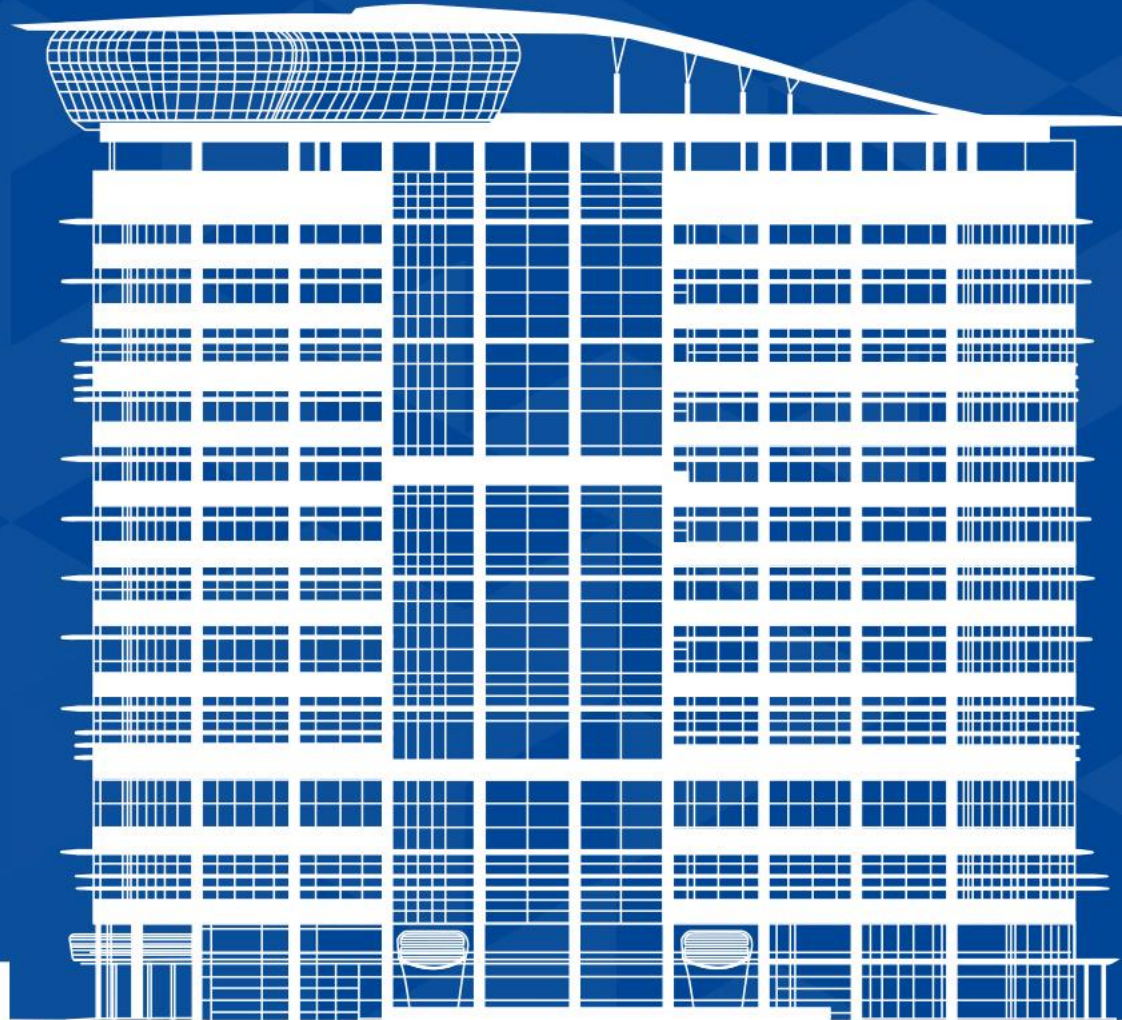


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