From the University Librarian

Alan Alda addresses the opening of the ANU Center for the Public Awareness of Science – Heather is in the front row

HR.

From HR:

Eline is now on leave and no doubt thinking mostly of her wedding and honeymoon. We have wisher her the very best.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us hr.sis@anu.edu.au

Performance and Development (PDP) Please ensure that if you haven't already completed your PDP you do so by 31 March. The PDP process is very important – it ensures staff, their supervisors and managers, have clearly defined performance objectives and expectations consistent with the short and long term priorities of the University. HR has published very useful information online and continues to offer training.

TLCSS leave. Easter leave plans are in the air. Judy has advised the following leave:

Rob – 11 April to 25th April 2016.

Belinda - No leave Easter / on leave 29th April to 2nd May 2016

Alan - 17th to 28th March 2016.

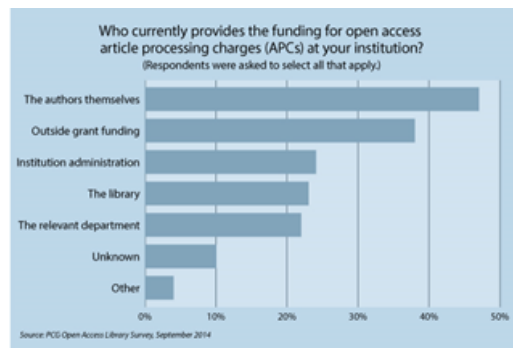Belinda and/or Rob will be undertaking the Courier role in Alan's absence.
From Judy Apps

Coordination group
Collection Co-ordination Group. No reports.

ANU Press & open access
Who pays for open access? John Parsons explores questions around funding of open access, encouraging broad discussion on OA models and practices. His article includes useful statistics.
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Monographs and open access. Geoff Crossick reports on the project he led on this topic for HEFCE. The issues explored are: "What is the place of the monograph and other long-form publications in AHSS disciplines that makes it so important? What is happening to the monograph and is there a crisis as some suggest? What are the issues involved in moving monographs into a digital and OA environment – not just the challenge of effective business models but also many other aspects of sustaining and enhancing the qualities of the monograph? These include third-party rights, technical challenges, licences and the need for international collaboration."
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DOAI. This new service is designed to support open access. This article outlines the scope of the service, and the technology – "database that powers DOAI is BASE, a discovery service run by Bielefeld University that indexes millions of records from repositories and other open sources around the world, and its breadth is impressive".
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Academic journal markets, their limitations, and the consequences for a transition to Open Access: a thought piece. From Jisc, SCONUL, RLUK and ARMA this paper analyses the open access market with a set of conclusions that look like advocacy for further funding for open access.
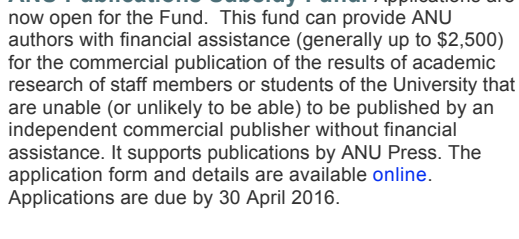» read more

Making OA Monographs Happen: Library-Press Collaboration at the University of Ottawa, Canada. "This partnership between the Library and the Press is a win-win arrangement. It has demonstrated our common alignment with scholarly communication goals by integrating OA strategies with core business activities. It has contributed to the University's goal of providing free and unrestricted access to scholarly research, in particular new monographs. The extent of usage (downloads and views) is an indicator of success, while the extent of sales reveals that there is downstream revenue to be made."
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ANU Publications Subsidy Fund. Applications are now open for the Fund. This fund can provide ANU authors with financial assistance (generally up to $2,500) for the commercial publication of the results of academic research of staff members or students of the University that are unable (or unlikely to be able) to be published by an independent commercial publisher without financial assistance. It supports publications by ANU Press. The application form and details are available online. Applications are due by 30 April 2016.

