

(Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1964), and Maureen Patterson's wide ranging and comprehensive *South Asian Civilizations, A Bibliographic Synthesis* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1981). Other resources have been those of the Butler Library at Columbia University, the University of Chicago's South Asia collection of 400,000 items, and the online resources of OCLC, RLIN, the Library of Congress, and the British Library. I have appreciated the assistance of the Asia Society.

#### **On-line databases**

On-line antiquarian book databases and search engines, such as Advanced Book Exchange (abebooks.com), Alibris.com, Antiqbooks.com, Bibliocity.com, Bibliofind.com, and Bookfinder.com, are not only useful for bibliographic purposes, but are changing the entire nature of the book market. Some of them are augmented by active "mailing lists" where dealers and book lovers of all sorts, world-wide, trade

information and opinions with "postings" on every sort of book point, from the minutia of rare book description to issues as large as freedom of speech.

In addition to learning about marketing, I now am studying the long and complex history of the book, bibliographic points such as those of folio pagination of hand printed books, and the lives of great bookmen and women.

My lifelong connection with books is summarized by the words on the façade of my hometown library, the Brooklyn (New York) Public Library, "Here are enshrined the longing of great hearts and noble things that tower above the tide; the magic word that winged wonder starts; the garnered wisdom that has never died."

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## **RESOURCES**

#### **Indiana University East Asian Study Center**

On-line resource available for teaching about Korean history and culture, containing photos with descriptive text and short essays on various areas of culture and society that you can read or listen to. The URL is: <http://www.indiana.edu/~easc/korean/menu.htm>

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