

2015 LAS Outstanding Newcomer Award

HEDREN SUM WAI YUAN

Hedren Sum, a 2015 graduate of Nanyang Technological University (NTU), with an MSc in Information Studies, is a subject librarian for the School of Art, Design and Media and is also in the New Media Group at NTU Libraries. Since becoming a librarian in October 2012, he has innovatively delivered library services and resources to support the teaching, learning and research needs in NTU.

Hedren worked closely with the School of Art, Design and Media (ADM) to execute the ADM Portfolio initiative to create platforms for faculty and outstanding students to showcase their visual works. He has also explored and created new ways of using blogs and social media tools for faculty members in NTU to communicate their achievements and their research output.

Hedren fosters strong collaborative librarian-faculty relationships. He works closely with the faculty, often becoming a valuable partner by creating customized instructional workshops and assignments for classes. He also became a member of several exhibition curatorial and research teams, providing research support and building digital collections. In 2014, Hedren joined the faculty team that brought 15 students to Arizona in the United States as part of the coursework. His role included providing research assistance and documenting the study trip. The final output was a printed publication entitled "A Desert Playground".

Hedren has been a member of the Library Association of Singapore (LAS) since 2013, co-presented a poster and co-conducted a workshop at IFLA 2013. He also presented a poster at IATUL 2014 in Helsinki, Finland. He has actively discussed his library initiatives at many forums in Singapore. He presented to reference librarians on social media engagement at NLB and the "A Day in the Life" initiative, and explained his role as a design librarian at several events organized by the Singapore Computer Society, where he is also an active member.

Because of his notable accomplishments in a short time in creatively helping to transform the role of the librarian at the NTU libraries, his efforts to reach a global audience, and his active community involvement, the Library Association of Singapore is pleased to honour Hedren Sum with the 2015 LAS Outstanding Newcomer Award.