



Award winning team – our Trivia experts.



Thank you to everyone for your contribution to the community this year. All SIS staff have made an amazing difference to ANU and the wider community.

From HR

Enjoy the break!

Remember pay period cut off dates for 2018 are already online to help you.

SIS NEWS

SIS End of Year party



A BIG THANK YOU to the team who brought us together for our wonderful end of year event! Pamela McLeod, Sarah Lethbridge (aka the leader), Patrick Byrnes, Margaret Prescott, Frances Antioch and Candida Spence.

A wonderful time was had by all – photos are on the megadisk (Transfer SIS end of year event/ 171208 SIS end of year event pics).

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- Blanca Pizzani will be Acting University Librarian at UNE effective from 1 December until the new University Librarian is appointed. Wendy Hoyle, currently Associate Director (Library Services), will be Acting University Librarian effective 2 January 2018. UTAS

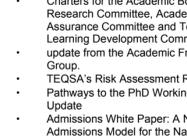
Copyright

- the Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017 with the safe harbour reforms, which will include an extension to the disability, education, library, archive and cultural sectors, but not to technological platforms is now before parliament
- the new declarations for reserve copying are being implemented in ANU libraries next week consistent with the legislation
- new regulations coming next week.

ALIA submission on the digital economy.

ALIA's response to the government's paper identified many ways that Australian libraries are transforming life to support digital capabilities and inclusion. ANU Library is included as a case study, together with the State Library of Victoria and public and government libraries.

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Congratulations to Colin Steele. Colin was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service to the Campus Community today.

Joseph Banks Florilegium: Botanical treasures from Cook's first journey.

Dr David Maberley's fabulous lecture on the Banks Florilegium was delivered to a packed audience of more than 200 on Monday. The attendees were then delighted by the marvellous exhibition in the Hancock Library including some of the Library's 227 plates from the printing of the Florilegium printed in 1985. Do have a look!

Academic Board. Key issues discussed included:

- CECS strategic directions
- Charters for the Academic Board, University Research Committee, Academic Quality Assurance Committee and Teaching and Learning Development Committee
- update from the Academic Freedom Working Group.
- TEGSA's Risk Assessment Report of ANU
- Pathways to the PhD Working Party Report Update
- Admissions White Paper: A National Admissions Model for the National University
- ASA Scholarships Framework
- Accommodation white paper

Digitisation highlights.

Thanks to Heather Jenks for organising the digitisation (well digitised) of the beautiful J.W. Lindt studio photos taken in PNG in the late 1800's.

Identity and Access Management (IdAM) project.

An upgrade will occur in the end of year shutdown – the benefits of the upgrade include improved user/account provisioning and de-provisioning, improved reporting and auditing ability and improved password and authentication management including enabling users to self-service and reset their own passwords without reliance on the ANU Service Desk and a simplified identity portal.

Note: During migration (22 Dec) all ANU account holders will be unable to reset or change passwords. However, students and staff will still be able to access all University systems and applications with their current username/password and passwords will not need to be changed annually.

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Congratulations to Maggie.

Read her latest article 'Collecting women's archives at the ANU Archives'.

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CLOCKSS moves forward.

Code Ocean and CLOCKSS have announced that Code Ocean will preserve its compute capsules in the CLOCKSS Archive to ensure the long-term accessibility of code associated with research articles. Code and software are increasingly crucial to the conduct of research and to the production of scholarly articles. Code Ocean's robust system allows authors to deposit their code, to make it available for others to reuse, and to reproduce published results. This is a great step forward.

Farewell.

To those staff who will not be with us in the new year – Margaret Averil, Georgia Buckley, Sue Clarke, Hong-Li Jia, Fiona Manning, Hans-Joerg Kraus, Alan Napper, Hua-Jun Ni, Deveni Temu, Karen Visser and Chris Williams – you have made a wonderful contribution as part of the SIS team. Thanks for everything, enjoy the next stage of your life and keep in touch!

Roxanne Missingham

University Librarian

PEST TREATMENT OVER END OF YEAR BREAK

It's that time of year again where planning for the annual pest control for the Libraries and Archives is underway. Treatment this year will be carried out on Saturday 23rd December 2017. The chemical to be used is Pestigas (Fyrethrum) and the application method is atomised mist.

