2013 — present

Booksori (북:소리), a program of monthly book talks in Korean is held at EAL. At each session, an invited speaker selects a Korean book and discusses it with the audience. The books range

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from scholarly works to those focused on popular culture.

The program was initiated as an outreach service to the Korean community in Seattle and on the UW campus.

2014 — present

The oral history project

"History through Memories and
Stories: Exploring Seattle's
Chinese Immigrant
Experiences" began in the
summer of 2014 and continues
to the present. The project

aims to document the life and experiences of Seattle's Chinese immigrant community from Taiwan, Hong Kong, mainland China, and other areas of the world. In addition to collecting oral histories, the project hosts a monthly community forum for participants to share their stories and experiences. The forums are held at EAL and are conducted primarily in Mandarin Chinese.



2015 — present

In order to reduce the backlog of Korean materials, EAL launched the "Korean precat" cataloging project, which was made possible by fundraising, including a generous donation by EAL's Korean Cataloger, Heija Ryoo. Initial original cataloging and record enhancement was completed in-house by a Korean student in the UW Information School's MLIS program; for the remaining 4,000+ items, EAL contracted with TLS, a cataloging outsourcing vendor in Los Angeles. Scanned images of the books, instead of the books themselves, are sent to TLS for cataloging on a monthly basis, with EAL students handling the pre- and post-processing. This project will make thousands of Korean resources available through the library catalog.

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2014 — present

Thanks to a grant of \$104,000 from the Tateuchi
Foundation, EAL launched the Tateuchi Visiting Librarian
Project. Through this project, EAL is able to invite three
visiting librarians from Japan and hire a Japanese

visiting librarians from Japan and hire a Japanese cataloger for six months to process special Japanese language materials including the newly discovered *gaihōzu* (外邦図), a type of Japanese military map. The first visting librarian, from Keio University in Japan, arrived February 2015.



2016

In March, the annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) and the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) was held in Seattle for the first time. CEAL pre-conference events and a welcome reception were hosted at UW, with EAL staff and librarians handling the local arrangements.

July marked the official opening of the "Korea Corner" on Gowen Floor 2M in the East Asia Library. Thanks to a gift of \$38,500 from the Consul Office of the Republic of Korea in Seattle, this space was renovated into a more comfortable and technologically up-to-date study area.

2017

The East Asia Library celebrates its 80th anniversary.

2015

In February, EAL
welcomed its first visiting
librarian from the Korea
Foundation's Global
Librarianship program.



