Dr Pipal Engly donates material from the Royal family of Cambodia to the library

HR.
From HR:

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

Performance and Development (PDP) All PDP's should now have been completed. 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.

Coordination groups
Co-ordination Group. No reports.

ANU Press & open access

ANU Press Review. Geoff Crossick, Amy brand (MIT Press) and Andrew Stammer will conduct a review of the ANU Press. The Press has done a wonderful job for 12 years and we look to the review for revitalised directions. You can find the terms of reference and information about the review online.
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Flipped payment model. The topic of the year – a new crusade. The model is based on publishers receiving revenue from universities based on how much is published that their academics have authored rather than buying journals. Sounds like Finch reinterpreted on a bigger scale. Guaranteeing funding to publishers, incentivising volume not quality. Really?
· The principles – OA2020 initiative
  » read more
· Converting Scholarly Journals to Open Access: A Review of Approaches and Experiences. A project of the Harvard Library Office for Scholarly Communication – consultation on "flipping"
  » read more

Wellcome Trust and COAF Open Access Spend, 2014-1. Some highlights:
· hybrid publishing is the most expensive model.
· OA journals published by subscription publishers tend to have higher APCs the "born digital"
· Elsevier is the most expensive publisher
· 392 articles for which the Wellcome paid an APC were not available OA "In financial terms this equates to around £765,000. Spending this level of money – and not having access to the article in the designated repository – is clearly unacceptable."
· Wiley had 50% non-compliance
· There were many examples of papers where the licence cited on the PMC article was different to the licence cited on the publisher web site.
· They will be "developing" a more detailed set of principles and requirements which have to be met before we regard a journal to be compliant."
· They will still fund hybrid journals for now...
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VSNU Wiley Completely crazy. "Elsevier negotiated out a ceiling percentage of 30% open access articles in 2018 that are to be published in a selection of journals both parties still have to agree upon...the agreement leaves it up to the universities to decide which papers of which scholars are eligible for publication in open access and which are not. (There are more pleasant tasks for university administrators.) In 2018, a reassessment of the situation will be made by both parties to see which further steps toward OA – if at all – will be taken...'All things considered, the deal between VSNU and Wiley is not such a giant leap forward in making open access the default option in academic publishing in the Netherlands. One could even argue that it is a step backward, favouring hybrid over 'pure' gold and thereby frustrating the new OA policy of science funder NWO that explicitly discourages publishing in hybrid journals. One can only guess what lies behind this strange state of affairs.
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The costs and benefits to the research community of Open access. Alma Swan provides this, which much reflects the UK bias. Interesting paper with a number of unwritten and written assumptions. The first is that the average Gold payment is the one that would be applied by all publishers for all articles – there is no test of this assumption. Note the alternative would be to assume that publishers will want to maintain and increase this revenue which would lead to increased OA fees. The second is implied that Gold OA is the only way forward. Is that true? The assumption about publisher approaches for cost models limits the value of this paper.
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University redux. This conference brought together nine presses and gave the opportunity for discussion about models and challenges.
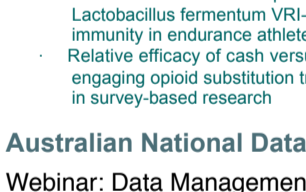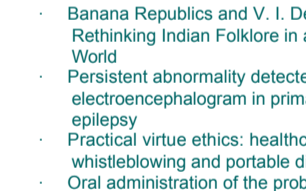» read more

Should all papers be free? Kate Murphy reflects in this article in The New York Times which has stimulated much discussion. She takes some time to consider Alexandra Elbakyan's downloading for millions of documents and placing them in Sci-Hub and scholarly paywalls. She then works through some of the economics of publishing, finder open access policies and SHARE and CHORUS. 'Possibly the biggest barrier to open access is that scientists are judged by where they have published when they compete for jobs, promotions, tenure and grant money. And the most prestigious journals, such as Cell, Nature and The Lancet, also tend to be the most protective of their content.'
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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

New in ANU Open Access
· Banana Republics and V. I. Degrees: Rethinking Indian Folklore in a Postcolonial World
· Persistent abnormality detected in the non-ictal electroencephalogram in primary generalised epilepsy
· Practical virtue ethics: healthcare whistleblowing and portable digital technology
· Oral administration of the probiotic Lactobacillus fermentum VRI-003 and mucosal immunity in endurance athletes
· Relative efficacy of cash versus vouchers in engaging opioid substitution treatment clients in survey-based research

Australian National Data Service
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

The #dataimpact campaign has been launched by ANDS to promote the real-life impact of research data across Australia. Have you worked on or heard about Australian projects that have:
· measurably improved health or education outcomes
· influenced local, state or even national policy making
· saved public money or improved efficiency
· protected Australian wildlife
· led to an increase in animal populations
· led to some other tangible (and preferably measurable) positive impact for Australian communities or the environment?

If so, please let us by submitting your story?
The first story of real-life data impact (including a video kindly supplied by the Sax Institute) is now online. More will be added soon - will yours be one of them?

If you are on Twitter or Facebook, please support the campaign by using the hashtag #dataimpact when referring to the benefits of Australian research and research data.

