

Newsletter

Scholarly Information Services

January 27th 2017



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Staffing changes

Jeff Barnes is the permanent Finance Manager for Central Portfolios. He will now be our point of contact with Finance and Business Services.

We welcome Jeff and look forward to working with him.

Congratulations to Alisha Nolan who has been recruited by the Law Library from the Chifley Library.

Events and activities

Our first event for 2017

Linked data - bringing the world closer together by Karen Smith-Yoshimura, OCLC

Monday 20th February
12.30-1.30pm
Seminar Room 1.08 CHELT, ANU

The internet has already provided us the means to access information from around the world in different languages. But to date, most of this information is in separate silos, including the resources curated by libraries and other cultural heritage institutions. When we do a Google search, we're usually presented with a long list of Web documents with overlapping (and sometimes contradictory) content. We've become familiar with the worldwide "web of documents", but not a worldwide "web of *data*". Let's imagine how library information and resources could be integrated into external services such as Googles Knowledge Cards, exposing the relationships among works, translations and their creators that libraries have diligently documented over the decades and including the services libraries offer. Using some examples from the 2014 and 2015 International Linked Data Surveys for Implementers conducted by OCLC Research, we can envision a future where *our data* is linked to a worldwide web of data, bridging the world across both domains and languages.

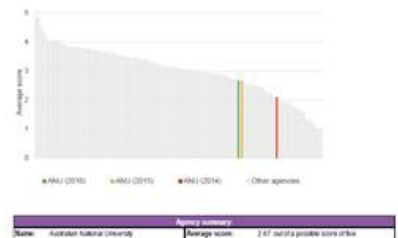
Book [here](#)

Results of extended hours in 2016: Last year the Library invested in extended hours to better meet student needs – and students took up the service with enthusiasm.



Records – NAA checkup. Congratulations to Records staff – we again recorded an improvement in our practice in the National Archives Digital survey.

Figure 1 – Agency average score for 2016, 2015 and 2014 compared to other agencies



An exhausted trolley! Archives work is intense.



Chifley level 3 24x7. Work has commenced on opening up the non collection area of Chifley Library on level 3 (not including study rooms) had commenced. We anticipate this will be ready for the beginning of semester 1.

CAUL News:

- The first newsletter for 2017 is [out](#) – read 10 things about CAUL in 2016 and more
- [y](#)
- CAUL newsletter no 1 2017 now [online](#)

Digitisation progress. Well done Digisquad – now online from Xu Dishan:

[Xin li xue](#) / Feng Youlan zhu
[Zeng ding jing xin lu tu shuo](#) Zhou Dingchen ji v. 1
[Zeng ding jing xin lu tu shuo](#) Zhou Dingchen ji v. 2
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Obama – the reader The New York Times [reported](#) that “Mr. Obama sat down in the Oval Office and talked about the indispensable role that books have played during his presidency and throughout his life — from his peripatetic and sometimes lonely boyhood, when “these worlds that were portable” provided companionship, to his youth when they helped him to figure out who he was, what he thought and what was important...” He read Lincoln, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi and Nelson Mandela.

Beall's list no longer online. Bealls list was taken down in early January and there has been much [speculation](#). The OSI group is developing a working group to think about how this gap could be filled in the future.

Privacy: A Federal Court case on what constitutes personal information brought some [clarity](#). .

Ministerial changes: Senator Arthur Sinodinos is now Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

Australia Day Awards: Congratulations to Jan Richards for her fantastic work for public libraries.

Roxanne Missingham

ANDS

Monthly Tech Talk: The Australian Science Clouds
Fri 3 Feb 3pm AEDT (various locations around Australia or online) [Register](#)

Webinar: Data Management Plans (DMP) - an update and discussion

Thu 16 Feb 12:30pm AEDT [Register](#)
Facilitators: Kathryn Unsworth & Natasha Simons (ANDS)

Webinar: 23 Things for Research Data LIBER webinar

Thu 23 Feb 10pm AEDT (yes 10pm!) [Register](#)
Speakers: Michael Witt (Purdue Uni, USA) & Natasha Simons (ANDS)

ORCID

[AAF's ORCID Resources](#) page has software, promotional materials, communication examples and webinars.

[Greenhouse](#) is a list of open source software, installation guides and integration examples provided by member organisations and vendors to support ORCID.

[ORCID International](#) hosts frequent webinars to help members of the ORCID community. [Getting started with your ORCID integration](#) webinars are scheduled in January and February. Recordings and slides are available in [outreach resources](#).

ANU Press & open access

ARC Open Access Policy. The ARC's open access policy was first introduced in 2012. The ARC have reviewed the policy and produced a draft new version – if you would like to make comments please contact me by mid February.

Diversity in the Open Access Movement, Part 1 – Differing definitions.

Rick Anderson reflects on this complex issue – he begins “Not only is there wide disagreement as to what “freely available” really means, but not everyone in the OA movement even agrees that all scholarship must be freely available, or how quickly it should be made freely available, or what mechanisms are appropriate for making it that way.” Sets the scene for his next piece.
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Diversity in the Open Access Movement, Part 2 – Differing goals.

Rick Anderson covers many complex issues – noting “s” long as things remain vague and ill-defined, the tent of OA can remain large and inclusive. That’s the upside. The downside is that as long as people who are working towards mutually incompatible goals continue to believe that they are working towards the same goal, the closer the movement comes to disruptive conflict when the incompatibilities of its members’ visions come to the surface, as they inevitably will”.
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Open Access Book Publishing.

