



And the water flows in...and our wonderful staff again show resilience and good humour in dealing with challenges

SIS News

Welcoming our students to the libraries.

This year's innovations include a refining and expansion of the Passport program and videos to introduce our libraries – which is your favourite?

- Chifley Library
Hancock Library
Law Library

They are also now on Youtube.

Water. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the water events in Menzies Library, Archives and Chifley Library. Everyone was fantastic acting speedily and professionally.

Copyright.

- The US signed the Marrakesh Treaty (also known as the Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities) on 8 February 2019.
The ACCC has released a preliminary report for its Digital Platforms inquiry.

CAUL.

- CAUL Digital Dexterity framework was launched this week – the new Digital Dexterity framework offers a approach based on through inquiry based learning.
CAUL and AOASG's response to Plan S is now online.

Law Library creates new Wattle site.

Brilliant development - staff have created a new site after a request from the College of Law – it has a wealth of information, is very easy to use and contains terrific videos and other materials.

ALIA election preparation. ALIA is seeking feedback from members - To secure the future of the library and information science industry we want to focus our asks in policy, legislation and funding, for more information on the agenda items please see the website.

The proposed asks are:

- Policy asks:
1. Further investment in digital access to cultural collections.
2. Improved access to data and scholarly information through the development and trial of open access models for government-funded research.
3. Halt to government library closures and greater recognition of the role of library and information professionals in evidence-based decision-making.
4. Greater recognition of the important part libraries play in literacy and learning.
5. Continued recognition of the important part libraries play in digital inclusion.
6. A national early literacy strategy.
7. Support for the long-term success of the Australian book industry.
8. Quality library services for tertiary students enrolled in universities, TAFEs and private Registered Training Organisations.
9. Qualified library staff employed in every school library.
10. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
Legislative asks:
11. Further copyright law reform.
12. Accreditation of higher education and VET courses by professional bodies.
Funding ask:
13. Funding for library buildings as a vital element of Australia's knowledge infrastructure.

Declaration of directorships/secretaryships, partnerships. As part of the University's policy on managing conflicts of interest, the Corporate Governance and Risk Office requests all academic and professional staff with a financial delegation profile of D1 to D4 (ie. above \$100,000) who held directorship, secretaryship or partnership positions in an entity (other than family trust, family partnerships, self-managed super funds and/or not for profit organisations) during 2018 to declare such positions to the University.

EZproxy. Fantastic news – in the first five days of single signon there were 3556 successful logons – thanks to all who assisted.

Information Online. Congratulations to Erin who gave a great paper on digitisation. Janet Fletcher and I have a paper on creating opportunities from disasters. We were inspired by a great range of speakers – challenges in visioning the digital future based on ideas and technologies yet to be fully developed were identified.

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FROM HR
Carers' Career Development Assistance Fund (CCDAF) – Round 1 2019.

Applications are now invited for the first 2019 round of grants under the Carers' Career Development Assistance Fund (CCDAF).

Applications will be open for 6 weeks and will close on Friday 22 March 2019 at 5pm.

The CCDAF is for individual academic and professional staff with caring responsibilities who require support to participate in significant national or international conferences, workshops or symposia that contribute to their careers.

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available to contribute to reasonable costs relating care arrangements are not available. Types of costs covered may include child care costs, care costs for dependants other than children, and airfares for the dependant to accompany the staff member.

All eligibility requirements are detailed in the CCDAF procedure and applications should be completed on the CCDAF application form.

For your awareness, the next opportunity to apply for a CCDAF grant will be in Round 2 2019 (open from Monday 22 July – Friday 30 August 2019 at 5pm).

Events

ADA Copyright Forum
DATE: 22 March 2019
VENUE: National Library of Australia, Canberra.
See more online

Humanities, Arts and Culture Data Summit and third international DARIAH Beyond Europe Workshop
DATE: 27-29 March 2019
VENUE: National Library of Australia, Canberra.
See more online

Designing the Archive: International Council on Archives (ICA), Pacific Regional Branch of ICA, the Australian Society of Archivists and the Archives and Records Association of New Zealand conference
DATE: 21-25 October 2019
VENUE: Adelaide.
See more online

Australian Research Data Commons

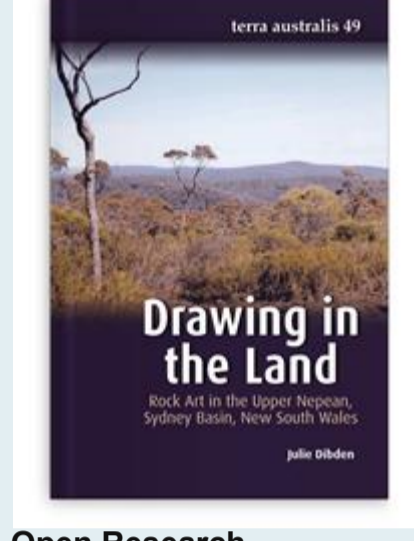
Read the latest newsletter online.

