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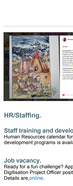


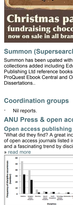
ARU Librarians meeting

HR/Staffing.

Staff training and development. The Human Resources calendar for staff training and development programs is available online.

Job vacancy.
Ready for a fun challenge? Apply for the 6 month Digitisation Project Officer position (ANU 6/7)
Details are online.

End of year function planning group



Summon (Supersearch)

Summon has been updated with a range of new collections added including Edward Elgar Publishing List reference books and reviews, ProQuest Ebook Central and OhioLINK Dissertations.

Coordination groups

- Nil reports.

ANU Press & open access

Open access publishing trends analysis. "What did they find? A great increase in the number of open access journals listed in DOAJ and JCR – and a fascinating trend by discipline.
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Manifold. The presentations from the streams in DD 2016 are now almost all online.
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Open Scholarship Initiative. The recording of the keynote by Prof Kate Eichhorn (University of Minnesota Press) and Zach Davis (Cast Iron Coding) is now available. Manifold is a Mellon-funded initiative to develop an open source software for publishing digital editions.
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OA readings.

- Gold Open Access Journals 2011-2015. A detailed analysis of serious open access journals as of December 31, 2015: nearly 11,000 journals in the Directory of Open Access Journals
- The Vienna Principles: A Vision for Scholarly Communication in the 21st Century.From open access to open science. Open Science has the potential to change the production and dissemination of scholarly knowledge for the better.
- Gold Open Access Journals 2011-2015. A Subject Approach. From Walt Crawford.
- 'Open Access the beast that no-one could ...' – strong critique of open access publishing. A book chapter which enables him to share his views on the complex landscape. Much bounded by the UK experience.

New publications

Impact and metrics. Thomson Reuters have announced that the 2016 release of Journal Citation Reports is now available with more than 239 additional journals. JCR now covers more than 11,000 of the world's most highly cited, peer-reviewed journal listings in 234 disciplines and 81 countries.
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New resources:

- 7Triphenylmethylium-Based Multitopic Two-Photon Absorbers: Synthesis and Characterization
- Odour Processing By Principal Neurons of the Piriform Cortex In Vivo
- Evolutionary patterns of salt tolerance in angiosperms
- MICER1 peptides regulate lateral organ development in the model legume, Medicago truncatula
- From flapping to fear: the production and function of the ultrasonic vocalisation alarm of the crested pigeon, Ocyphaps lophotes

Australian National Data Service

Preparing for your data future (Canberra)

Time: Fri 22 July 9:30am-12pm
Venue: McDonnell Room, RG Menzies Library, McDonnell Pl, ANU

A seminar has been organised for research data managers and other research support data practitioners and consumers to come together to hear about recent initiatives, prospects for likely developments in coming years and future opportunities in research data.

Speakers will include NHMRC, NCI, data.gov.au and more.

Register

July's Tech Talk announced

Fri 8 July, 2pm (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide & Perth)

Details have been announced for July's Monthly Tech Talk.
The topic will be **Security in the cloud**. Speakers will include:

- David Blockow (Data to Decisions CRC)
- Richard Sinnott (University of Melbourne)

The format is a panel discussion followed by informal networking and refreshments. Monthly Tech Talks are held on the second Friday in various locations. They are an initiative of ANDS, Nectar, GCIF, Intersect, VicNode, eRSA and Pawsey.

Tech Talks also has its own Meetup group and page on the ANDS website.

New Research Activity API

This API provides machine access to the research activity information contributed to Research Data Australia by Australia's principal research funders (grants) and Australian research institutions and agencies (projects).

Important use cases for this API are (a) lookup and validation of Grant ID's within research repository systems (b) inclusion of Australian research in global research discovery services (c) analysis of research funding and reporting outputs across multiple funders.

More details

Library Advisory Committee.

The Library Advisory Committee will meet in early July. Issues on the agenda include:

- Library use
- Library learning commons
- Library spaces
- International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) Librarians meeting report
- Reports from committee members
- feedback from Chinese, ANUSA and PARISA

Academic Board.

Reports and discussion included:

Report from VC. Brian's report included developments in relationships with government, CHL and the ACT Government.

VC's Colleagues. Marnie has presented to the Consultation on the Future of Higher Education Reform and NZ Productivity Commission and the Luminia Foundation on ANU Africa, ecb and EFS

DVC (Research). *Consultations are occurring at the moment on the Research Training Management Paper, Stakeholder Priorities for Engagement, New research block grant arrangements for universities and Structural Reform of NHMRC's grant programme*

- *discussion paper to be released in June.*

DVC (Education). Education Strategy Plan. The VC reported on issues raised through the strategic vision process and working groups.