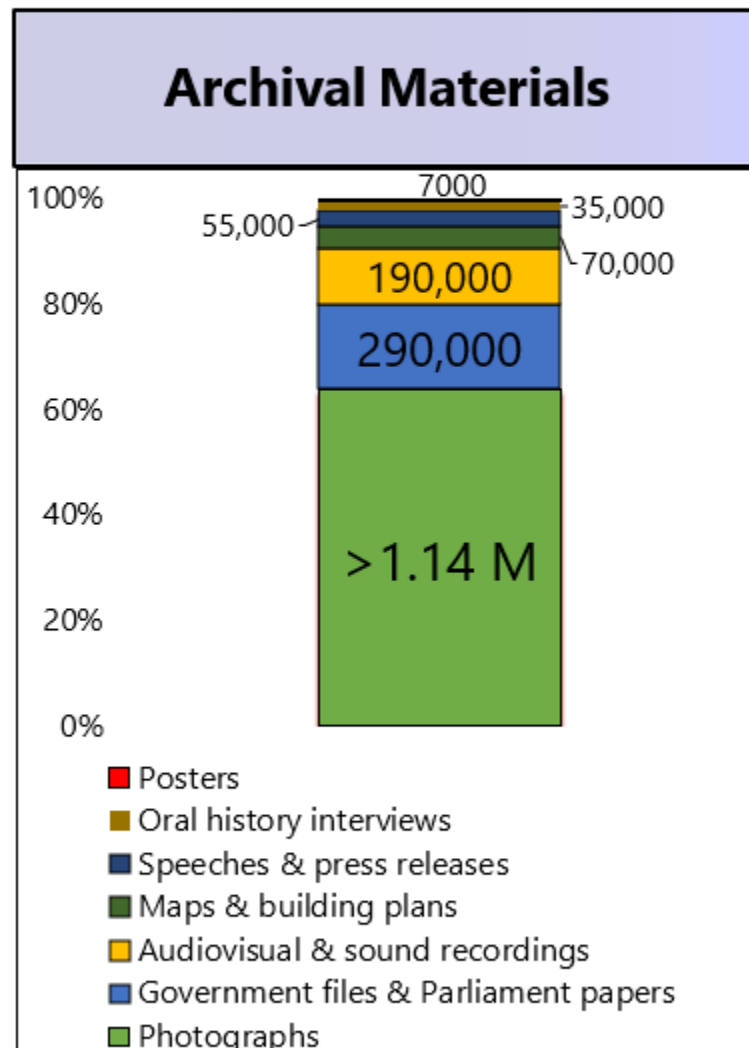
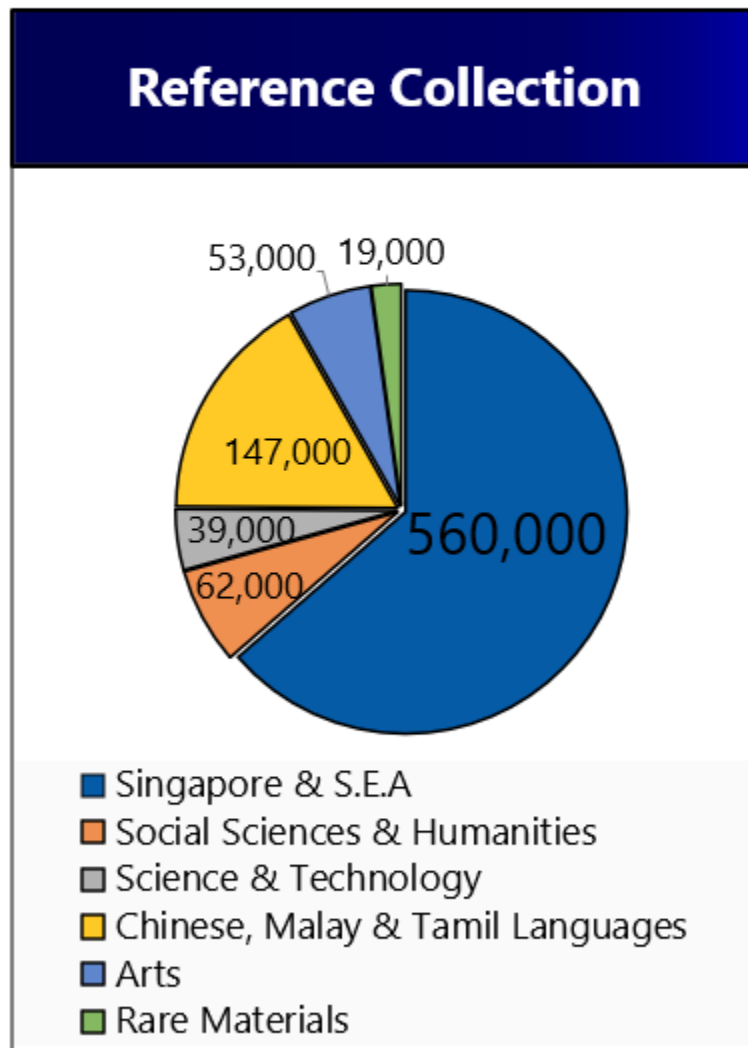
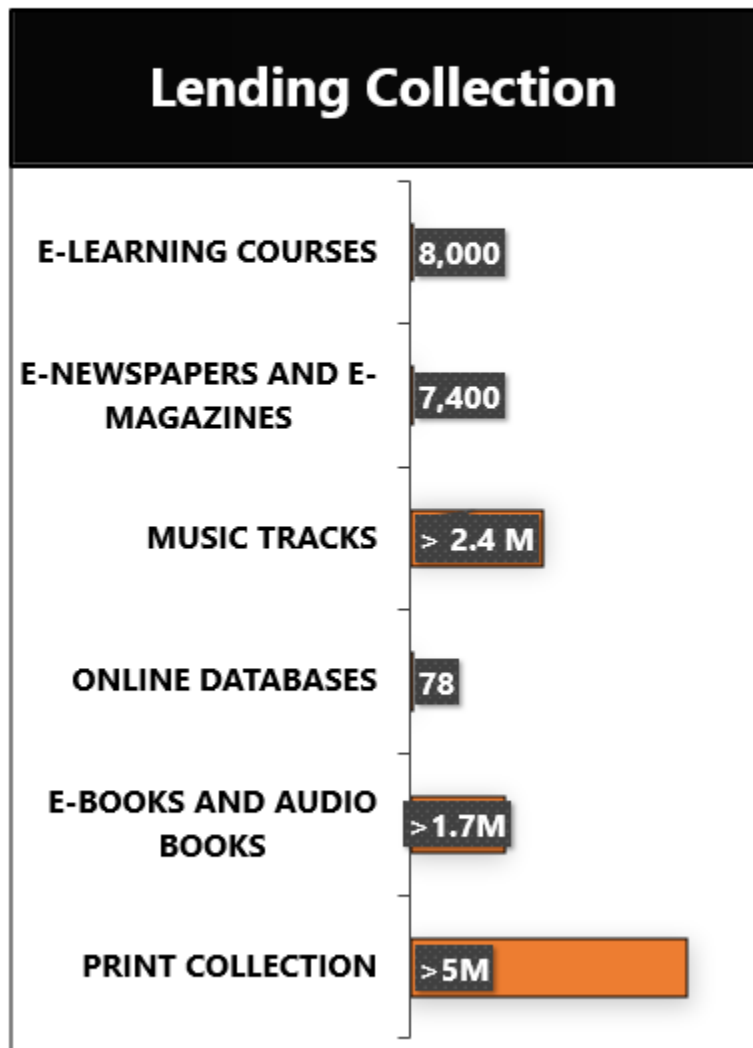