Rob Carruthers will co-ordinate activities on the day.

Areas to be treated are:

- Chifley Library
- Menzies Library
- Hancock Library (East & West library areas. ITS areas are not to be treated, however occupants need to be advised)
- Law Library
- Art/Music Library
- Action Underhill (Archives)
- Hume Print Repository
- Birch building archive areas

Entry into buildings to be treated is not permitted from 7am on the 23rd December 2017 through to 5am 27th December 2017. While the insecticide to be used has very low toxicity, Royal Pest control advise that prior to the treatment pregnant staff may wish to consult their Doctor and discuss any additional requirements with their Branch or Business Manager.

Staff will need to carry out the following pre-treatment preparation:

- All areas to be treated are to be unlocked, cupboards and drawers opened and extended.
- Windows and vents are to be closed.
- All boxes containing books should be opened, particularly where they have been received from overseas in 2017.
- Animals (fish and birds) are to be removed.
- Open packets of foodstuffs are to be removed.
- Asthmatics, persons with respiratory problems or persons who have allergies and cultural sectors, Fyrethrum are advised to stay out of these areas until they have been thoroughly and effectively ventilated.
- Cooking and eating utensils including hot water urns are to be washed prior to use.

SIS Facilities staff will perform the following pre-treatment tasks:

- Any areas not to be treated are to be locked with an appropriate notice attached to the door.
- Arranging for Facilities & Services to turn air-conditioning off prior to the treatment and for the 24 hour cooling.
- Arrange for Facilities & Services to isolate fire services prior to the treatment and for the 24 hours following.
- Warning signs supplied will be affixed to all entry doors where treatment is to be provided.
- Material safety data sheets, obtained from OH&S, will be affixed to all entry doors.
- Arrange for Facilities & Services to turn on air conditioning for at least 72 hours prior to re-occupying. Facilities and Services will perform this function in most instances.

Rob Carruthers

SIS Facilities

Events and activities

Research support community day 2018.

Registrations are now open for the 2018 Research Support Community Day in Melbourne. The program will be available soon and will include presentations from a variety of speakers who have allegiances with research, government agencies, and e-research specialists. There will be opportunities to network and to hear what other Australian research and academic libraries are doing in the research support and services space.

DATE: Monday 12 February 2018
Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Venue: University of Melbourne, Forum Theatre, Arts West Building

ADA Disability Forum.

First keynote is Professor Ruth Okediji of Harvard University other confirmed speakers include Professor Jill McKeeough of UTS, Seb Chan of ACMI, and Jonny Roses of the IGEA.

DATE: Friday 9 February 2018
VENUE: National Library
More information online.

Share-it – resource sharing futures conference.

Related Histories: Studying the Family is a two-day conference Organised by ALIA & Librarians Australia
DATE: 10-11 May 2018
VENUE: National Library of Australia, Canberra
Register online.

Australian National Data Service

What's on? December

Powering up your 2018 data skills training: Brisbane workshop Tue 5 Dec 9.30-4pm Register (see item below)

Aust Vocab Special Interest Group Tue 5 Dec 11am-12pm GEEDT Join_AVSIG_Google_Group to receive info. Presentations by Diane Hillman from Metadata Management and another speaker (TBA).

Data linkage and the Australian Health Thesaurus webinar: video now online

Resources from the 8 November health and medical data webinar 'Data linkage and the Australian Health Thesaurus' are now online. These include:

- The full webinar recording (30 minutes)
- Trisha Johnston, Director, Statistical Analysis Linkage Team, Queensland Department of Health: slides and recorded talk
- James Humfray, Manager of the Australian Health Thesaurus, HealthDirect Australia: slides and recorded talk

Visit the health and medical webinar hub page to view all the slides and recordings (hit the link button below).

Resources for previous webinars in this series are also still available via the hub page:

- Funders and publishers
- Storing and publishing health and medical data
- Ethics, legal issues and data sharing
- Patient views on data sharing

Data Snippets

- NSW government overhauls its open data infrastructure with the imminent launch of a new data marketplace
- Data Sharing from Clinical Trials – A Research Funder's Perspective (article by funders)

ANU Press & open access

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2018 Library Publishing Directory. Now online in PDF and searchable online versions. read more

Scholarly publishing – a view from the consultants.

