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Bakeoff winners

HR

Staffing

Farewells.

We wish the very best to Erin Daly, Repository Services Assistant, Print Repository who is moving to a new position elsewhere.

Marko Rakic has now completed his work with the university and we wish him the best – he has been a fabulous contributor to our financial activities in recent years.

Judy Apps will be finishing up in late January – still time to thank her for her great work and wish her the best for the future.

End of year activities

HR – thanks to everyone for getting timesheets in on time. Next year we'll be focusing on PDRs and be completing the final reviews and setting up new PDRS. Do think about ways we can help improve how we use the PDR system.

Finance:

- Thanks to Mark Huppert and Paul Pretor for Sierra end of year close off work.
- Thanks to F&BS for their work – particularly Marko.

Consultative Coordination Groups

ANU Press/Open publishing

What We Tell Society Publishers About Open Access,

Avery clear and insightful post from Joseph Esposito. He reviews the models and their potential impact on processional societies:

- Green
- Gold (author-pays)
- Platinum
- Hybrid
- Advertising-supported

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Research Publishing in Australia.

Wiley held an Executive seminar on this topic in November – the summary provides many useful insights – topics include:

- making strategic technological investment to advance our "shared enterprise" rather than being driven by technology
- recent trends in Australian research output – did you know that 80% of readership of Wiley's Australian journals output comes from beyond Australia? Citation impact for Australian papers with international collaboration was 1.75, compared to 0.91 without, while the level of international collaboration on Australian papers is also increasing year on year, over 50% in 2015
- new online initiatives enabling international collaboration.
- Happily the presentations are online too!

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Open access reports/developments.

- ACASG, December newsletter out now.
- University of Cardiff's press has gone online recently- very interesting governance and publishing criteria.
- Open Research Funders Group. Eight highly-visible organizations have launched a partnership designed to increase access to research outputs. More information on the Open Research Funders Group can be found at www.orfg.org. Membership is open to nonprofit organizations around the globe that maintain or aid charitable, educational, or other activities serving the public good.
- Model Publishing Contract for Digital Scholarship is now available for comment and feedback. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Emory University and the University of Michigan the Model Publishing Contract is designed for the publication of long-form digital scholarship. Open for comment until February 15, 2017

Association of American Publishers.

AAP have written to President Elect Donald Trump - open access is not on their list – they argue for "adequate copyright protection and effective copyright enforcement" and call on him to take action "Congress Must Fix DMCA to Ensure Service Provider Cooperation to Protect Copyright Online".

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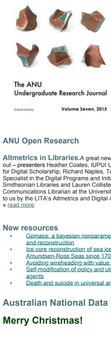
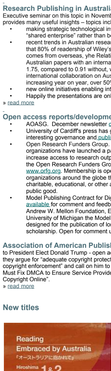
New titles

Carol Hayes & Yan Sam Adams





ANU Open Research

Altmetrics in Libraries.A great new webinar on this topic is out – presenters Heather Coates, IUPUI University Library Center for Digital Scholarship, Richard Naples, Technical Information Specialist in the Digital Programs and Initiatives Division of the Smithsonian Libraries and Lauren Collister Scholarly Communications Librarian at the University of Pittsburgh. Brought to us by the LITA's Altmetrics and Digital Analytics Interest Group.

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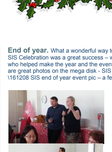
New resources

- Gomaas, a bayesian nonparametric approach for mapping and reconstruction
- Ice cores reconstruction of sea ice change in the Amundsen-Ross Seas since 1702 A.D
- Avoiding wireheading with value reinforcement learning
- Self-modification of policy and utility function in rational agents
- Death and suicide in universal artificial intelligence

Australian National Data Service

Merry Christmas!

End of year. What a wonderful way to end the year! The SIS Celebration was a great success – well done to everyone who helped make the year and the event so successful. There are great photos on the mega disk - SIS end of year event 181/208 SIS end of year event pic – a few are below.



So who were the best bakers this year?

First Prize
Crunchy Peanut Butter Cheesecake with Popcorn and Peanut Butterscotch Sauce By Jacqui Kempton

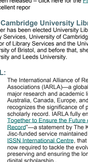
Second Prize
Glace Fruit Cake By Heather Jenks

Biscuits:
First Prize Macarons By Wan Chitravas
Second Prize Gingerbread Christmas tree By ANDS: Liz's daughter, Liz, Susannah, Richard, Adrian, Karen, and other encouragers who supported the decoration

Slices:
First Prize Choc honeycomb Raspberry Slice By Rachel Armstrong

Second Prize Lemon iced cornflake slice By Imogen Ingram

Staff meeting. All the presentations and the notes have been added to the intranet. Do let me know your thoughts on the philosophy/strategic positioning questions. Thanks Tom for your contribution – really good!



Government research report released.

The report of the Research Infrastructure Review, chaired by Philip Clarke, has been released – click here for the Final Report 2015. It is an excellent repor

New Cambridge University Librarian.

Dr Jessica Gardner has been elected University Librarian and Director of Library Services, University of Cambridge. She is currently Director of Library Services and the University Librarian at the University of Bristol, and before that, she worked at Exeter University and Leeds University.