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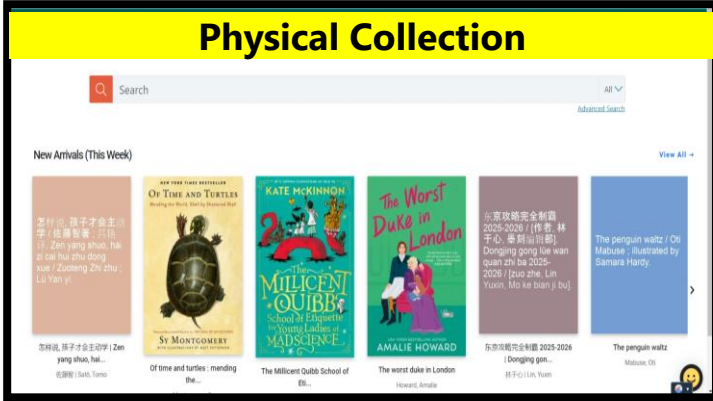
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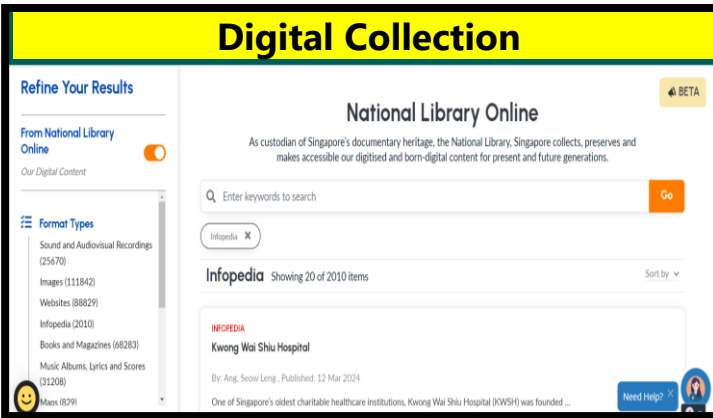
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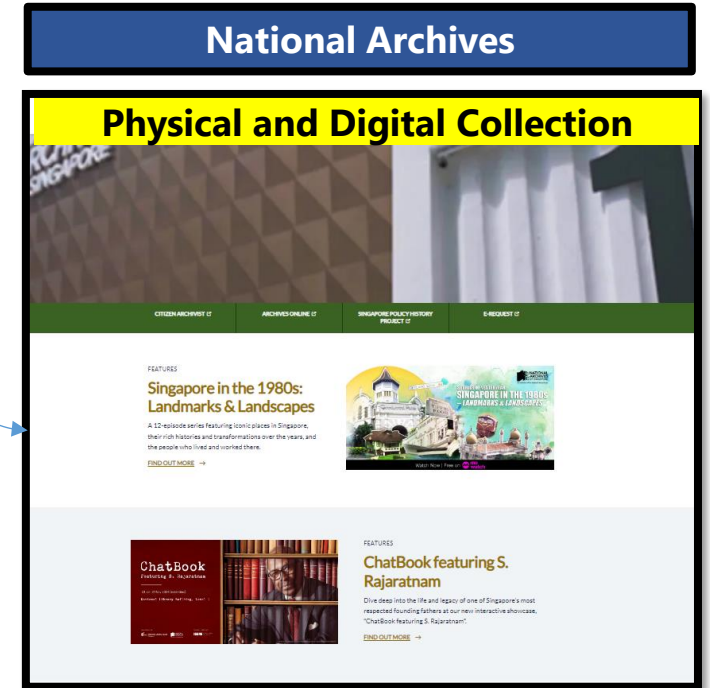
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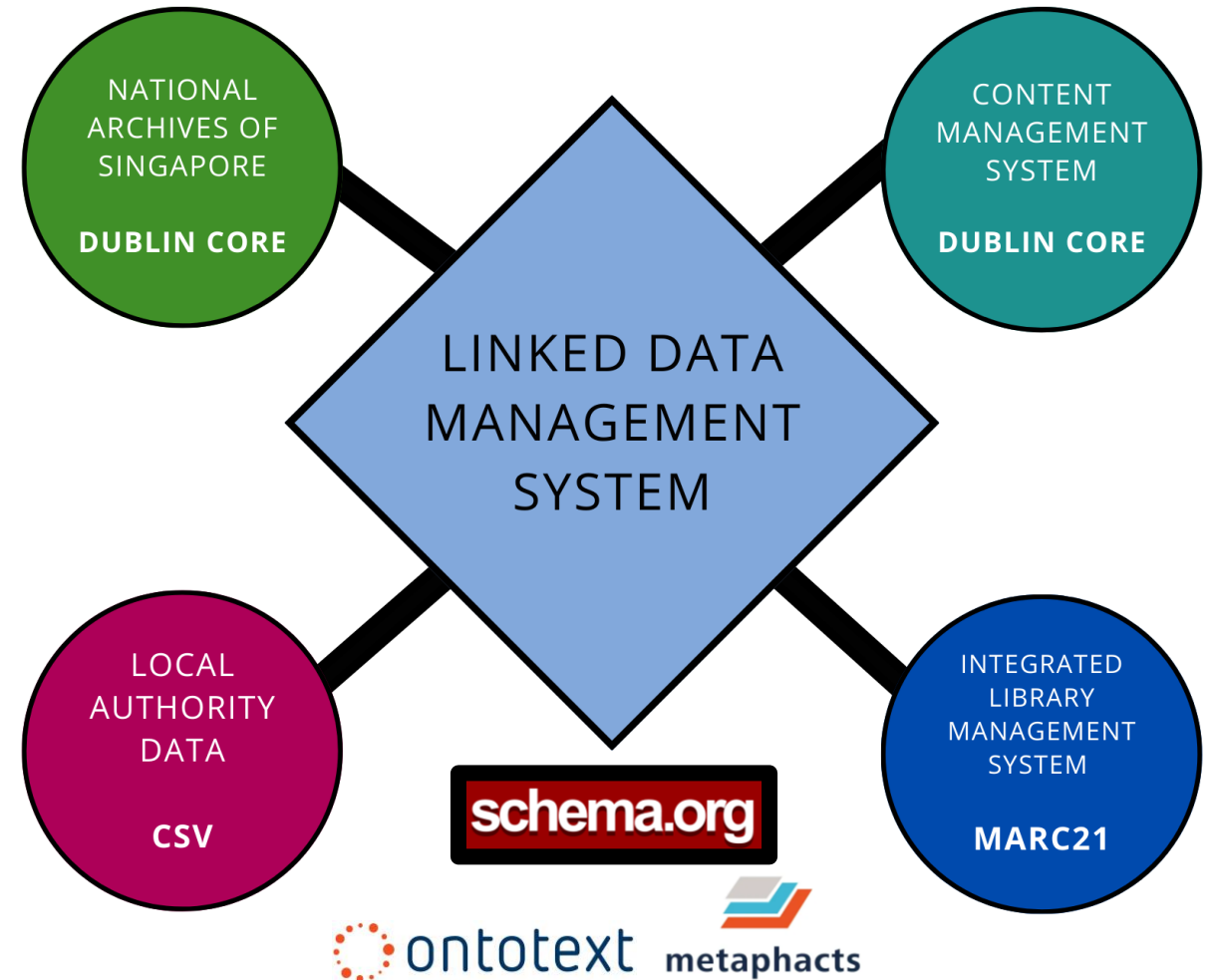
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Contributions

Founding of Singapore

In December 1818, Raffles left Calcutta in search of a new British settlement to replace Malacca. Malacca was one of the many British territories returned to the Dutch under the Treaty of Vienna. Raffles had foreseen that without a strategic British trading post located within the [Straits](#), the Dutch could gain control of Straits trade.² [Raffles arrived in Singapore](#) on board the *Indiana* on 28 January 1819. Accompanied by [William Farquhar](#) and a [sepo](#)y, he met Temenggong Abdul Rahman to negotiate for a British trading post to

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[Stamford Raffles](#) landed in Singapore on 28 January 1819. Travelling on the *Indiana* with a squadron that included the schooner *Enterprise*, he anchored at [St John's Island](#) at 4.00 pm on 28 January 1819 and met with Temenggong Abdul Rahman.¹ The site on the Singapore mainland where Raffles landed is today marked with the [statue of Raffles](#), which is located by the [Singapore River](#) behind [Parliament House](#).²

The event

According to a 13 February 1819 letter written by Raffles, a delegation from Singapore boarded the *Indiana* on 28 January, enquiring about his intentions. Raffles consulted them, asking if the Dutch had authority over the main island, and noted that only the Temenggong held fort there. Later that same evening, Raffles and [William Farquhar](#) went ashore and visited the Temenggong.³ They returned the next morning on the 29th, planted the Union Jack, and continued their discussions with the Temenggong.⁴ Raffles named his landing location South Point.⁵

