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## **Markham Public Libraries Offers Chinese E-Magazines**

Markham Public Libraries (MPL) is pleased to be the first library in Canada to subscribe to Qikan, a comprehensive online database of 200 Chinese magazines. The database is available, free of charge, at any of MPL's six locations or via the Internet through the MPL website [www.markhampubliclibraries.ca](http://www.markhampubliclibraries.ca) using an MPL membership card.

MPL's subscription to Qikan includes 200 full text magazines published in Mainland China, and is searchable by keyword, author or magazine title. Updated daily and with access to back issues, Qikan has something for everyone, whether for leisure reading or research purposes. Magazines include popular and scholarly titles covering topics such as current events, economics, social science, parenting, health, history, education (including children's material), film and literature. Readers can easily choose to view pages in either traditional or simple characters.

Through this subscription, MPL is adding to the resources already available to its Chinese customers, including books, magazines, newspapers, movies, music, CD-ROMs and library programs. Catherine Biss, CEO for Markham Public Libraries states, "We are delighted to add another avenue for our Chinese community to access information in their first language. We hope this will enable the community to make even better use of our library services, for information, inspiration, learning and leisure."

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