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News from HR

Performance review

The ANU Performance Management system is in its first year. For SIS staff the mid cycle performance is happening now.

A reminder that there is information about the Career Performance and Development Process on the HR website.

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Policies and guidelines etc

Revised archives policies and procedures

The following policies have been updated through Maggie's well organised review process:

- *Noel Butlin archives centre collecting policy*
- *Pacific research archives collecting policy*
- *The Australian National University Archives collecting policy*
- *Noel Butlin archives centre collecting procedure*
- *Pacific research archives collecting procedure*
- *The Australian National University archives collecting procedure*

New Circulation library protocols

The protocols are now on the SIS Intranet including:

- Guide for updating staff patron records
- Borrowing without an ANU ID card

protocol approved

Many thanks to Alisha and the Circulation Coordination Consultative Group for their work on these documents.

ANU Press

Campus Morning News. Lovely to read in CMN this week praise of ANU Press and the ebextbooks "CMN is a big fan of the **ANU Press**, which publishes serious scholarship on-line at no charge. The press also produces **free e-textbooks** by **ANU staff** and **DVC A Marnie Hughes Warrington** has funding for copyediting, indexing and purchase of copyright material as required. While it will not attract academics who dream of publishing a globally adopted first year text on introductory avarice, this is an excellent programme, especially for disciplines where a commercial publisher will not see a market. The first e-text, for example, was **Taylor and Scotellaro**'s first year Sanskrit course."

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Evaluating the Impact of Gold Open Access Content with Traditional Subscription Journals.

Alison Bobal and Jill Emery have published "Gathering the Needles: Evaluating the Impact of Gold Open Access Content with Traditional Subscription Journals" in Insights: the UKSG Journal. "this small-scale study has found that GOA usage is much higher for many of the top publishers and their packages"

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Wellcome Open Research journal.

A new for scientists funded by the Wellcome Trust who will be able to publish their findings ahead of peer review on a new digital platform.

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New titles

ANU Open Research

Altmetrics. The Altmetrics team at Nanyang Technological University wanted to determine whether researchers' activities on the Kudos platform were actually helping to increase publication metrics such as usage. What did they find – well explaining and sharing of publications via Kudos correlates to 23% higher downloads of the full text on the publishers' websites. Where to they share? Facebook was more popular than Twitter and LinkedIn.

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Altmetrics and Scopus. Well what do you know? Altmetric has confirmed that they will be adding Scopus citation counts to the Altmetric Explorer for Publishers and Institutions platforms, enabling users to view the academic impact of five million research outputs alongside the online attention they have received from a broader audience.

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Neither Fish Nor Fowl: Journal Publishing and the University Press. A very interesting presentation from Michael Clark. The sections REASONS FOR THE FAILURE OF UNIVERSITY PRESSES IN THE JOURNALS MARKETPLACE and STRATEGIES FOR REMAINING RELEVANT AND THRIVING are well worth reading.

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ANU Archives new 2016 accessions

Click on the links for more information about these recently accessioned papers:

- Papers of Dr Joyce Fielding, Fellow, John Curtin School of Medical Research
- Papers and recordings of ethnomusicologist Coralie Rockwell who taught at the Canberra School of Music
- Kurt Gottlieb's papers on optical munitions research at Mount Stromlo
- Papers of archaeologist Peter White on Lake Kopiago, Papua New Guinea
- Account book for Gunnibie Station, Gunnedah

Australian National Data Service

Reminder: 'Preparing for your data future' seminar (Canberra)

Time: Fri 22 July 9.30am-12pm
Venue: McDonald Room, RG Menzies Library, McDonald Pl, ANU

A seminar has been organised for research institutions, government and university research data producers 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 ANDS, NCI, ANU, University of Canberra, data.gov.au and more. (Sorry, this event is not available to attend via webinar).