New publications

Open research @ ANU - Are the Data management web pages up again?
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New in ANU Open Access

· The affine Plateau problem

· Bott periodicity for fibred loop operators

· Small-time compactness and convergence behavior of deterministically and self-normalised Lévy processes

· Enriched Reedy categories

· On the construction of Dirichlet series approximations for completely monotone functions

Australian National Data Service

Data Principles for accessing and using publicly funded data for health research are now out from the NHMRC. The Data Principles are now available on NHMRC website.

Support the #dataimpact campaign

The #dataimpact campaign has kicked off, aiming to promote the real-life impact of research data across Australia.

Online now: our first story of data impact: We'll be adding more soon.

Webinar: Data Management Planning Tools

Thu, 21 Apr, 12:00-1:00pm AEST Register

This webinar, sponsored by ANDS and CAUL, will explore DMP tools reflecting on uptake, incentives, technical requirements and plans for the future. It is the first in a new series exploring the technical infrastructure used to manage data at Australian research institutions.

Speakers:

· Matthias Liffers - Curtin University Library

· Katrina McAlpine- University of Sydney Library

· Maude Frances – University of New South Wales Library
Read more info on DMPs on the ANDS website

Planning. After the Planning sessions, reported in the last newsletter, the SIS Leadership Group has me to discuss what we do next. While a number of the ideas will turn into business as usual activities, a small group of me, Heather, Lorena and Maggie will work on a scoping paper on the philosophy of the library.

Fines. The changes to the instrument have now been made and the accrual rate for fines of non 2 day and 2 hours loan material is $6 a day. ANUSA will be working with us on strategies to reduce lost books.

Trove. The importance of Trove and the NLA was discussed at CAUL this week. A supporting statement from institutions including CAUL and ALIA has been released.
Exciting news for ANU! ANU Archives database is now harvested by Trove with over 2,000 deposit descriptions for NBAC and University Archives on there under 'Diaries, letters, archives'. This is in addition to our 8,000 images harvested from Digital Collections in 'Pictures, photos, objects'. Thanks to Sarah for her persistence with testing, upgrades and Maggie for her constant activity.
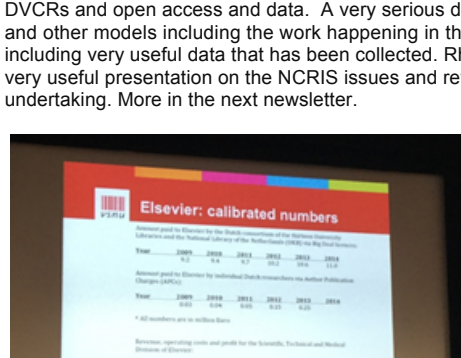
Charles Sturt University visit. The visit this week was a great success with the students learning much about modern academic libraries. Many thanks to heather Jenks, Marianna Pikler; Samantha Jackson; Joanna Longley and Christian West for their work – particularly Heather for her organisation and presentation work.

CAUL news.
· CAUL symposium on Demonstrating and measuring value and impact – Stephen Town opened with a presentation emphasising the importance of the leadership role for advocacy and ensuring "performance" (transformational) – building value. Frankie Wilson of Bodleian Libraries described a quality maturity model she has developed which is available online. The papers will be online, together with recordings shortly. Much discussion about models of evaluation, little on costs and assessment of effectiveness.
· The University of Adelaide Library review – the future of the library report is out now. It provides a very useful framing of education and research needs for the future.
· CAUL met this week – Linda O'Brien gave a report on the meeting of DVCRs and open access and data. A very serious discussion on apcs and other models including the work happening in the Netherlands including very useful data that has been collected. Rhys Francis gave a very useful presentation on the NCRIS issues and review he is undertaking. More in the next newsletter.

2015 Student Experiences Survey. The Minister for Education and Training released on Late the survey results last week. Reports have highlighted the positive experience students have in universities. The Minister noted that "than one in four Australian university students want better support or higher quality learning materials".