Read different views in this SK blog post – "more than a dozen consultants portrays an industry struggling to adapt to a dramatically different and rapidly changing information economy." Kent Anderson asked consultants the following questions:

- What is the most common challenge you're seeing in the industry currently? What's the fundamental driver of this in your opinion? Are we responding well?
- Organizational behavior is a major factor in execution. Which organizational behaviors seem to lead to better execution? Which seem to consistently hold organizations back or make them stumble or fumble?
- Are the organizations you work with being forced to allocate time between two activities – rearranging the deck chairs vs. moving the ship forward – how do you think the allocations would come out?
- Are the organizations you work with investing enough in change and adaptation? Why or why not?
- Who seems to have the most power in the organizations you work with? The change agents, or the VP of "No"?

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Enriching Book Metadata is Marketing in the Digital Age.

A study of how enriching keyword metadata improved sales of 4 publishers points to changes in how we should view marketing of books online. Todd Carpenter reflects on research project that is being undertaken by Firebrand Technologies and Kadaxis, and which released interim results earlier this fall. This project is testing the impact on online sales over time of enriched metadata using keywords. The longitudinal study involved publishers: Dover Publications, Kaplan, Yale University Press, and Andrews McMeel Publishing, each supplying twenty titles to the pilot. Concludes "Ideally, improving metadata will be an easy sell, but reports such as this one by Firebrand and Kadaxis will make the case more strongly that investing in metadata should be a component of a publisher's marketing strategy, not simply a production output."

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Scholarly book are important.

The REF is wrong: books are not inferior to papers – argues Bruce Macfarlane, head of School of Education at the University of Bristol in Times Higher Ed that books have been undervalued "A book is likely to reach a wider audience than a paper in a specialist journal read only by other academics. Books attract reviews that critically assess their value, and there are other measures of their influence, such as sales and invitations to speak about them."

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The failure of Finch.

Danny Kingsley's presentation "So did it work? Considering the impact of Finch 5 years on" is revealing. Danny concludes her presentation with the dot points:

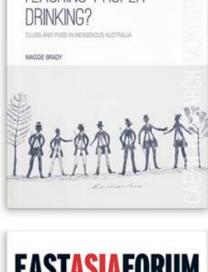
- No other country has joined the push for gold OA
- We have spent literally millions on hybrid articles
- Journals have not flipped and are unlikely to (but if Germany rejects Elsevier maybe there is hope, CS)
- We now have a considerably more complex system in relation to embargos (very expensive in terms of manpower)

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Open access: what should the priorities be today?

Richard Poynder has published Danny Kingsley's response to his question on priorities for going forward with OA.

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Open research

ORCID Libguide. The Australian State Library are delighted with our guide and have asked for permission to reproduce it.

Business models for sustainable research data repositories.

Released jointly by the OECD Global Science Forum and CODATA, the report deals with business models for sustainable research data repositories. 8 useful recommendations.

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Co-ordination and support of international research data networks.

Released jointly by the OECD Global Science Forum and World Data Systems this report covers the landscape of issues we need to look at.

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Pacific Institute publications.

Over 300 digitised Pacific Institute publications are now available online in the repository.

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Open Access.

The International Society for Informetrics and Scientometrics (ISSI) has published a new blog post: Open citations: A letter from the scientometric community to scholarly publishers. Couldn't agree more.

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New in the repository:

- Crosstalk between optical waveguides with applications to visual photoreceptors
- Off-axis aberration coefficients in the numerical solution of integral equations
- Quadrupole moments in the cadmium isotopes
- Linear programming and the calculation of maximum norm approximations

What's new in scholcomm

Carla Hayden. The Librarian of Congress gave the keynote address to the OCLC Americas Regional Council meeting. You will find her inspiring. She talked about the history of library innovation and the role that libraries can play as trusted, smart sources in the information ecosystem.