ANU Press and Open Access Publishing.

Plan S. Endless commentaries and responses – Keep up to date with the submissions, news articles and more through a great page Danny Kingsley has put together.

More on the University of Melbourne changes. Prof Frank Bongiorno has written very thoughtfully in The Monthly.
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Realising the potential: final report of the Open Research Data Task Force. New from the UK - The Open Research Data Task Force was established by the then Minister of State for Universities and Science, Jo Johnson MP, in Autumn 2016. It has sought to build on the principles set out in the Concordat on Open Research Data, and to take account of wider moves towards ORD within the international landscape.
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Open Research

New in the repository

- ASCT2 (SLC1A5)-Deficient Mice Have Normal B-Cell Development, Proliferation, and Antibody Production
A three-stage intrathymic development pathway for the mucosal-associated invariant T cell lineage
Most viral peptides displayed by class I MHC on infected cells are immunogenic
Report on the use of genetic and simulated annealing algorithms and an iterated function for the production of electronic art
Environmental governance in Northern Thailand: the role of the district-level forest ranger

Keeping up to date

Mind the gap: Bridging the divide between discovery and delivery. Lynn Connaway reports on her research that finds that discovery and delivery and very different and that the role of library staff remains critically important.
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Transcribus. Archives New Zealand is now using this software to transcribe writing/words in their digitised records.
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University of California toolkit on open access. The University has released two new guides to assist with the transition:

- Guide to Transitioning Journals to Open Access Publishing. This guide is designed to help stakeholders understand basics about journal ownership, operations, and funding models, and to begin gathering important information necessary for OA publishing decision-making.
Checklist for Consultations About Transitioning Journals to OA. This checklist is for libraries and institutions to help facilitate consultations & conversations about journal operations, finances, and strategies—so that journal boards and editors can come away from the conversation with a clearer understanding of how to proceed with an OA transition.

Scholarly communication: report of Expert Group to the European Commission.

An extract: "The conclusion is actually simple: the evaluation of research is the keystone, and it has already been identified by scholars around the world, and by various expert groups within the European Commission, as structuring a global research architecture characterised by an unlimited quest for rankings. The ranking imperative affects all levels of the research structure, and it tends to constrain change for nearly all actor...The best way to make the scholarly communication and publishing system evolve in a way satisfying the research-centred perspective favoured in the report is to maximise cooperation and collaboration among the actors willing to act in such a direction. Funding agencies, therefore, will see their influence grow in proportion to their ability to rally most or even all of the actors involved in the scholarly communication and publishing ecosystem"

Linked archives – SLNSW development.

'Linked Archives' is a digital curation tool which is the outcome of the ARCHIVER project based at Western Sydney University. Using the State Library's signature Angus & Robertson manuscript collection as proof of concept, 'Linked Archives' captures and stores information derived from archival documents, enabling connections to be made within and across collections, as well the creation of custom datasets for large-scale analysis and visualisations pertaining to networks and international systems. The tool is designed for researchers to use for their own projects, as well as providing opportunities to link to a larger pool of related archive sets.

- College & Research Libraries News. The February 2019 issue is now out. It includes:
Jenny Hoops and Sarah Hare. "Library publisher resources: Making publishing approachable, sustainable, and values-driven."
Irene M.H. Herold. "Responsible collaborations: Scholarship and cultural heritage assets."

Lessons from the Chifley Flood. A new blog post talks about the lessons we have learnt and the wonderful work being done by staff rebuilding the collection. You have all been fantastic!
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OCLC. New resources:

- Webinar recording: discussion on the recently published report, Practices and Patterns in Research Information Management: Findings from a Global Survey. Now online. View the recording and download the slides.
Thomas Padilla, Visiting Digital Research Services Librarian, University of Nevada Las Vegas has written Collections as Data: Part to Whole the second in a series of grant funded projects exploring computational access to library and archive collections. Building on the work of Always Already Computational: Collections as Data, the project aims to foster the development of broadly viable models that support implementation and use of collections as data.

Second Big Deals survey: Preview of the results. EUSA has published a preview of the results of the latest edition of its Big Deals survey. The large-scale initiative covers 31 consortia in Europe, representing universities and other organisations, responsible for the negotiation of Big Deal contracts with publishers. The preliminary results show that more than one billion euros are spent every year across Europe in electronic resources, of which more than 700 million go to periodicals alone. These numbers are subject to an average annual increase of 3.6%. Notably, universities support about 72% of these costs.
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Key strategic issues. Perspectives of librarians on three of the top ten IT issues identified by EDUCAUSE –
#4. Student-Centered Institution: Understanding and advancing technology's role in optimizing the student experience (from applicants to alumni)

#8. Data Management and Governance: Implementing effective institutional data-governance practices and organizational structures

#3. Privacy: Safeguarding institutional constituents' privacy rights and maintaining accountability for protecting all types of restricted data
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