

CEAL 2010 Plenary Session  
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown  
Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 4:00-5:30 PM

The plenary session, “The Future of Foreign Language Collections in Transformational Times: What is at Stake?” featured presentations by Deborah Jakubs, the Rita DiGiallorardo Holloway University Librarian & Vice Provost for Library Affairs at Duke University; Tom Leonard, past ARL President, and University Librarian at the University of California, Berkeley; Professor Peter Bol, Professor of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University; Peter Zhou, Assistant University Librarian, University of California, Berkeley, and Richard Richie, Curator, Southeast Asian Collection, Yale University. For the presentations, see the links under Plenary Session Presentations, 2010, at <http://www.eastasianlib.org/CEAL/AnnualMeeting/Annualmeeting.htm>

During the question and answer session, Ellen Hammond, Yale University, asked Peter Zhou if he could provide information about how the largest East Asian library collections were faring financially in comparison to the smaller ones. Zhou provided the following response to the CEAL Executive Board on April 6, 2010.

Dear EB members,

During this year's plenary session, Ellen asked a very good question on how the biggest collection are doing in comparison with all other collections. The survey results I presented did not address that issue. I came back and looked at the data again. I found no huge difference in these two groups, except in one category- operations budget. The big ten are the reverse of all other libraries (see Comparison Three below). It suggests that the biggest East Asian collections received more serious downsizing than other collections. Here is my added report:

All percentages below refer to the number of libraries.

**Comparison One:**

University Libraries General Budgets, FY09-10

77% decreased, 14% increased, 9% no change

10 largest East Asian collections Budget, FY 09-10

70% decreased, 20% increased, 10 % no change

**Comparison Two:**

Reduction in East Asian collections' budget, FY 09-10

Collections: 57% reduced, 43% not affected

Reduction in Big Ten East Asian Collections' budget, FY 09-10

Collections: 50% reduced, 50% not affected

### **Comparison Three**

Reduction in operations budget for all East Asian collections, FY 09-10

36% reduced

64% not affected

Reduction in Big Ten EA's operations budget, Fy 09-10

70% reduced

30% not affected

### **Comparison Four**

Budget increase for all East Asian collections, FY 09-10

12 libraries received budget increase, 32 did not.

Budget increase for the Big Ten East Asian collections, FY 09-10

3 libraries received increase, 7 did not.