Privacy

- ***Internships for students.***
- ***Commonwealth supported places.***
- ***Ghostwriting examinations.***

ANU records on the Australian National Bibliography Database.

Modern-weak- from Wednesday 22nd June) NLA commenced deleting ANU records from the database in preparation for the June reloading of holdings commences. Yeah, at last! Thanks to Heather, Marianna and Paul and everyone who has assisted.

Guideline for food and drink in the library.

Thanks to Heather for managing the revision of the guidelines. The revised guideline has been approved and is now online.

CAUL news.

The Communications and Policy Officer position has been filled. Harry Rolf is the successful candidate. Harry brings a background in higher education, research, publishing and considerable skills in multichannel communications. He will commence in early August.

Menzies Library flooding.

The books in the area on level 4 where we get internal showers will be moved to the front area which was previously occupied by the Law Library. Our thanks to Lucy and the team for all the work they are doing and will do to make this happen.

Universities as copyright owners.

Universities Australia held a session on this topic recently. If you are interested in accessing the recording please contact me.

Library Budget Predictions for 2016. I

thought this could be very reliable, the tightening of budgets world-wide is having a significant impact.

CLOCKSS.

A number of new publishers have joined CLOCKSS – you can see more details online. Information about the Private LOCKSS Network for Ejournals at the Public Knowledge Project is also online.

Library use.

Thanks to Broderick for putting together statistics of library use over the semester – putting 4 weeks into a computer science table (see the chart at the end of the newsletter) shows that the 'Monday Tuesday and Wednesday (in descending order) is a trend to use the library or use the library later in the day (around 16% trend)

- Friday and Sunday remain strong overall
- while there is a slight drop off through the weekend (Saturday and Sunday are the lowest) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there is a drop off in Thursday visitation does not occur till later in the afternoon. Friday, Saturday and Sunday show an increase in use
- 17 pm is a particularly high for Friday nights and Sunday
- we are being fully used throughout the semester there is no drop off in use.

Copyright.

Sci-Hub. We have been reading about the Elsevier lawsuit against Sci-Hub for breach of copyright licences. John Bohannon released 6 months of Sci-Hub download data two months ago, and Blanca Kramer of the University of Utrecht has further analysed data from Sci-Hub downloads attributed to institutions. Blanca's analysis is available on Sci-Hub. Findings are online in a two part blog – 60% of downloads proved to be available through university subscriptions, 15% as Gold OA/otherwise free from publisher. Very interesting

Changes in the publishing industry.

Alexander Street Press is now a part of the ProQuest family of companies.

Roxanne Missingham

Events

True Biographies of Nations? conference

When? 12 July 2016
Where? National Library of Australia
Abstract: Come and mingle and discuss biographical issues with the general editors and staff of the biographies of nations from Australia, United Kingdom, America, Ireland, Scotland, and New Zealand, as well as many local dictionary projects including the Australian Women's Register, the Biographical Dictionary of the Australian Senate, the Dictionary of Australian Science, AustLit, and a proposed Indigenous Australian Dictionary of Biography.
Program and registration here.

Innovations in the Parliamentary Library

When? 26 July 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, Manager of Library Services, Research Databases Branch and Ben Spencer, Library Innovation Manager, will talk about past, present and future Library innovation and demonstrate their favourite innovative products that enhance the Library's services. Topics will include Parliament's handheld data management system and the news services curation application, Newsfeed. WeBRiDGe app. In addition they will provide some tips on how to engage staff in the innovation process.

Data and libraries: harnessing the possibilities

When? Thursday 8th September 2016, 5.30 pm
Where? **Coombes Room, 4th Floor, National Library of Australia**
Abstract: The ALIA University and Research Libraries Group is very pleased to announce the first Victorian Chapter event of the year, "Data and Libraries: harnessing the possibilities. We will be exploring new directions in data usage and sharing in the academic and government spheres. Add it to your diaries now!

Readings

Remembering, Forgetting, and When We Are No More. Abby Smith Rumsey's interview about his new book. When we are no more - how digital memory is shaping our future in reality worth reading the interview and the book. Highly recommended.

