



## *A short history of BGST Library*

**W**elcome to BGST Library! Our Library is a gift from God made possible through generous donations by those who shared our vision for a library that can be available for use, not just by our students, but also by the whole people of God and by the general public. We invite you to enjoy this precious gift from Almighty God.

BGST Library commenced on 1st February, 1992, with the purchase in December, 1990, of the entire library of 28,000 books which formed the 'jewel' of the West Coast Extension Campus of Grace Theological Seminary at Long Beach, California. We were then located at No. 49, Jalan Pemimpin, APS Building, #03-06/07. This was a spacious warehousing complex and our students and faculty enjoyed full access to our holdings. Over the next three years, our library catalogue and loan management system was computerized using the Dynix Integrated Automated System.

We moved in December, 1994, to No. 4 Bishan Street 13, the premises of the Zion Bishan Bible-Presbyterian Church. For ten years we continued to serve our students and those who found BGST Library to be a place for enrichment of their spiritual life and research.

By the grace of God we finally have our own place right in the heart of the commercial hub of Singapore. In November, 2004, BGST took a bold

step of faith and acquired No. 31 Tanjong Pagar Road, Singapore 088454. Though small compared with other libraries, we have utilized every possible space in the conjoined two-shophouse units of our heritage building.

We have seen a significant increase in the drop-in usage of our Library. We continue to add to our holdings through book gifts from faithful donors and a generous annual acquisition budget of the latest books and journals.

In April 2005, our Dynix system was upgraded to the VLib system. This provided a graphical interface, Boolean searches and 24/7 access to our library catalogue via the Internet, among many other new features. The personal library of our Principal continues to strengthen our total collection of more than 28,000 titles and over 40,500 holdings catering to English-speaking readers. All our study programmes are adequately supported and the general public continues to enjoy our books and services.

BGST Library is under the stewardship of the Library Advisory Committee which makes all decisions in conjunction with the BGST Council.

## Library Services Available

### 1. LOANS SERVICE

Item Types	Duration
Audio Visuals	2 weeks
Lending items	2 weeks
Course Reserve items	3 hours*
Course Audio Visuals	3 months*
Reference items )	use within the
& Journals )	library

Loans may be renewed through the Internet for another 2 weeks up to a maximum of 5 times. We reserve the right to recall any items after the initial 14 days.

Members may check out a maximum of 5 items. Students(Grad Dip CS & below) / Alumni and Christians leaders may check out a maximum of 10 items. Students on Master programmes may check out a maximum of 20 items. Life members are entitled to a maximum of 10 items.

### 2. GENERAL REFERENCE SERVICE

Library users are encouraged to approach the staff for assistance should they encounter any difficulties in their research or in using the library equipment.

### 3. ACQUISITION SERVICE

Users may recommend books, journals and audio-visual media materials to add to the collection. Recommendation forms are available from the library counter and at: <http://bgst.edu.sg/lib/request.htm>

### 4. PHOTOCOPYING SERVICE

Users must comply with the Copyright Act 1987 and the rules set out by the library. Please purchase a photocopy card from library counter staff at \$6.00 for 100 A4 print runs.

## Our Resources

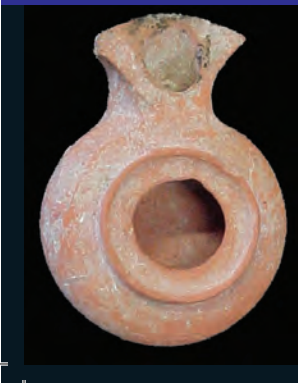
1. Artefact and Replica Collection from the Bible lands.
2. A.V. Collection of Courses, Documentaries and Public Lectures
3. Course Reserve Collection
4. Electronic Databases and Tools
5. Filmstrip Collection
6. Flag Collection
7. Lending Collection
8. Reference Collection
9. Serial Collection
10. Thesis Collection

## BGST Biblical Artefacts & Replicas



*Golden myrtle crown from the tomb of Philip of Macedon*

*Herodian household lamp from the time of Jesus*



*Byzantine storage jar*



## Membership

1. All BGST current students will be automatically granted student membership. Students who are inactive may remain as student library members by paying a subscription fee of \$40 per year.
2. Christians and others who are interested in research and further studies may apply to be members. The annual fee for individual membership is \$50 with a one-time refundable deposit of \$100 payable on application. Approval is at the absolute discretion of the Library Advisory Committee.
3. Corporate membership will be entitled to nominate a maximum of 5 staff for library membership. The refundable deposit is \$200. An annual fee of \$50 is required for each nominee.
4. Alumni are provided with free membership.



5. Life membership is for donors who donate a sum of S\$5000 and above. A recent photograph or digital image is required for the library card. This card is not transferable and users are responsible for all materials checked out in their name.

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