Diversity in RUL’s Collection: Multi-Languages
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Introduction
RUL is a major academic library system that serves the Rutgers community in support of research, teaching and learning. As a member of the Association for Research Libraries (ARL), it has a collection of more than 2.9 million titles including print and electronic books, journals and databases, multimedia resources, etc. The collection includes major world languages in addition to English, serving a diverse group of domestic and international students & faculty.

2004 – a total of 204 languages in the collection
2014 – a total of 283 languages in the collection

Figure 1. Rate of major languages in the collection as of 2014

Central Technical Services
A dedicated group of catalogers provide multi-language cataloging, including library assistants and student workers, who have a diverse multilingual background.

Asian Languages
The Asian Languages Cataloger has teamed up with the East Asian Librarian and subject specialists to promote the diversity of foreign language collections.

Chinese, Japanese and Korean (CJK) represent the fastest growing languages in the RUL collection. They have increased at a rate of 71% from 2005 to 2014.

Figure 2. Increasing of titles by language from 2005 (English is excluded)

Figure 3. Comparison of CJK language collections in the RUL