The Temenggong, a vassal of [Sultan Hussein](#), was consulted and a provisional treaty was agreed upon. Thereafter, the British flag was planted upon Singapore shores, troops were dispatched and instructions left for a fort to be built at what is now known as [Fort Canning Hill](#). Sultan Hussein (Tunku Long) arrived on 1 February, whereupon the trio agreed on a treaty on 6 February. Raffles departed Singapore on 7 February, leaving Farquhar in charge of the inchoate settlement.⁶

Timeline

- 19 Jan 1819: Raffles leaves Penang aboard the *Indiana*, under the command of Captain James Pearl, to establish a new settlement south of Malacca.⁷
- 27 Jan 1819: The *Indiana* rendezvous with the *Discover* and the *Investigator* with Farquhar on board, surveying the possibility of the Karimun islands as new British sites. After discussion, they decide against it and head towards Singapore.⁸
- 28 Jan 1819: The *Indiana* and *Enterprise* anchor at St John's Island. Raffles and Farquhar meet the Temenggong.⁹
- 30 Jan 1819: A draft agreement is penned between the Temenggong and the British, and the Union Jack is raised with little ceremony.¹⁰
- 1 Feb 1819: Sultan Hussein (Tunku Long) arrives from Riau.¹¹
- 6 Feb 1819: The [Singapore Treaty](#) is signed between Raffles, the Sultan and the Temenggong, with commanders from the accompanying seven ships witnessing the event. Farquhar is appointed Resident and Commandant under the authority of Raffles, the Lieutenant-Governor of Bencoolen. The Union Jack is officially raised. This date is recognised as the official founding of Singapore.¹² Controversy has arisen, however, from Raffles's mistake in recording the date of his first landing as 29 February 1819, in his "Statement of the Services of Sir Stamford Raffles" – a date that does not exist because 1819 was not a leap year.¹³

Variant interpretations

Wah Hakim's interpretation

Wah Hakim, a 15-year-old eye-witness to the events, testified that in the morning, Raffles arrived in the company of Farquhar who wore a helmet, and a [Sepoy](#) who carried a musket. They were entertained with fruits, including [rambutans](#), at the Temenggong's home, leaving at about 4.00 pm that afternoon.¹⁴ The British then left, returning 12 days later, but they remained by the shore, living in makeshift attap huts. Tunku Long was found fishing in the Straits of Rhio by two princes, Raja Ombong, the former's kinsman, and Enche Wan Abdullah, both of whom were paid 500 pounds for their effort. Upon his arrival, the Tunku conducted negotiations with Raffles at the Temenggong's residence first, and later at Raffles's, which was located in Padang Senar.¹⁵

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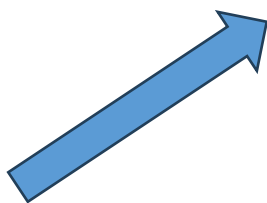
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
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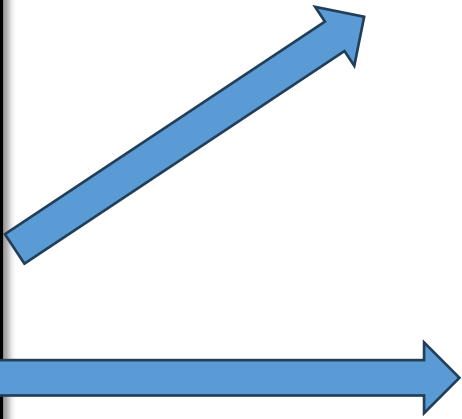
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Lim Tze Peng (林子平) (b. 28 September 1921, Singapore–d. 3 February 2025, Singapore) was an artist and a Cultural Medallion recipient in 2003.¹ Self-taught, Lim started painting in the 1950s when he was a teacher in Xin Min School.² As a result of his strong foundation in Chinese philosophy, art and culture, his paintings are often deeply rooted in tradition and yet exude a contemporary feel.³ He passed away in 2025 at the age of 103 after being hospitalised for pneumonia.⁴

Early life

The eldest of seven children, Lim was born in 1921 in a kampong in Pasir Ris. His parents were farmers who reared pigs and chickens and tapped rubber trees.⁵

Lim was educated at Guangyang Primary School and Chung Cheng High School. It was during this period when his love for Chinese calligraphy and oil painting was cultivated under the tutelage of art teachers such as Lu Heng, Gao Peize, Wong Jai Ling and Yeh Chi Wei. In calligraphy, Lim was much influenced by master calligrapher, Kang Youwei, and Kang's discussion of the aesthetics of Chinese calligraphy in one of his works, *Guang Yi Zhou Shuang Ji* (广艺舟双楫);⁶ Lim's ink paintings, on the other hand, were heavily influenced by Huang Bin Hong.⁷

Lee took up teaching in Xin Min School in 1949. He became the school's principal in 1951 and remained in the position until 1981.⁸

Art works

Lim is known for "Muddled Writing" (糊塗字), his series of calligraphy during the late 2000s, which helmed a new stylistic discourse in which form takes precedence over the meaning of the characters. He was also recognised for his "Colour Calligraphy", which are calligraphic expressions that involve the use of colour pigments – a practice uncommon in traditional Chinese calligraphy.⁹

Lim participated actively in artist field trips around the Southeast Asian region, especially in the 1960s to 1970s with the Ten Men Group.¹⁰ His well-known Bali series was painted during such field trips, mostly in the 1970s and 1980s. The 1970s pieces are recognised by broad washes of opaque, glasslike ink, harmonised with looser compositions as compared to those painted in the 1980s, which are characterised by brisk, deft and definitive lines.¹¹

Lim is also known for his Chinese ink paintings of Chinatown and the Singapore River in the early 1980s, when urban redevelopment focused on these two areas.¹²