Register

Data Snippets

- New edition the Digital Preservation Handbook published
- Collecting data to help protect Australia's waters from toxic algal bloom
- 2016 Research Australia Awards (for health & medical research) calling for nominations

University Education Committee: At UEC issues discussed included:

- Hot topic: international study abroad and student exchange
- Credit transfer alliance for MOOCs
- Scholarships working party report
- Online Courses and Programs Framework
- Ghostwriting
- Benchmarking of results
- National Access Scheme (Bonus Points) analysis for entry in 2016
- Change to ATAR Requirement for Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
- Changes to courses.

Library changes/issues: Marianna has with great help from Abel Pocklords, TLCSS and Library staff managed the moved of the books under the major leak on level 4 in the Menzies Library to the front of the Library. Almost 15,000 items were relocated. The items, which included sections of the Menzies general collection on level 4) and Japanese serials (level 3), can now be found in the former office space on level 4, at the front of the building.

In Chifley, Library buckets were required, together with plastic over the shelves on level 4. A temporary fix has been put in place.

Computers have been the most significant service and work issue this week. Library and Archives staff in Menzies Library had more than 20 computers not functioning for over 2 days after the data network upgrade. In Chifley, 18 pcs were not available to library users for 2 days.

Archives milestone reached.

Archives have reached the milestone of 60% of item lists entered on the database, and are now entering large lists for some of the most-used company deposits

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Records: A review of take up of the ERMS has been conducted. Records staff are conducting areas without Power Users or with low take up to discuss how using the ERMS can assist them to manage their records.

New Librarians' Symposium: The 8th New Librarians' Symposium to be held at the National Library of Australia in June 2017. The NLS8 committee is working hard to create a wonderful event:

- Do consider submitting a proposal. Call For Proposals is open now, and closes on 22 August 2016.
- Do consider attending NLS8 in June 2017.

All of the important NLS8 information and news can be found at www.nls8.com or by following @ALIArts on Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #NLS8.

Alumni resource use: Thanks to Mark for information on the use of these resources:

Feb – June 2016
Alumni Unique users 1,386
Alumni Hits 27,405

Indigenous data. This week the Library participated small invitation-only workshop on Monday 4th July 2016 at Western Sydney University - *Honouring Our Songlines: Research Data and the Living Narrative*. The workshop focused evolving technological innovation in relation to data, concerns regarding the custodianship of knowledge and data relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities. It started a conversation about the ways in which libraries can move forward and develop a framework and guidelines for appropriate practice. It was convened by Professor Lisa Jackson Pulver, Pro-Vice Chancellor Engagement and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Leadership who is an amazing leader.

Federal election: The ALP announced before the election that if elected, a Labor government would commit $12 million of funding over four years to the National Library's Trove platform. The Coalition announced at if it won the election, it will invest $50 million to improve the digital literacy of senior Australians and improve their safety online. We'll see what happens.

CAUL:

- CAUL's Learning & Teaching Advisory Committee (CLTAC) presents images of some of the bold and creative library spaces being designed to meet the visions and diverse needs of Australian and New Zealand academic communities in an online gallery
- CAUL commissioned CAVAL to convert all available historical statistics to Excel spreadsheets – the final years of 1969 to 1982 are now available online.

Copyright: A great Soundcloud is online that reveals the creativity of students. Yes these are the words in it "Copyright in this track is either owned by the ANU or a third party who has licensed the ANU to use it."

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Events

Preparing for your data future' seminar
ANDS
Friday 22nd of July, 9am to 12pm
McDonald Room in the Menzies Library.
More information about the event can be found here.

Digital Learning Futures: The future is mobile, social, personal
USQ Salon
19 July 2016 • 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm
Presented by Associate Professor Steve Wheeler Learning Technology Plymouth Institute of Education, Plymouth University, UK
You can participate online via live stream.