CAUL:

- The International Alliance of Research Library Associations (IARLA)—a global coalition of several major research and academic library associations in Australia, Canada, Europe, and the United States—recognizes the significance of preservation of the scholarly record. IARLA fully endorses "Working Together to Ensure the Future of the Digital Scholarly Record"—a statement by The Keepers Registry, a Jisc-funded service maintained by EDINA and the ISSN International Centre, that outlines the actions now required to tackle the evolving challenges of preserving and ensuring the long-term accessibility of digital scholarship.
- The first CAUL e-newsletter in online now.

Copyright:

- Productivity Commission **Intellectual Property Arrangements** report released – key points include "Introducing a system of user rights, including the (well-established) principles–based fair use exception, would go some way to redress this imbalance" – do include chapter 6 in your Christmas reading list.
- From the US - a proposal that would give the US Copyright Office more autonomy has been released. The Register of Copyrights would be subject to the same congressional nomination process as other government officials.
- Great article in Fairfax press newspapers by Peter Martin on the PC report

Good news for the NLA.

From this month's MYEFO: The Government will provide $20.4 million over five years from the Public Service Modernisation Fund — Agency Sustainability Stream to support innovation, productivity improvements and efficiency in the National Library of Australia (NLA) and the Australian War Memorial (AWM). This measure includes $16.4 million over four years from 2016-17 to the NLA for digitisation of material and upgrade of critical infrastructure for its Trove digital information resource and to upgrade other critical infrastructure

CLOCKSS update.

New Publishers include:

- American Institute of Mathematical Sciences
- Canadian Journal of Public Health
- Chicago-Kent College of Law
- CourseSource
- European Cells and Materials
- Hellenic Psychiatric Association
- Open Library of Humanities
- protocols.io
- Stockholm University Press
- Tuwhera, Auckland University of Technology
- University of Westminster Press
- Utrecht University Library Open Access Journals

New Libraries include:

- Calvin College
- Gonzaga University

Elsevier. More than 60 major German research institutions are to be expected to have no access to the full texts of journals by the publisher Elsevier from 1 January 2017. Is it a negotiating tactic, a statement of intent for major change? Read about it here.

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University Librarian

Events

Information Online
When? 13-17 February 2017
Where? Hyatt, Sydney
More information about the event can be found here.

Readings

Early career academics.

Ithaka has responded to the article in THEJ about the Publishing Research Consortium report suggesting libraries has little to offer ECASs. The post summarising over a decades worth of research which has found that "junior scholars do not appear to be visiting the library any less than those with more years in their respective fields" and that the whole role of libraries is changing.

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Framework for Information Literacy sandbox.

The ACRL Framework Advisory Board has launched this new product. It's an openly accessible platform and repository for librarians and their educational partners to discover, share, collect, and use ongoing work related to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education in practice and professional development.

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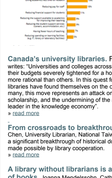

Effective online instructional videos.

Richard Rose in *Campus technology describes six dimensions that he proposes must be well-tuned for a successful online instructional video project.*

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The secret life of the librarian?

In *The Guardian*, an anonymous librarian reflects on what he's learned in 40 years on the job: "I love my job so much that work-life balance has never been an issue. Plus I am very happy to take my work home with me because I never leave the library without a big stack of books, CDs, and DVDs. The only regret I have about my long career in public libraries is that I have not been able to convince more librarians that they should be less book-focused and more people-focused."

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What should universities cut?

The British version of the 2016 Student Experience Survey collects a different body of data from the Australian version and includes a question for students on where university cuts should occur if required. Answer: not learning facilities such as library and IT resources.

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"Students' views on policy options

Canada's university libraries.

Rayvat Deonandan writes: "Universities and colleges across Canada are having their budgets severely tightened for a host of reasons, some more rational than others. In this quest for slashing costs, libraries have found themselves on the chopping block. To many, this move represents an attack on the very idea of scholarship, and the undermining of the nation's quest to be a leader in the knowledge economy".

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From crossroads to breakthroughs.

Huaeh-hua Chen, University Librarian, National Taiwan University writes of a significant breakthrough of historical documents, which was made possible by library cooperation.

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A library without librarians is a just a shed full of books.

Joanna Mendelssohn, Catherine De Lorenzo, and Catherine Speck describe the important contribution of librarians in gallery libraries and the tragic result of a succession of "efficiency dividends" by the Commonwealth with the cuts to the National Gallery Library

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Designing learning spaces.

Barbara Fister writes: "A new Project Information Literacy report by Alison Head has just been published, the first in a new 'practitioner's series.' (Planning and Designing Academic Library Learning Spaces involved interviewing 49 librarians, architects, and consultants involved in 22 library construction projects. Key issues - negotiating values and incorporate them into designs, kinds of learning these spaces support, and best (and worst) practices inform libraries embarking on a renovation."

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Communicating Science Effectively: A Research Agenda.

The Advance copy is now freely available online as a PDF. Takes a broad perspective on issues around science communication. In many ways a nice context for thinking about open access.

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How Macro Changes in Higher Ed Shape Strategy.

"2016 Next Wave conference, scholarly nonprofit organization ITHAKA brought together nearly 200 academic librarians, publishers, technology partners, and scholars at New York's Roosevelt Hotel on November 30". Lots of interesting presenters and issues – the Ithaka blog is here.

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