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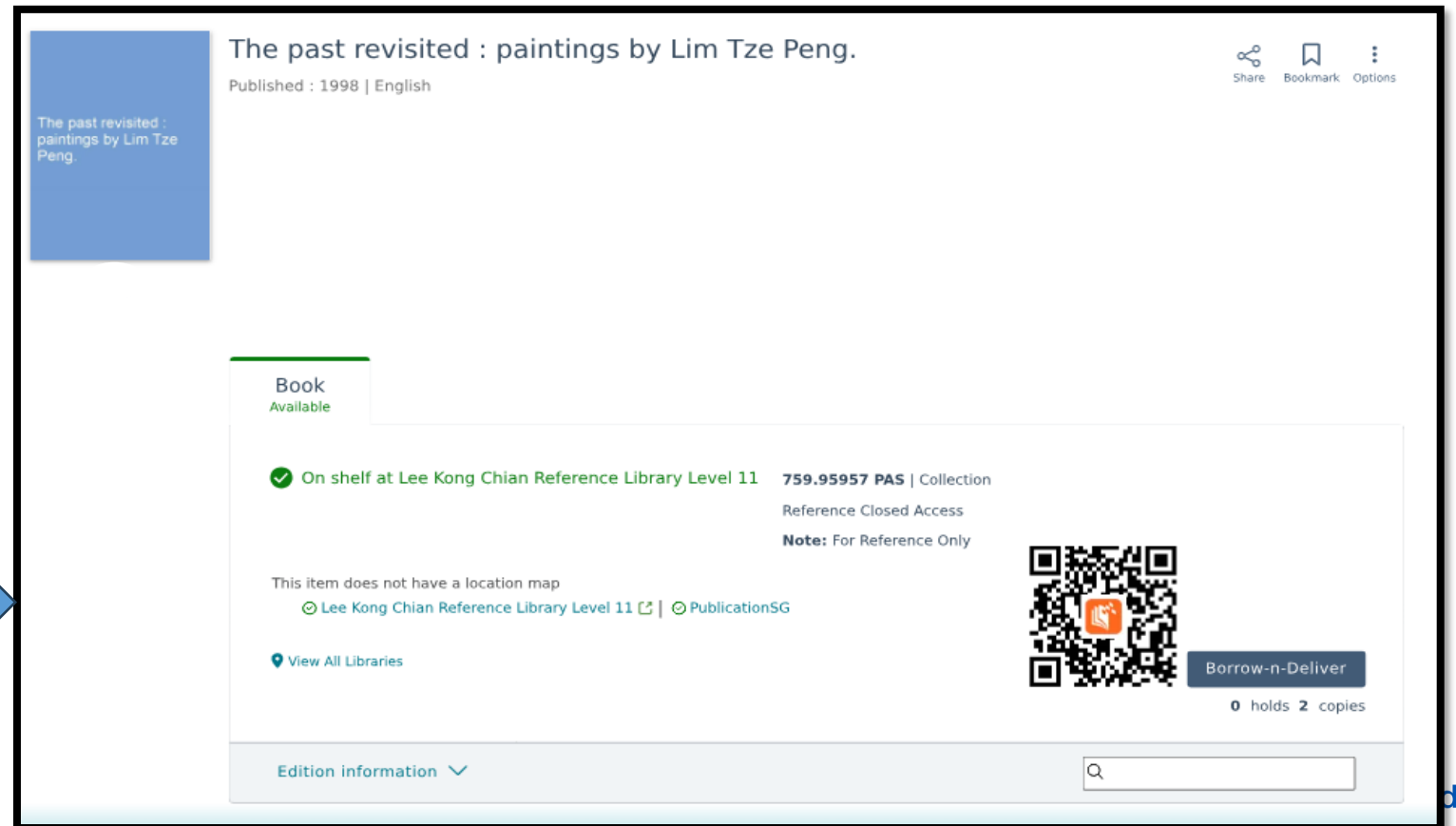
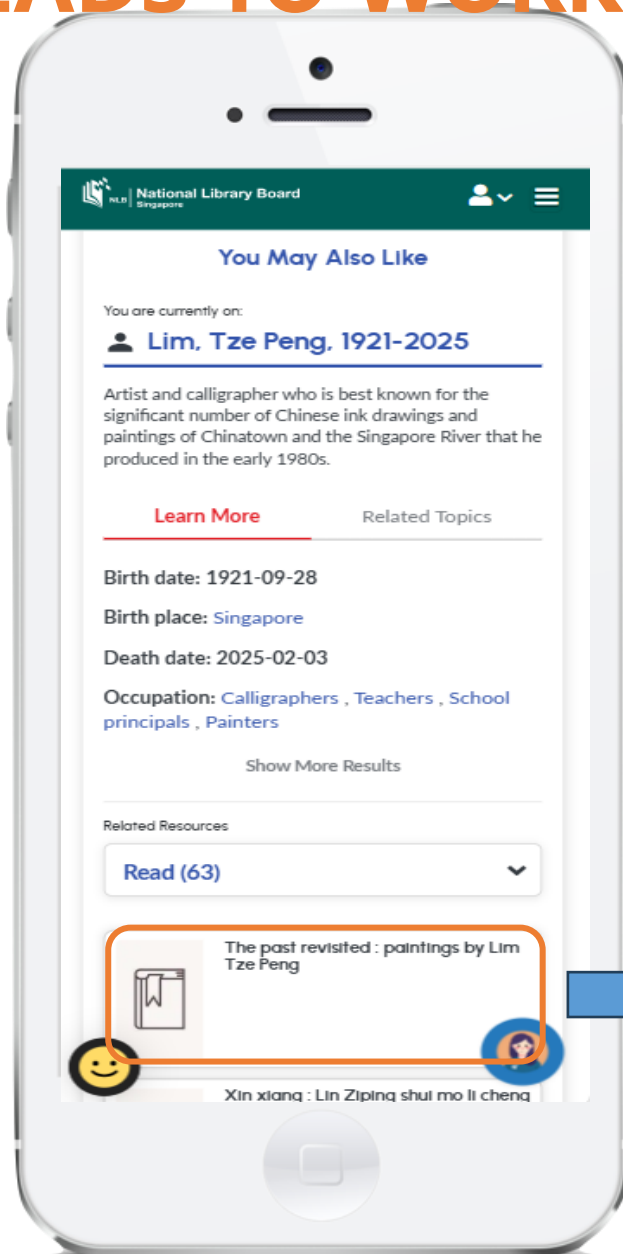
Lim participated in a number of solo and group exhibitions.¹³ His first solo exhibition was held in 1970. Since then, he has exhibited his works widely, both in Singapore and abroad. In 2009, he became the first Singaporean to have a solo exhibition at the National Art Museum of China.¹⁴

Through donations made by Lim and collectors of his art, a large number of his works have entered the Singapore Art Museum and the Nanyang