An article by Andrea Hacker and Elizabeth Corrao, Laying Tracks as the Train Approaches: Innovative Open Access Book Publishing at Heidelberg University from the Editors’ Point of View, reports on the achievement of three major editorial objectives 1) to acquire and edit quality manuscripts in a very young academic discipline; 2) to develop a production workflow for a new English-language book series; and 3) to collaborate simultaneously with the university library and the university rectorate to build a university press for the finished products.
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No single model. Scholastica blog entre suggesting that a variety of open access models are needed from me.

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Open research

Cambridge University Office of Scholarly Communication.

Cambridge University Office of Scholarly Communication has published a [blog](#) summarising their activities in the past 12 months. Also [online](#) is a run down of library training and development programme in 2016 -"Further developing the library profession in 2016". And ["The OSC at Cambridge - a lightning tour"](#).

88 theses sent to PDT.

When student deposit their theses in the repository they have the option of providing it to Proquest Digital Theses. 88 have selected this option in recent months and they have been passed through to Proquest. It should increase the visibility of theses.

New in the repository:

- [Temporal Dynamics of Cortical Adaptation](#)
- [Politics of China's post-Mao reforms : from the CCP's 13th Congress to the dawn of Beijing students demonstrations](#)
- [The pacifist dissent of Yanaihara Tadao, 1931-1945](#)
- [The transcendent and the mundane in the intellectual world of Chang Ping-jin \(1869-1936\)](#)
- [The politics of the Anti-Japanese United Front \(1935-45\) : Ch'en Shao-yü versus Mao Tse-tun](#)

What's new in scholcomm

Altmetrics for books. A recording of this event and [slides](#) are available online. The speakers were:

- Amy Earhart, TAMU –Associate Professor of English and a researcher of Digital Humanities at TAMU.
- Jane Winters, School of Advanced Study,University of London – Professor of Digital Humanities.
- Charles Watkinson, Michigan Publishing.

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The research librarian of the future: data scientist and co-investigator.

Jeannette Ekström, Mikael Elbaek, Chris Erdmann and Ivo Grigorov think through how the research librarian of the future might work, utilising new data science and digital skills to drive more collaborative and open scholarship.

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Understanding metadata.

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) continues its Primer Series with the publication of [Understanding Metadata](#). This comprehensive overview of information about an item's creation, name, topic, features, and more updates NISO's 2004 advice on the subject and follows on the [Research Data Management](#) Primer published in 2015.

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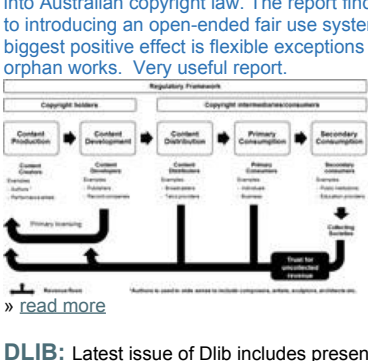
An increasing role for libraries in research information management.

Rebecca Bryant from OCLC's blog post provides an overview of the landscape and drivers for research information management (RIM) systems, and refers to the adoption of identifiers—another topic dear to metadata specialists' hearts.

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The economics of fair use.

This report from Ernst and Young for the Department of Communications and the Arts does the cost benefit analysis of introducing fair use exception into Australian copyright law. The report finds there are benefits to introducing an open-ended fair use system and that the biggest positive effect is flexible exceptions for education and orphan works. Very useful report.



DLIB: Latest issue of Dlib includes presentations from the first international workshop on Reproducible Open Science:

- [The Scholix Framework for Interoperability in Data-Literature Information Exchange](#) Adrian Burton et al The Scholix Framework (SCHolarly LInk eXchange) is a high level interoperability framework for exchanging information about the links between scholarly literature and data, as well as between datasets. Over the past decade, publishers, data centers, and indexing services have agreed on and implemented numerous bilateral agreements to establish bidirectional links between research data and the scholarly literature.
- [Supporting Data Reproducibility at NCI Using the Provenance Capture System](#) Jingbo Wang et al on this paper, we describe the solution we have implemented at the National Computational Infrastructure (NCI) whereby researchers can capture workflows, using a standards-based provenance representation. This provenance information, combined with access to the original dataset and other related information systems, allow datasets to be regenerated as needed which simultaneously addresses both result reproducibility and storage issues.
- [Graph Connections Made By RD-Switchboard Using NCI's Metadata](#) Jingbo Wang et al. This paper demonstrates the connectivity graphs made by Research Data Switchboard (RD-Switchboard) using NCI's metadata database. Making research data connected, discoverable and reusable are some of the key enablers of the new data revolution in research. We show how the Research Data Switchboard identified the missing critical information in our database, and what improvements have been made by this system. The connections made by the RD-Switchboard demonstrated the various use of the datasets, and the network of researchers and cross-referenced publications.

Can we measure and demonstrate the value of collection sharing?

Denis Massie from OCLC explores with Matthew Sheehy discussion about the kinds of questions that can be answered about collection-sharing using data.

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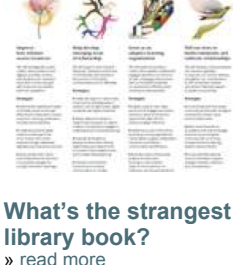
Globalization of Higher Education.

Held at Queens College, University of Cambridge and moderated by former Governors Jeb Bush (FL) and Jim Hunt (NC) this conference had amazing speakers - many were recorded. Martin Bean was truly inspiring.

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University of California Berkeley strategic plan. .

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What's the strangest thing you've found in a library book?
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