Russ: So, you've done a lot of practical work on the question of how to preserve digital content with the Library of Congress, the National Science Foundation Task Force. But you open your book with a discussion of the Declaration of Independence, as the Declaration of Independence. What did you learn from how people react to seeing that artifact?
Rumsey: Well, at the time—it was 1997 and I was working at the Library of Congress, which holds the original of the Declaration of Independence. As you may know, there's an official document of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution on permanent display at the National Archives. And that's what most tourists and most people see, when they think of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. But naturally those documents were, in the 18th century, in the hands of humans. They were actually crafted by men who were working against time, in the case of the Declaration of Independence, to actually come out with a statement in a short period of time that would express the feelings of the people who had gathered in Philadelphia to be completely revolutionary in ideas. The rough draft of the Declaration of Independence is at the Library of Congress, and we were displaying it during this exhibition we put together in 1997. It's in Jefferson's handwriting. And what, if you compare Jefferson's handwriting, then, there was a committee put together to draft this, and naturally they made the changes and crossed out the phrases that other members. Thomas Jefferson, draft this. And he wrote, "We hold these truths to be self-evident," and the other committee members, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin and John Adams. And when we were reviewing these documents, I looked at them and people visiting, and we put the four pages, the originals, in a case in the background gallery on the big, and it's like think that it was crossed out, and there's a phrase that's in there. And the first phrase. They had the phrase, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." And it's actually quite startling, but that's not what Jefferson wrote. What he wrote is that the truths are sacred and holy. And that's what the committee crossed out in black ink by Ben Franklin, who then put in the words that we know today. And it so startled people that it opens up the whole story about how decisions are made in the political environment. And so the story of the Declaration of Independence is one of people just looking at that sacred object. And what struck me about that was the power of the artifact itself—the physical presence. And also that it reveals something about the nature of democracy itself, the rough and tumble of democracy.
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Library competencies. Released by the Task Force on Librarians' Competencies in Support of E-Research and Scholarly Communication.

A joint task force has released two profiles of competencies for academic librarians working in order to support new roles in support for research data management and the other for scholarly communication and open access. The profiles will help library managers identify skills gaps in their workforce, form the basis of job descriptions, enable professionals to carry out self-assessments, and act as a foundation for the development of training programs.
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Barriers to discovery of and access to scientific literature in the commercial sector. Roger C. Schonfeld explores this topic with a focus on the ways in which the commercial sector corporate information-gathering interest increasingly expressed the conviction that they had to be able to support essentially all possible information needs for their researchers.' Discovery is seen as improving, access is not.
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Passion trumps pay: a study of the future skills requirements of information professionals in galleries, libraries, archives and museums in Australia. There were four participants in the galleries focus group, six in the museum focus group, and eight in each of the library and archives focus group. They were asked for opinions, there is no data on comparable pay. Nuff said.
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Internet "Net" neutrality. A very important decision in the US Appeals Court last week - ATT, Verizon and other ISP's challenged the decision to ensure that Internet providers cannot create "fast lanes" and "slow lanes" that would allow network operators to give priority to entertainment or other commercial content over education, civic engagement, access to information, or other services.
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Scholarly Communication and the Dilemma of Collective Action: Why Academic Journals Cost Too Much. John Wenzler in this e-print argues that OA's takes a critical eye to library purchasing and OA "universal access to scholarly publishing" is an admirable goal, current attempts to achieve OA are inadequate because they also fail to resolve the fundamental dilemma of collective action faced by the academic community". He expands to suggest that it may be easier to actually take over the services provided by publishers". Do you agree?
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Best Practices in Peer Review. The Association of American University Presses (AAUP) has released Best Practices in Peer Review, an e-book. The AAUP's Peer Review handbook articulates a set of practices that comprise a rigorous process of peer review for scholarly monographs.
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Publication Agreements. From the Library Publishing Coalition – hear Kevin Smith, Dean of Libraries at the University of Kansas on this important topic.
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At the heart of the university. Dominic Broadhurst at University of Manchester Library discusses the latest trends in higher education reforms – short and topical – thanks for this reference Heather.
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UK Survey of Academics. thaka S=6Uzw/ RLUK's second survey of UK Academics. Key findings:

- Respondents from RLUK institutions and non-RLUK institutions access and use different materials for research and teaching.
- Academics' preference for using scholarly monographs in various ways in print format rather than digital format has only increased since the survey.
- Since 2012, there has been a substantial increase in the share of academics that shape their research outputs and publication choices to match the criteria they perceive for success in tenure and promotion processes.
- Only a small minority inferred from academics in reaching audiences outside of those in academia with their research.
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Research Data Curation Bibliography. Version 6 is out now.
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Top trends from ARL. The 2016 report discusses new trends, including altmetrics, digital scholarship, research data services, collection assessment trends and content provider changes.
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University of Florida Libraries Support Digital Scholarship. ARL's fourth profile in this series.
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