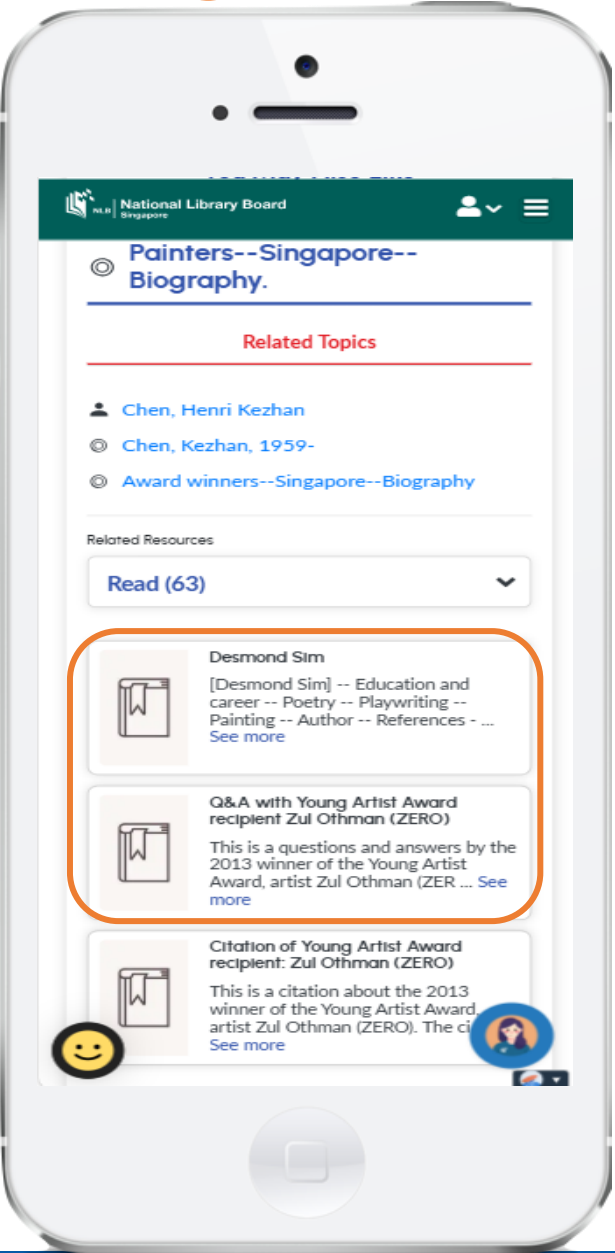
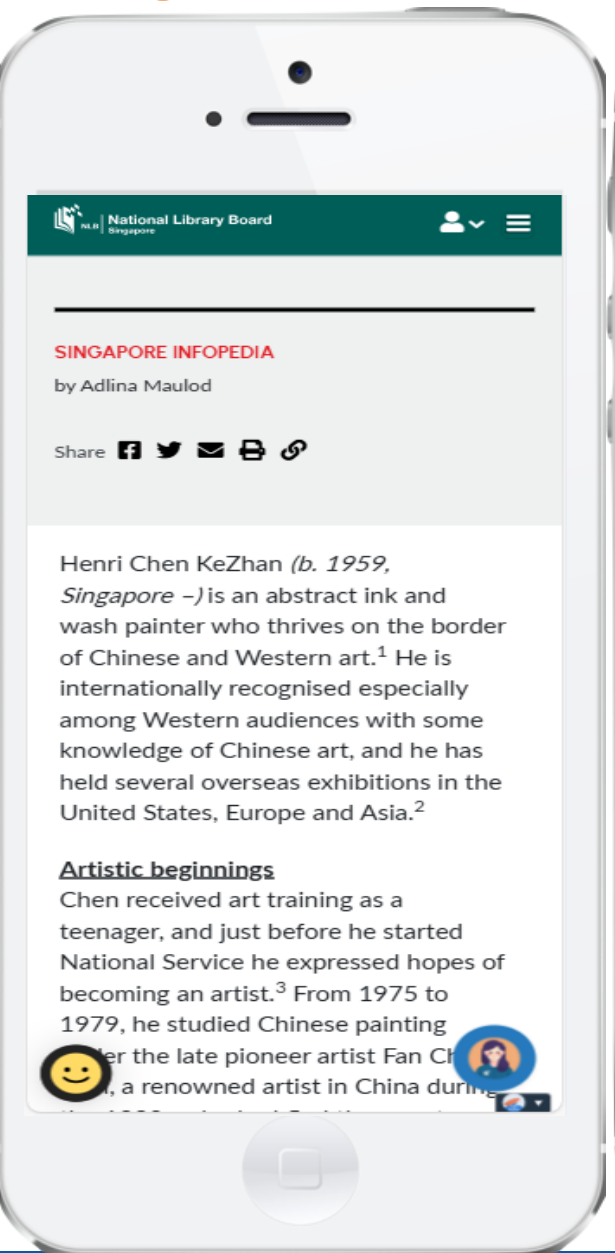
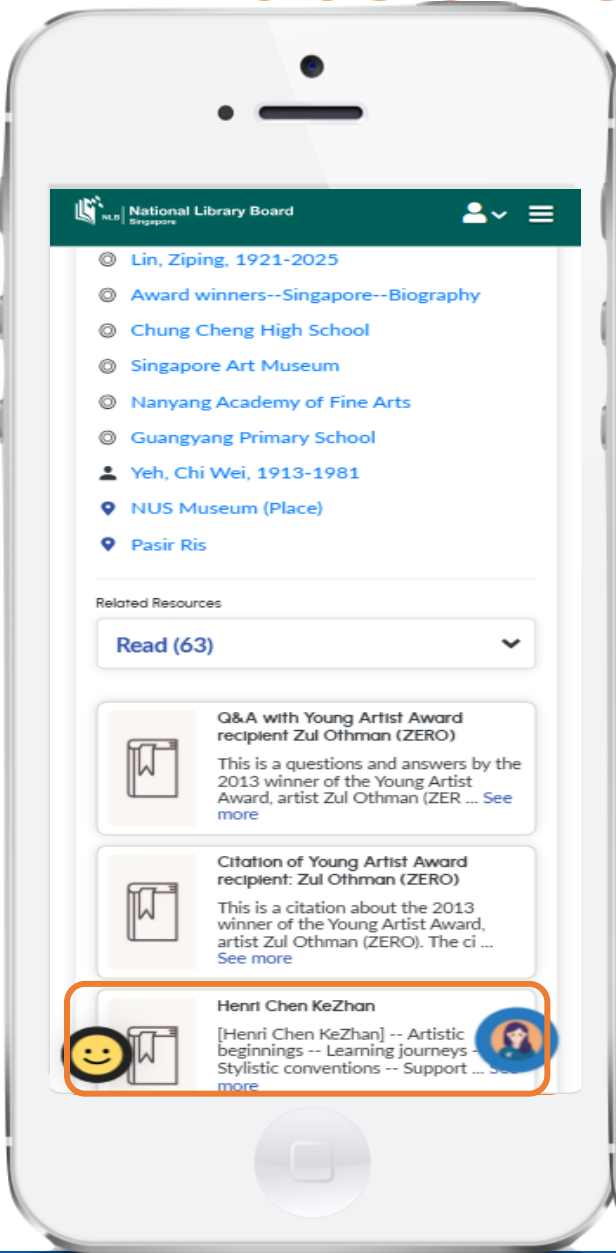
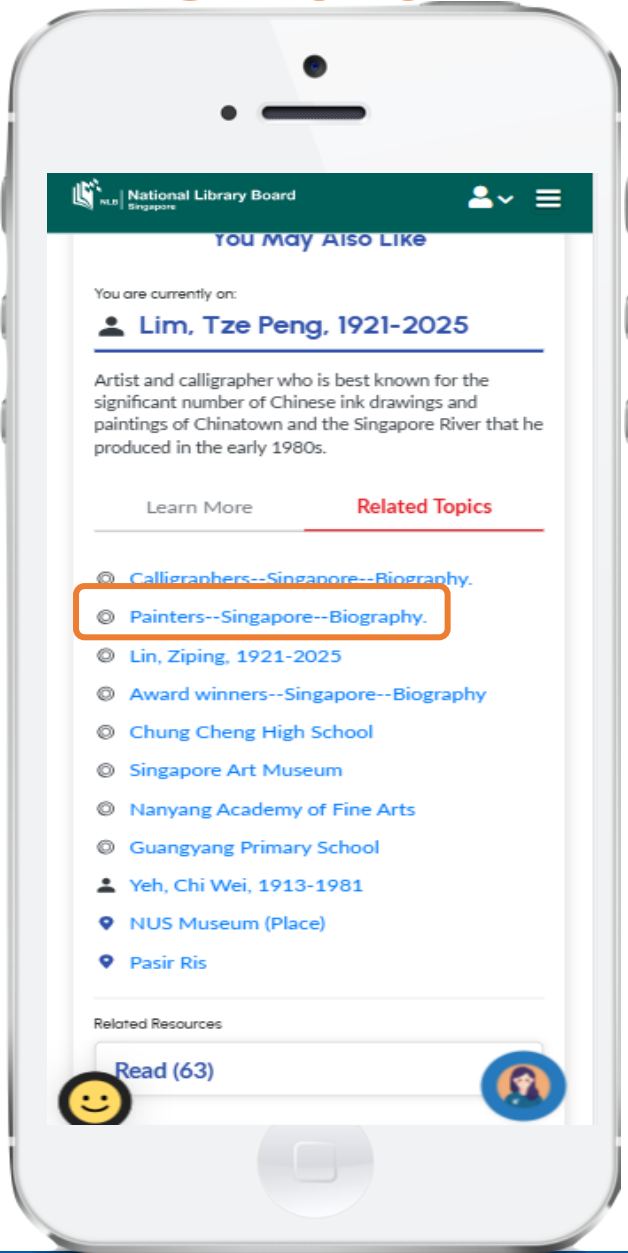