Readings

Reengineering the University. CMM thought the work was very insightful. "e sets out the three areas where universities can improve performance while remaining true to core commitments to teaching and learning and research: improving core operations; identifying and analysing all activities and costs and integrating everything into a comprehensive budget. His model empowers individual operating units through to all-of-institution decision makers to choose on the basis of information not opinion or aspiration. "Many people within the academy seem to believe that mission should trump margins ... while many others worry about financial viability and sustainability ... the new model provides insights about the cases in which mission should rule and, in any case, what the impact of 'doing this thing' on other outcomes will be," he writes." We have a copy in the library (ebook).

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Archives: Always important! Terra Cognita: Graduate Students in Archives takes an in-depth look at how the conditions and practices of original source research have changed in recent decades and what can be done to better support new scholarship.

Strategic Thinking and Design. ARL has released its extended and updated report on this important topic. "RL's Strategic Thinking and Design process engaged 365 people—drawn from throughout the library community, within the Association and beyond, and from the academic, funding, and association communities—in "world building" to envision the future of the research library in terms of its role in the future of higher education, and then to focus on ARL's critical role in that future".

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Bodleian Libraries annual report. Always inspiring!

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LITA's Top Tech Trends. The panelists were Blake Carver, LYRASIS; Lauren Comito, Queens (N.Y.) Library; Laura Costello, Stony Brook (N.Y.) University; Carolyn Coulter, PrairieCat Library Consortium; and Nick Grove, Meridian (Idaho) Library District. I enjoyed the summary of the key technologies libraries should be using to improve tech literacy:

- Coulter: Tech petting zoo.
- Comito: Little round robots (Sphero) to overcome tech fears. When tech is cute, it's easier to incorporate.
- Grove: We've had a good response to those robots.
- Costello: We often loan programmable robots to faculty for educational programs.
- Coulter: But make sure you use mobile device management software to clean off devices when they are returned

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arXiv@25: Key Findings of the User Survey. The prevailing message is that users are happy with the service and are currently stands. 95% of survey respondents said that they are very satisfied or satisfied with arXiv. Furthermore, 72% of respondents indicated that arXiv should focus on its main purpose, which is to quickly make available scientific papers, and this will be enough to sustain the value of arXiv in the future. This theme was generally reflected in the open text comments. A significant number of respondents suggested keeping to the core mission and enabling arXiv's partners and related service providers to continue to build new services and innovations on top of arXiv.

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OCLC Works in progress seminars:

- Visualising library services. The presentation includes case Studies from Ohio State and Yale and is now online. Sarah Murphy, Coordinator of Assessment, The Ohio State University Libraries and Sarah Tudeson, Assessment Librarian, Yale University Library are the presenters.
  Description: Many organizations are utilizing data visualization tools, like Tableau, to provide dynamic, meaningful, and actionable metrics to key stakeholders. This webinar will highlight examples of works in progress from Ohio State University and Yale University Library. We'll discuss a wide variety of projects that highlight the use of data visualization. We'll touch on many of the important principles we've learned about data analysis and visualization, including some of the pitfalls involved in the process.
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- Linked open data for digitised special collections. The presentation with Case Studies from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is now online. S. Timothy W. Cole and Myung-Ja K. Han are the presenters.
  Description: Today digitized special collections play a major role in humanities scholarship and pedagogy. When well-connected such collections can better achieve contextual mass, enable complex connective research, and support the collation and contextualization of physically dispersed primary sources. This Webinar will describe the in-progress enrichment and transformation of metadata describing two digitized image collections at the University of Illinois. We will describe the challenges of turning metadata strings into URIs, discuss the expressiveness and our use of schema.org, detail how we map traditional metadata into schema.org RDF, and outline how we plan to provide users with new functionalities that leverage increased connectedness and integration with other Linked Open Data resources..
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FOIA Improvement Act. On July 1, ALA President Julie Todaro released a statement applauding Congress' passage on June 14 and President Barack Obama's signing on June 30 of the FOIA Improvement Act into law. The bill will improve public access to government documents by codifying the

"presumption of openness" declared by President Obama in his Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) memo during his first week in office and will strengthen the US Office of Government Information Services…!

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