Open government. The government is seeking feedback on the open government partnership national action plan – an opportunity to raise issues of access to data and the outputs of funded research."

Review of our information systems and their interconnection. Kent Fitch will be spending some time on an analysis of our systems to assist us to develop proposals for a technology roadmap to improve our service delivery and work. Kent has worked on information management systems at CSIRO, the NLA and on Austlit so he understand the wide range of systems and the need for archival, library and press systems.

Trove and NLA funding. Philip Adams has on Late night live called for funding for Trove as has Peter Fitzsimmons. Hear the segments online.

2016 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap. The government has announced the roadmap terms of reference. Chief Scientist for Australia, Dr Alan Finkel AO will chair the expert group developing the roadmap.

Academic Board. This week Prof Nicholas Glasgow chaired his final meeting as chair of the Board. Issues discussed included:
· A report from the Vice Chancellor including the planning for the strategic plan
· International strategic planning
· An excellent report from ANUSA
· A very good discussion on the PhB including presentations by two students

Building library collections – change and review. Our approach to collections has been challenged by the exchange rate and the complexities of electronic resources – I've written a blogpost which is on the OUPblog.

Copyright.
· Dr Kenneth Crews gave an excellent presentation on Monday of Australia's library and archive exceptions – how do they rate? He covered his very detailed and informative report for WIPO which studied the 188 member countries and found that "...156 of them have at least one statutory library exception, and most of the countries have multiple statutory provisions addressing a variety of library issues…These basic statistics suggest strongly that exceptions for libraries and archives are fundamental to the structure of copyright law throughout the world, and that the exceptions play an important role in facilitating library services and serving the social objectives of copyright law." He noted that most are based on the 1956 UK copyright legislation and few address digital issues. He considers that the exposure draft has many positive features.
· Professor Ian Hargreaves, the author of the UK Hargreaves review spoke on the scope, findings and experiences since the review. The genesis of the review, from the UK Prime Ministers reaction to comments that Google could not have started up in the UK set a context for a business focused review. He talked about the submissions, research and nature of the advisory committee. The alignment of stairs meant that the reforms were legislated relatively quickly, despite late opposition from a number of committees and groups. He encouraged Australia and NZ to continue to explore fair use.
· Due to the pressure of parliamentary business the amendments to the Copyright Act will be delayed.

Roxanne Missingham

Events

Celestial empire exhibition
When? 2 January 2016 to 22 May 2016,
Where? National Library of Australia

Readings

A Day in the Life of a (Serious) Researcher: Envisioning the Future of the Research Library. New from Ithaka this report highlights:

· The challenges of discovery

· Space in an environment where many work from outside the library, and many require quiet spaces

· new information technologies, curating larger and more diverse and distributed collections

· connecting researchers to other sources of support on campus

· expertise for open-access publishing

· and more!
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The Archival Advantage: Integrating Archival Experience into Management of Born-Digital Library Materials. Jackie Dooley has written this new work from OCLC which gives us much to consider.
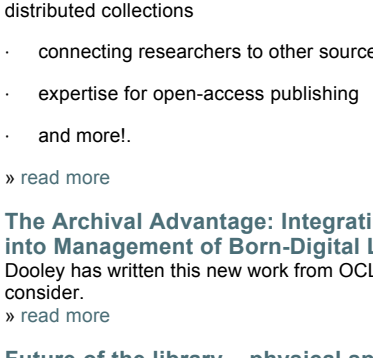» read more

Future of the library – physical spaces. "Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) hosted a discussion on "The Future of the Library" as part of the Eugene McDermott Award in the Arts at MIT. The award is given to a prominent artist in any field who embodies MIT's commitment to risk-taking, problem solving, and connecting creative minds across disciplines. This year's winner, David Adjaye (pronounced Ad-jay), OBE, is an architect who views libraries and other civic buildings as transformative and transforming spaces."
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20 cost questions for digital preservation. A very useful piece of analysis from MetaArchive Cooperative.
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Getting to the Bottom Line:
20 Cost Questions for Digital Preservation