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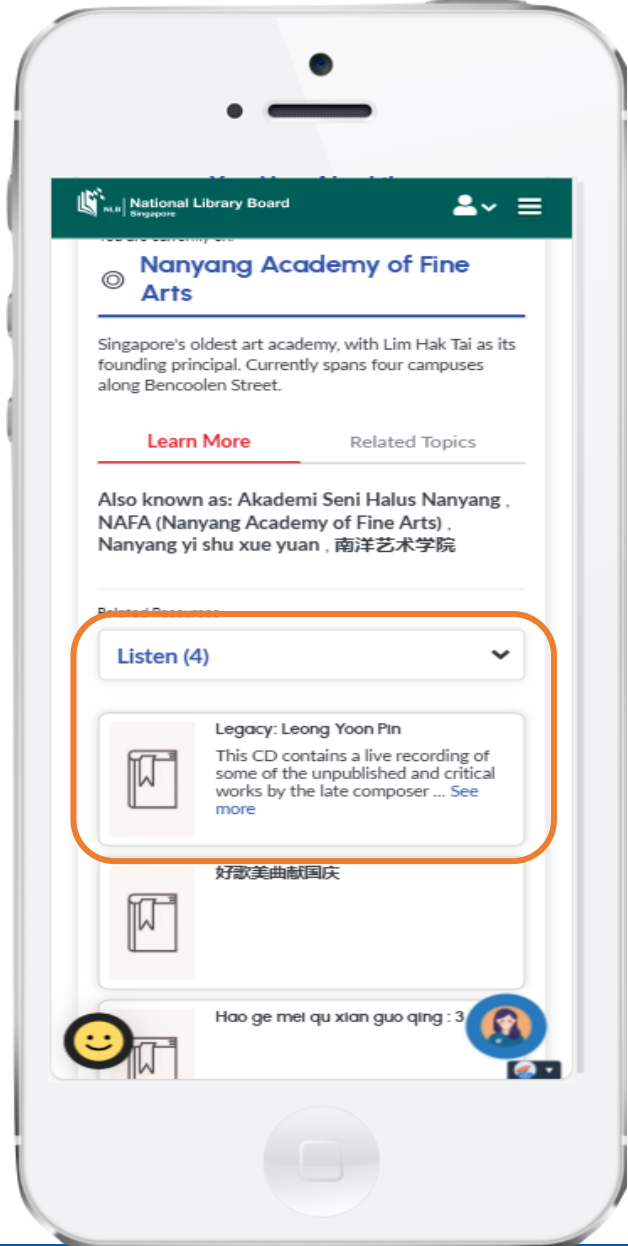
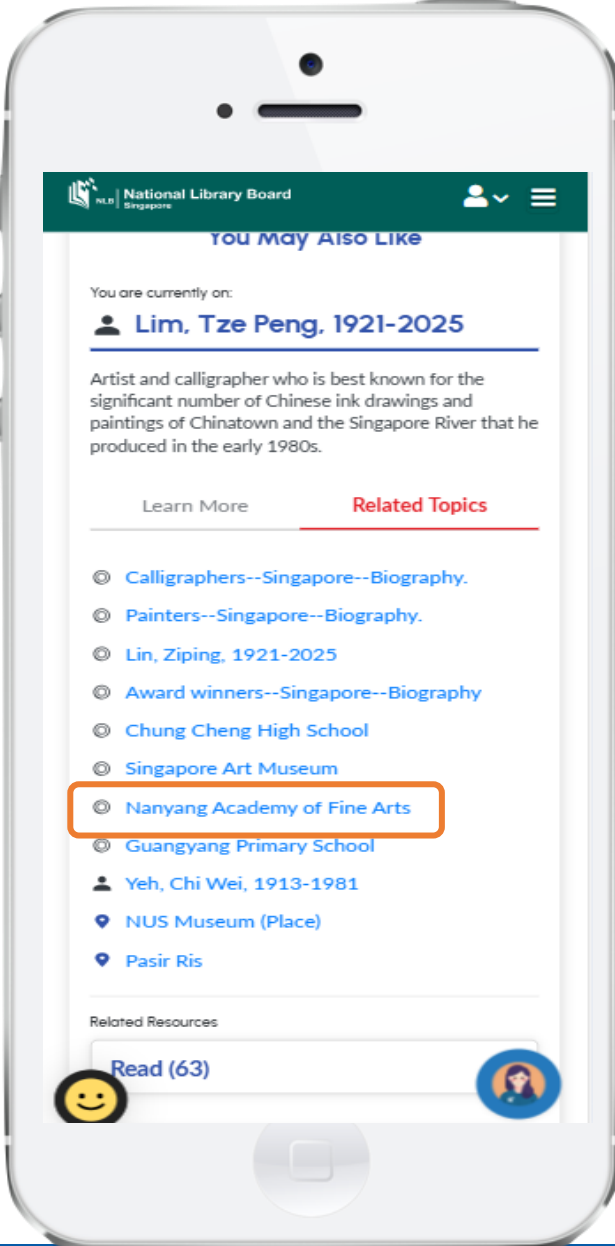
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