1993

EAL received a $77,353 grant from the Korea Foundation for the development of the Korean collection. It also received another $20,000 from the Japan Foundation for the purchase of materials on Japanese language and linguistics, the only U.S. institution to receive such funds this year.
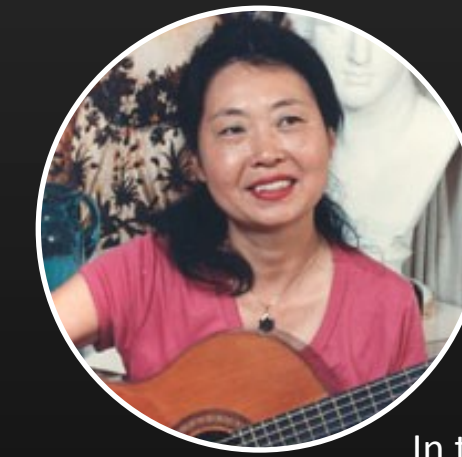
Late 1990s

During this time, EAL made great strides converting the library's catalog to an online format and improving the catalog. In 1995 the library outsourced much of the conversion work to the OCLC, and in 1997 the library received funding to convert an additional 64,000 manual records. By 1998 over 90% of EAL's circulation was online.

Starting in early 1999, support for Chinese characters was added to the online catalog. (Previously only romanized forms could be used.) In the following years EAL worked to add East Asian characters to all catalog records, enabling users to search and view records in those scripts.

2003

Approximately 30,000 older, less-used monographs were transferred from Gowen Hall to EAL's new auxiliary stacks in Kane Hall.
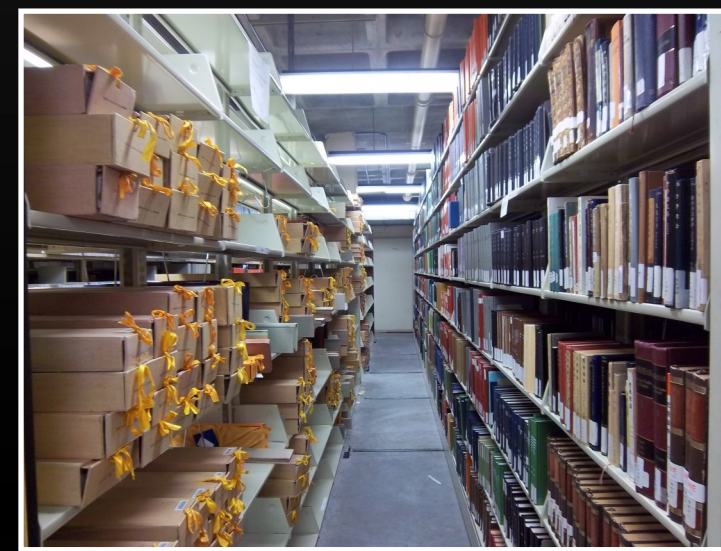
In July 2003, an endowment in the amount of $58,333.69 was established from the estate of Yasuko Endo to support the purchase of Japanese materials.

In this year, EAL also set up its first centralized server for CJK CD-ROMs. Language-specific CD ROMs were made available from any library location and to faculty and students with UW network access.

2005

The Kane Auxiliary Stacks now held 154,494 volumes of East Asia Library materials.

Early 1990s

The East Asia Library Endowment Fund was established, made possible by the donation of two properties to the library; they were sold and the revenue used to create the endowment.

EAL carried out a large-scale project to re-catalog and re-shelve books according to the Library of Congress classification system.

The library also added access to acquisitions records (known as ACQ or pre-cat records) to the catalog, allowing users to search for materials that had been acquired but not yet cataloged.

2002

EAL was able to acquire significant space in the basement of Kane Hall to use as an auxiliary stacks location. This enabled the library to consolidate materials that had previously been held in various "remote storage" locations around campus.

2004

During the 2004-05 academic year, the Kane Hall Auxiliary Stacks offered regularly scheduled open hours to the public for the first time.

1990   1995   2000   2005

1994

EAL's budget for purchases topped $400,000 for the first time, with over a quarter of that from outside grants and donations.

UW and five other universities joined together to form the Korean Collections Consortium of North America (KCCNA) in order to establish the cooperative Korean collection development program and receive funding annually from the Korea Foundation. For the next five years, UW received $20,000 per year through the program to develop EAL's Korean collection, and continues to receive funding through it to this day.

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2000

As of October 1, 2000 East Asian libraries across the country—including EAL—switched from the Wade-Giles system to the pinyin system for the romanization of Chinese in the library catalog. Records for previously cataloged materials were converted by automated processes; however, a great deal of manual clean-up work by library staff was still required.

2003 — 2005

During this period, EAL implemented an outsourcing project for its Chiu collection: 16,000 Chinese, Japanese, and Korean books (over 27,000 volumes) which had never been assigned Library of Congress call numbers and which had no record in the online catalog. The outsourced cataloging work was done by OCLC.

1997

EAL's reading room was named the "George M. Beckmann Reading Room" in honor of his great contributions to the library over the years.

George M. Beckmann Reading Room

2001 — 2006

In July 2001, EAL staff began a long-term serials project. The goal of this project was to complete the cataloging of all CJK serials (in all formats, including microfilms and newspapers). By the completion of the project in June 2006, the project staff had gone through approximately 120,000 items—assigning call numbers and subject headings where needed, providing detailed holdings information, labeling, and shelving.

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