What's the value of research data?

The ANDS webpage "The value of research data" contains facts, figures, reports and links relating to the economic value of research data to Australia.

Value and Impact of the European Bioinformatics Institute, co-written by Victoria University's John Houghton (author of previous ANDS reports on the value of research data). The Institute provides freely available molecular data and services to scientists around the world - and the report has relevance to sharing data in an Australian context.

Planning. After the Planning sessions, we are working on a proposal to develop working group to enable us to discuss future directions that may include:
o Physical space needs "my library/reading room"
o Digital and physical collections and discovery "my stuff"
o The library and archive as a gateway to other collections "my shared stuff"
o 21st century research/scholarly communication skills "my success as a researcher"
o Publishing "my research career"
o Digital services and skills "my technology".

Do consider the area you are most interested in and watch out for more news about our planning process – everyone will be invited to participate.

Annual report The SIS annual report is now online. In addition to highlighting our achievements in 2015 the ANU Library cancelled resources 2015 list is available online. The reports have been forwarded to the Library Advisory Committee members, Deans, Deputy Vice Chancellors, Directors and the Executive Director, Administration and Planning.

Alumni access. Last year access to 57 subscribed databases, journal collections and books was launched in late November. Use in February was over 10,500 downloads, an increase of over 23 per cent compared to January 2016.

CAUL news.
· All presentations from the symposium on Demonstrating and measuring value and impact are now online. View versions are coming soon.
· Presentations from the meeting are available from the meeting page (after login)
  · Towards an eResearch Framework (Rhys Francis, 17/3/16)
  · Scholarly Publishing: Radical Change Needed (Robert Gerrity, 18/3/16)
  · Shaping the research information ecosystem (Linda O'Brien, 17/3/16)
  · Leveraging negotiations through your University Executive - Subscription Review and Cancellation Program 2015 (Greg Anderson, 18/3/16)
  · CEIRAC issues (Philip Kent, 18/3/16)
  · CAUL Achievement Award Presentation by Stephen Cramond (17/3/16)

Smart infrastructure is the future! The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities tabled the Smart ICT Report on the inquiry into the role of smart ICT in the design and planning of infrastructure on 15 March. Recommendations include:
· The Smart Infrastructure Task Force be given responsibility for the national coordination of protocols and standards relating to infrastructure data and the development of an obsolete library.
· The National Archives of Australia be given the resources to oversee the development of a whole-of-government infrastructure data strategy.
· Government gives greater recognition to the capacity of new technologies and systems to enhance the operation of emergency management and disaster planning and remediation.

Research Infrastructure. The Minister of Education has announced the membership of the group headed by **Chief Scientist Alan Finkel** that will set the direction of research infrastructure for the next decade. The members of the working group are Professor Finkel, Edwina Cornish (Monash U), Andrew Cuthbertson (CSL), Sandra Harding (JCU), Rosie Hicks (Australian National Fabrication Facility), Suzanne Miller (Queensland Museum Network), Adi Patterson (ANSTO) Andy Pitman (ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science), ARC chair Aidan Byrne and NHMRC chief Anne Kelso are ex officio members.

Research impact experts. Specialist working groups for the engagement and impact assessment measures to run with the 2018 Excellence for Research in Australia project have been announced. A Technical Working Group and Performance Incentives Working Group have been formed.

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· Jessica Coates has uploaded the videos from the 2016 ADA Forum on their YouTube channel. The program is available from the Forum webpage to help you select the speakers you wish to listen to.

ALIA journals. Australian Library Journal (ALJ) will be renamed the Journal of the Australian Library and Information Association (JALIA) from 1 January 2017 and ALIA will cease to publish Australian Academic and Research Libraries (AARL). The aim of the new journal will be to combine the strengths of ALJ and AARL in one title. JALIA will provide a balance of content from LIS researchers and practitioners. The journal will be both print and online, with articles, book reviews and further online content eg video abstracts, blogs. The majority of articles will be double-blind peer-reviewed.:

Roxanne Missingham

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

Innovations in the Parliamentary Library
When? 27 April 2016, 12:30-1.30 pm
Where? Ferguson Room, National Library of Australia
Abstract: The Parliamentary Library has recently recruited a Library Innovation Manager. The Parliamentary Library recognises that this is an important strategic position that has a significant information technology component. Liz Luchetti, Assistant Secretary, Library Collections and Databases Branch and Sam Spencer, Library Innovation Manager, will talk about past, present and future Library innovation and demonstrate their favourite innovative products that enhance the delivery of library services - the new parliamentary handbook data management system and the news services currently available via the mobile Web@Work app. In addition they will provide some tips on how to engage staff in the innovation process.

