collection on East Asia, is CUL’s lead for this initiative. Also, the libraries have agreed to provide reciprocal onsite access to non-digital resources in their respective collections.

- Columbia University Libraries has committed a portion of its East Asian materials budget to join CUL in the pilot of a small approval plan and shelf-ready process that we are testing with a Chinese vendor. Technical services staff of both libraries are working on requirements and workflow specifications. The first books are expected to be shipped in July 2011. Boaz Nadav-Manes, Pam Stansbury, Gary Branch, Glen Wiley, Scott Wicks, and other staff working behind the scenes are making this possible.

- John Fereira, Technology Strategist at Mann Library, recently brought back from Beijing digital files of books that CUL and several other American libraries contributed to the Million Book Project. [http://www.archive.org/details/millionbooks](http://www.archive.org/details/millionbooks). Joy Paulson, Mann’s Digital Collections Librarian is examining the files. Tsinghua is helping us obtain the remaining files. Thanks go to John, Joy, and also Mary Ochs.

- CUL and Tsinghua will start a quarterly news exchange in January. This is a new initiative that Anne Kenney and TUL Director Deng agreed on when Anne visited Tsinghua in September 2010. The goal is to keep each library better informed of significant developments at its sister library. In this way, we will be in a better position to collaborate at an early stage should opportunities present themselves. These briefings will be available on CUL Staff Web.

- Gao Xuan, Associate Director of TUL, Liren Zheng, and Xin Li will co-present a paper entitled, “Sustaining User Trust: International Partnership as a Solution for Meeting User Needs” at the 2011 International Conference of Asian Special Libraries. This will be the first co-presentation at an international conference by TUL and CUL staff.

- Xin Li visited 14 Taiwanese libraries, ranging in type from the National Library to town public libraries. She is impressed with their user service and the creative ways they are strengthening their outreach activities and impact. The Library Association of Taiwan is investing heavily to enhance the continuing education of library staff through the delivery of courses online.

- Xin Li gave a presentation about the Cornell Undergraduate Information Competency Initiative and the New Student Reading Project at the 2010 Taipei International Conference of Innovative ICT Education. The conference themes were: policy, curriculum and assessment, professional development, information communications technology, research and evaluation. Camille Andrews, Lance Heidig, Carla DeMello, and Gwen Glazer contributed to this presentation.

More details or activities that took place during 2010 were discussed at the November library forum. Please see [http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/17816](http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/17816).