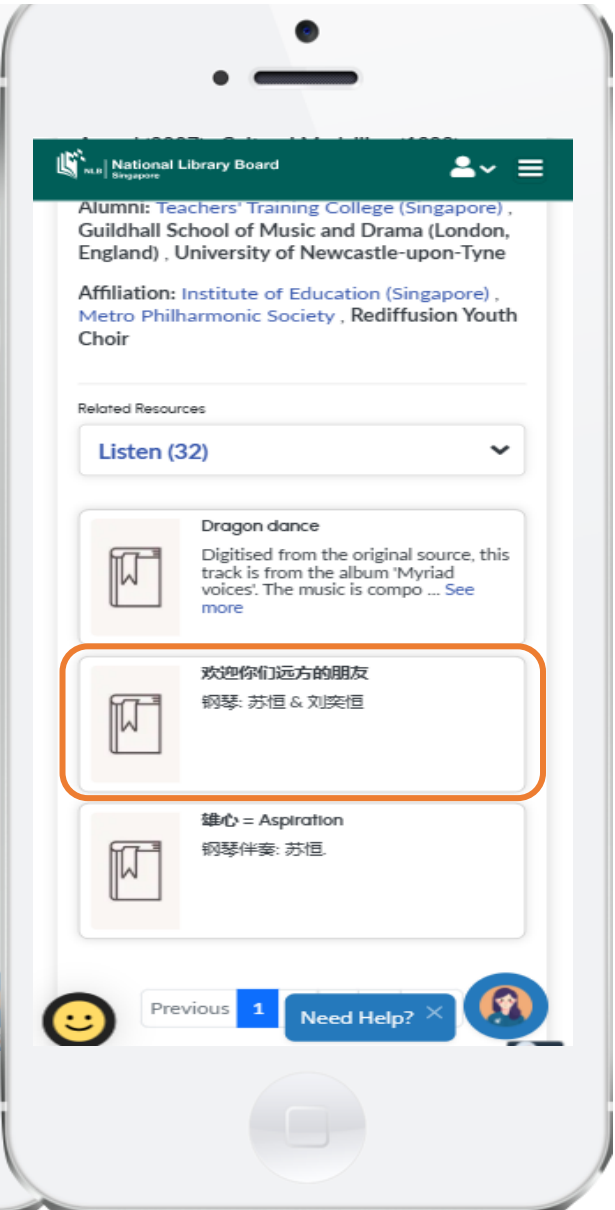
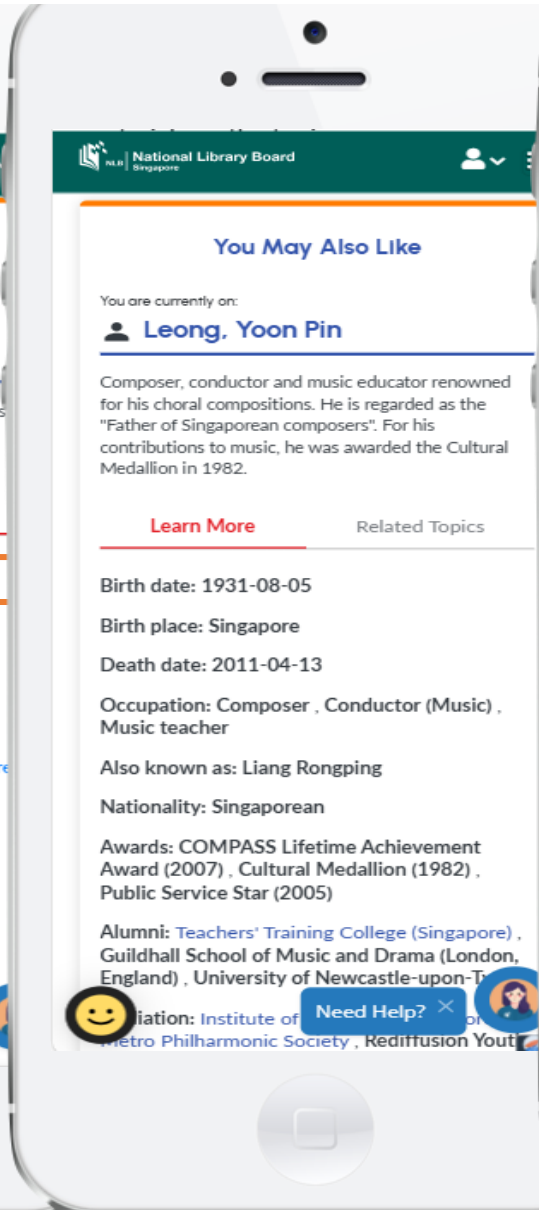
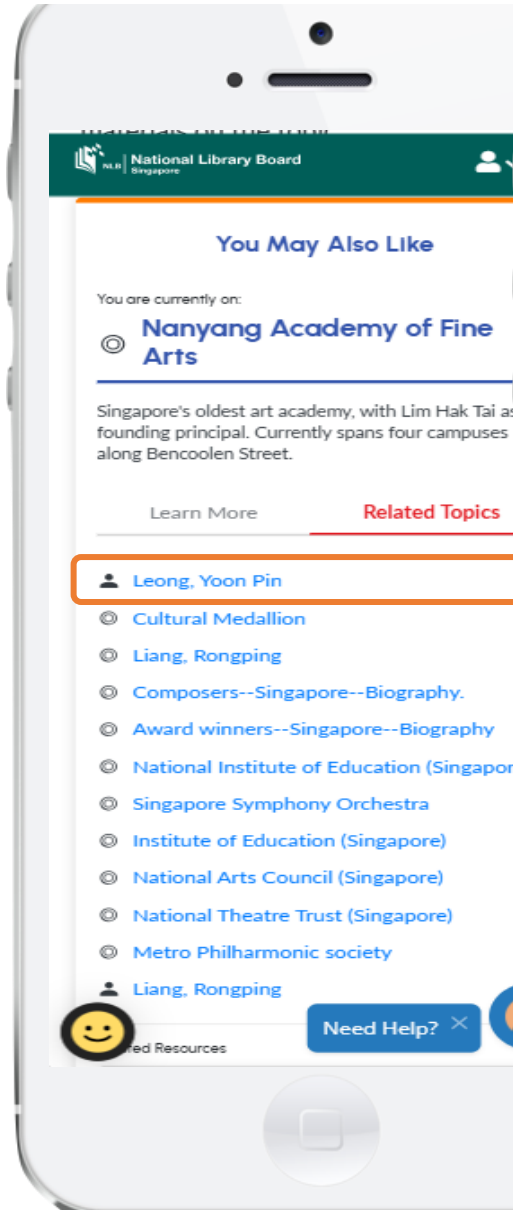
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