Thank you for your support of the UW Libraries and the Korean Collection at our special event, Booksori.

This year is very special as the UW’s East Asia Library is celebrating its 80th anniversary. The Korean Collection in the East Asia Library began with a small gift of books donated by students and scholars in late 1940s and 50s. Now we are proud to have reached 140,000 volumes, making us the second largest Korean collection in the North America as an academic research library. Much of our holdings are unique and rare publications ranging from the early 20th century through the Korean War. One of the highlights of our special collections are literary books from the Liberation Space (1945-50) era when Korea was going through a very challenging time of history.

Booksori, the monthly book talk program, started with one purpose, which is to share our great book collection with the broader community. I am sure Booksori served more than what I originally expected, bringing the Korean community together through books, discussion and socializing.

Celebrating Booksori’s 50th session in July 2017, I’m inspired, proud, and grateful for your support, friendship and encouragement.

By Hyokyoungh Yi
Head of Public Services at the East Asia Library & Korean Studies Librarian
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We sincerely thank each of Booksori speakers for giving us their time and talent.

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Chong Chun Kim, Hee Ok Park, Yeon Kyoung Jeong, Jong Wook Kim, Soohie Kim, Haejin Cho, Hyeyoon Park

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The group of the Friends was formed in 2016 at the UW Libraries’ Literary Voices event with a mission to kick off the fundraising campaign for the Korean collection at UW. The Friends have been successful raising tens of and thousands of dollars for Korean cataloging and also created strong and enthusiastic community support for our library.

Heija Ryoo is the Korean cataloger at UW Libraries. She has been an enthusiastic advocate of the Korean collection, and a strong supporter of and active participant in the outreach to the Korean community. Heija donated $50,000 to set up a matching fund in 2014 for a total amount of $100,000 to catalog Korean books. Through her hard work as an excellent cataloging librarian, her dedicated community leadership, and her generosity as a donor, Heija is enabling our valuable Korean collection to be preserved for future generations to use and enjoy.

With the fund raised by the Friends, about 2,500 books have so far been added to the Korean collection. The project is almost half-way done and is expected to be completed within the next two years. This project enabled us to discover over 1,500 unique and rare books which can be found only in the UW Libraries besides libraries in Korea. The number will only go up as the project proceeds further. Some titles are so rare that they were not even held by national libraries in Korea.

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