Readings
RLUK2016. Some presentations from the Research Libraries UK conference are now online:

· Marcus Munafo, University of Bristol – a quote: highest correlation is between journal impact factors and retraction rates
· Lord David Willetts, Resolution Foundation

The Journal Editors Definitive Guide to Digital Publishing. Now out from Scholastica.
» read more

Seven things every researcher should know about scholarly publishing. Alice Meadows and Karin Wulf have written a blog post well worth reading. What are the seven?
1. The ecosystem
2. "Scholarly Hygiene"
3. Business models
4. Peer review
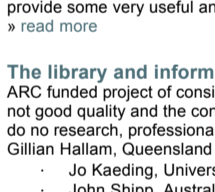5. Metrics
6. Tools
7. Licenses and Copyright
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The Language of Information Literacy: Do Students understand? Based on a study of 773 university students, this paper, now out in preprint, by Gayle Schaub and others from Grand Valley State University is worth reading. One of the interesting findings "It is clear from the results of this survey that library instruction does not significantly enhance student understanding". Calls for librarians to work more closes with faculty (academics) to reinforce terms in classes and course instruction.
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Accessibility and Usability for web publications. The recording from the recent Library Publishing Consortium webinar featuring Katya Pereyaslavska, Visiting Program Officer for Accessibility and Universal Design at the Association of Research Libraries, is now available to stream on the (ARL's) YouTube channel.
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LC removes "Illegal aliens" as a subject heading. The heading will be replaced by two headings, "Noncitizens" and "Unauthorized immigration,".
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Public libraries UK - BBC investigation finds 8,000 library jobs lost in six years. The BBC article is here – it found the amount of volunteers in use in libraries has almost doubled since 2010, rising from 15,861 to 31,403. In this time, the number of paid staff fell from 31,977 to 24,044, which is a drop of 25% for the 182 libraries that provided comparable data. The Taskforce has recently published a draft document Libraries Deliver outlining its vision for the public library network.
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Library Leadership for the Digital Age. Deanna Marcum's recent lecture. She suggests key capabilities/ actions include:
1. Building a comprehensive digital strategy that can be shared broadly and repeatedly across the organization.
2. Embedding digital literacy across the organization.
3. Renewing focus on business fundamentals
4. Embracing the new rules of customer engagement.
5. Understanding global differences in how people access and use the Internet.
6. Developing the organization's analytical skills.
7. Focusing on the customer experience.
8. Developing leaders with skill sets that bridge traditional and digital expertise.
9. Paying close attention to cultural fit when recruiting digital leaders.
10. Understanding the motivations of top talent.
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The Enduring Landscape of Online Subject Research Guides. Rebecca Jackson and Kristine K. Stacy-Bates analyse two related studies: data collection on characteristics of online subject guides at academic ARL libraries, and a survey of heads of reference at the same group of libraries concerning policies and practices for writing, maintaining, and promoting subject guides.
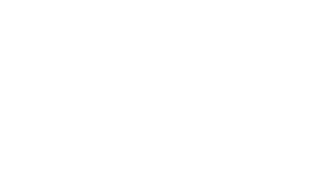» read more

Taking a Fresh Look: Reviewing and Classifying Reference Statistics for Data-Driven Decision making. Sarah LeMire, Lorelei Rutledge, Amy Brunvand provide some very useful analytic approaches.
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The library and information professional as practitioner-researcher? An ARC funded project of considerable interest – unfortunately the recordings of the event are not good quality and the content is a little predictable (academics suggesting professionals do no research, professionals suggesting that academic research is not very relevant). Dr Gillian Hallam, Queensland University of Technology facilitated a panel which included:
· Jo Kaeding, University of South Australia & Adelaide HDL Council
· John Shipp, Australian Library and Information Association
· Holger Aman, Law Courts Australia
· Professor Lisa Given, Charles Sturt University
· Dr Alex Byrne, State Library of New South Wales
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Lifelong learning and technology. This new report from Pew suggests life long learning is with us for good – and occurs at home, at conferences, work and in libraries.
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How Readers Discover Current Content in Scholarly Publications. "Roger Schonfeld analyses racy Gardner's and Simon Ingen's How Readers Discover Content in Scholarly Publications study and report, with a critical eye which I think you will agree with.
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University of California Libraries join OLH. "All eleven sites of the University of California Library system have joined the Open Library of Humanities' Library Partnership Subsidy system."
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US State OER Legislation. From SPARC: "To help equip our members to be sources of information and expertise on this issue, SPARC is launching a new program to track and analyze state-level legislation relating to OER. We will provide an updated state-by-state list of active OER legislation in our monthly member update, and provide assistance to members with policy analysis, talking points, and testimony preparation as needed."
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Penn State University Hosts OER Summit. From SPARC - the summit included an introductory keynote from SPARC's Nicole Allen (slides posted here), a panel of Penn State faculty working on OER, and a faculty workshop on how to use OER. Penn State currently has an OER Task Force charged with developing approaches to systematically implement OER to support teaching and learning
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Harvard Library that protects the world's rarest colours. A fascinating story about the collection of more than 2,500 different specimens initially developed by Edward Forbes, a historian and director of the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University from 1909 to 1944. Forbes traveled around the world amassing pigments in order to authenticate classical Italian paintings. Narayan Khandekar is the director of the Straus Center for Conservation and Technical Studies at the Harvard Art Museums and the collection's custodian. For the last 10 years, Khandekar has rebuilt the collection to include modern pigments to better assess 20th century and contemporary art.
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