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OCLC

Americas Regional Council. Presentations from the meetings are now online. Enjoy the Graphic recorder illustrations, breakout sessions including Proving Library Relevance in Higher Education (great quote – "Library relevance to the academic mission is not measured by collection size or expenditures, but by alignment and fit of services to distinctive institutional purpose"). Smarter data for smarter libraries and innovate.

The Many Faces of Digital Visitors and Residents: Facets of Online Engagement. The report challenges the digital natives vs. digital immigrants paradigm – the common assumption that younger people prefer the digital space while older people rely on the details. He found the rate of increase of subscription costs (17%) over the period USA and UK the Consumer Price Index inflation rate for the period (2.3% in NZ, USA and Europe) and Taylor and Francis had the highest overall increase – 33%.

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German universities about to lose Elsevier access.

"Around 200 German universities will lose their subscriptions to Elsevier library within weeks because negotiations have failed to end a long-term contract dispute. The conflict between Elsevier and Germany's university system has dragged on since 2015. Academics in the country lost access to Elsevier content briefly early in 2017, but it was later restored while contract talks resumed. Advocates of open access say that victory for the German universities would be a major blow to conventional models of scientific publishing based on subscription fees."

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The Future of the Academic Library Print Collection: A Space for Engagement.

This report looks at how academic library professionals keep print collections on public view and maximize user engagement - from Arizona State University.

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A Splendid Torment: Learning and Teaching in Today's Academic Libraries.

Six essays, written collaboratively by current and former CLIR postdoctoral fellows, explore the contributions that today's academic libraries—as providers of resources, professional support, and space—are making to learning and teaching. Topics include the continuing evolution of the learning commons, information literacy instruction, digital humanities teaching in libraries, spatial literacy, collaboration in digital special collections, and 3-D printing and pedagogy.

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Digital storage architectures.

Material from the LoC 2017 event on this topic: Cliff Lynce notes "This is a great snapshot of costs and projections across a wide range of storage platforms. Of particular interest this year is (to some surprising) persistence of tape, which is still seeing very considerable storage density improvements, and the emergence of what look like really industrial grade and scale object storage systems. It's also clear that while SSD is quickly replacing disk for many purposes in consumer marketplaces, it's going to be a very very long time before it is likely to do so in data center markets — though it clearly has a significant and growing place in those markets."

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Collections as data and information literacy.

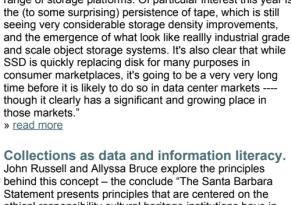
John Russell and Alyssa Bruce explore the principles behind this concept – the Open Access Library Statement presents principles that are centered on the ethical responsibility cultural heritage institutions have in contextualizing their data collections. When collections are accompanied with documentation that provides information describing provenance, ethical issues, data collection methods, and instructional material, cultural heritage institutions directly address issues of authority by ensuring that user users can understand data collection contexts."

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The 12 days of Invercargill.

Invercargill public library continues to put libraries on the map – see their 12 days of Christmas.

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Advice to patrons during exams.

Lucinda Manning writes "The library was doing a good job of rolling in all of it. Never have so many raised eyebrows, wrosted eyes, and flashed knowing looks of annoyance in one room without a full-fledged fight breaking out. December is when all of this comes to a head. For those of us who tend to avoid the library like the plague until we really can resist no longer, I have compiled a guide explaining every person that you will find in the library, and how to make sure that this person is not you."

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AOLASG plans.

"As 2017 draws to a close we're developing plans for the Open Access Library continued enthusiasm, driven by the huge amount of action this year in OA both globally and regionally. Significant activities this year include further work on the E.A.I.R. principles, events such as OR17, the Australian Government's launch of the Productivity Commission's recommendation for a National Open Access week. Throughout 2017 we've run a successful webinar series, been invited to present at conferences and stakeholder meetings, advocated on behalf of our members and affiliates, and kept you up to date with the latest developments."

Here's a snapshot of our 2017 activities."

It's Gonna Get a Lot Easier to Break Science Journal Paywalls.

Adam Rogers points to the failings of the current system and the need for change. He comments "Digital revolutions have a way of disrupting no matter what. As journal articles get more open and more searchable, value will come from understanding what people search for—as Google long ago understood about the open web."

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