Small university presses in Canada. Natalie Simson's article "Standing out in the world of scholarly publishing" looks at the success and change in a number of Canadian university presses – while you would expect Athabasca University Press to be a very strong open access press, others may surprise you with their innovative approaches and learning from the commercial sector.
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Competition between islands in the Hebrides. "Shetland Library and Orkney Library in Scotland love nothing more than a bit of back-and-forth. The most recent example came on March 4, when Shetland started bragging on Twitter about its appearance in the BBC crime drama Shetland. Undeterred, Orkney hit back that night when Shetland aired. The whole back-and-forth carried on for a while, BBC Scotland got involved, and then author J. K. Rowling showed up in Orkney for a book reading (after being tempted with lemon drizzle cake)."
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Library Assessment Conference 2014 Proceedings. The proceedings from this conference, held in Seattle are now online.
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"Big Publishers, Bigger Profits: How the Scholarly Community Lost the Control of Its Journals". Provocative, suggesting failure of scholarly communication, much to digest. Written by Vincent Larivière, Stefanie Haustein, and Philippe Mongeon.
» read more

A quest for deeper meaning of research support. The IFLA ARL committee have brought a good range of papers together in this book. Studies describe the expansion of research support services such as bibliometrics, systematic reviews, data management, digital preservation and curation, Open Access and open journal publishing.
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White paper: using bibliometrics in evaluating research. David A. Pendlebury of Thomson Reuters has written this useful summary of metrics.
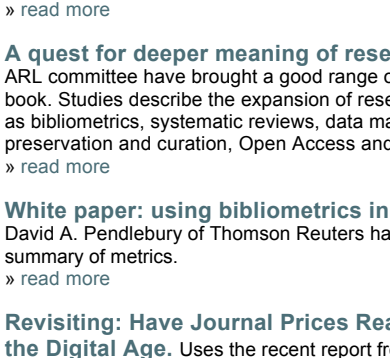» read more

Revisiting: Have Journal Prices Really Increased Much in the Digital Age. Uses the recent report from Paula Gantz on what's often used to measure prices vs. what is actually driving increases in expenditures. You will find much to disagree with and some ideas that will stimulate you to think deeply.
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Google Scholar Citations, ResearchGate, Mendeley, and ResearcherID: many scholarly mirrors for a single ego. Martin, Enrique Orduna-Malea and Emilio Delgado López-Cózar's blog post discusses the advantages and disadvantages of major metrics systems with their disadvantages and advantages.
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From the UK.

The Value of Libraries for Research and Researchers. Commissioned by RLUK and RIN. "sets out the key characteristics and behaviours of libraries, and the links between them and the performance of individual researchers and institutions. The detailed findings are thus presented in the form of ten stories – summarised in the map – about the different kinds of value that libraries provide in supporting both individual researchers and the research performance of their host institutions."
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· Library provision attracts the third highest positive score on the national student survey

o Library satisfaction is strongly correlated with institution sizes

o The strongest predictors of overall library satisfaction, after institutional size are the percentage of library staff who are professionally qualified, followed by the level of library spending.
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Linked data. A good set of presentations filmed by Geoscience Australia:
Talk 1: Linked Data: what exactly is to be linked and how
Talk 2: What might Geoscience Australia do with Linked Data
Talk 3: Generating and using Linked Data

The RADAR Project—A Service for Research Data Archival and Publication. An interesting approach in Germany – its goal "to establish an interdisciplinary research data repository, which is sustained by research communities and supported by a stable business model". Big questions about the sustainable model required.
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· **Research Library Partnership meeting.** The slides from the meeting held in Melbourne in December 2015 are now online.
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· **Research Update at ALA midwinter 2016.** Slides and videos of presentations by presented by Eric Childress; Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Jeff Mixter and Karen Smith-Yoshimura given at the event are now online.
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