

Ever feel the books want to fly in or escape? Image source [here](#)

SIS News

2019 – a year of activity.

SIS January to March statistics:

Library
Collection growth 1139 titles, increase 23%
Print resources borrowed 31,044 decrease 13%
Reference enquiries 18,942 decrease 7.4%
visitors to library buildings 250,970 decreased of 5.4%
(Note Chifley Library and Menzies level 1 closed for part of Feb and March due to water ingest and water contamination)

Archives
Collection use – Physical 8,492 increase 187%
Enquiries 278 increase 20.3%

Records
Folder creation 3,213 increase 1736%
Records created 73,725 increase 33.8%
Document views 158,630 increase 6.6%

ANU Press
Titles published 7 decrease 22%
Downloads 823,658 increase 19%

Open research (research collection)
Collection 100,250 increased 11%
Downloads 519,971 increase 37.3%

Research and information skills
Total attendees (online and face to face) 4573 decrease 17%
Libguide use 15,829 up 2%

SIS Planning.

Thanks to all those involved, including Mark who put the plans online – our area plans for this year are mostly don e- you can find these online:

- Library Services 2019
ANU Press 2019
University Archives 2019
University Records 2019

Library Staff Consultative Committee.

Thank you to lvo for letting us being alert and notifying that we haven't filled the union representative position. It's time to fix that!

Call for nominations for one member for the union representative position—all nominations to Margaret Prescott – information on the committee can be found here.

Thank you F&S for parking changes. Facilities & Services received several complaints regarding contractors parking within the back carpark area of Menzies Library and McDonald Road, which is a designated permit and PAYG parking area. Due to the construction in this space and SHAW Building Group working next to Menzies, a large amount of external contractors were using the PAYG/Cellopark.

As of Thursday 18th April this parking area (for the time being) has been changed to ANU permit and Cellopark only . This will request the driver to include a 'U' number prior to creating a parking session, effectively minimising the quantity of external drivers able to park in the area.)

CAUL:

- Digital dexterity is a major area of work for CAUL. A new Community of Practice has been established – Samantha Jackson has volunteered to be our coordinator at ANU.

Copyright:

- ALCC – The group has been extremely active this year thanks to eh amazing work of Jessica Coates. I represented CAUL at the latest meeting – don't forget to look at the resources on their website. Their factsheets and checklists are very helpful – we used the Safe Harbours one to ensure that we worked to make ANU compliant.
Thanks to NSLA for two very useful statements:

Position statement: reasonably diligent search for orphan works
Position statement: copyright

Elsevier. Never far from the news is Elsevier's success in negotiating with Norwegian universities is the topic of the week. "The Norwegian consortium for higher education and research and global science publisher Elsevier agreed on April 23 to a pilot national license that provides Norwegian researchers with access to academic research while making Norwegian research available through open access publishing. The pilot will run for two years, giving seven universities and 39 research institutions across Norway access to Elsevier's platform. The Norwegian Directorate for ICT and Joint Services in Higher Education and Research (UNIT) and Elsevier will jointly monitor the program. At €9 million, UNIT will pay Elsevier about 3% more for access than its previous agreement."

Also you may find a presentation to CNI on the University of California/Elsevier negotiations interesting.

Yes there are publishers offering truly transformational licences.

Cambridge University Press and the University of California Agree to Open Access Publishing Deal. Under the agreement, UC will have full and permanent access to the Press's entire collection of over 400 journals, and open access publishing in Cambridge's journals will be available to authors across the UC's 10 campuses. Because the subscription "reading" fee will go down as UC's open access publishing goes up, the university will see no significant overall increase to the cost of its contract. The three-year agreement will allow UC and Cambridge to pilot this approach from 2019 through 2021. Brilliant!

How many books should be kept on site in a university library?

A hot topic it seems. Yale have proposed to increase student spaces through relocating some material to their offsite store and it has hit the headlines.

Digital Scholarship fellow at Leiden University.

The fellowship program for Digital Scholarship at Leiden enables researchers to study the vast digital collections at Leiden University Libraries and to collaborate with the innovative Centre for Digital Scholarship (CDS) at Leiden University. It aims to support the work of researchers who actively make use of digital technologies and will ideally produce convincing examples of the ways in which data science technologies and digital humanities methods can enhance and enrich the more traditional forms of research. The program includes financial support for a stay in Leiden during a period of two months. See more information here.

Inbound Researcher & Librarian Mobility.

Alma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia are offering an Inbound Researchers & Librarian Mobility to universities partners, diaspora Indonesia, research bodies, libraries, and other field of network. The program will bring librarians and researchers at all level to work together with AtmaLib in B&NC establishment, to study the collection in the areas related with research and Atma Jaya. The Librarian program is 6-12 weeks. If you would like to see the information flyer contact me or Heather.

Congratulations to Holly Godfree, ASLA Teacher Librarian of the Year.

Holly Godfree has been crowned the Australian Teacher Librarian for 2019 by the Australian School Library Association (ASLA).

Roxanne Missingham
University Librarian

FROM HR

Further to other recent enhancements to staff induction processes, I am pleased to announce that a suite of online orientation training modules has been developed to improve the on-boarding experience for new staff.

Online 'ANU New Staff Orientation' modules

A series of modules has been added to PULSE which will be available prior to a new staff members' start date. This will help build engagement and commitment to ANU and provide important information to new staff in advance of their arrival.

The 'ANU New Staff Orientation' consists of the following five modules:

- ANU New Staff Orientation – Introduction
Module 1 – Overview of ANU
Module 2 – Starting at ANU
Module 3 – The Responsible ANU Staff Member
Module 4 – Campus Environment
Please update any local induction processes to include this new information, and ensure that supervisors are encouraging their new staff members to complete the new modules in PULSE.

New staff members will be able to commence the modules as soon as they receive access to the university system and a link to access the modules is included in their Letter of Offer.

If you would like further information regarding the ANU New Staff Orientation modules, please contact HR_Development@anu.edu.au

Best wishes

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Dr Nadine White
Director - Human Resources

Events

Fires, Floods and Failures: Future Proofing against Disaster

This year ALIA URLs (ACT) and Blue Shield Australia are hosting a one-day Seminar at NLA on the topic of 'Fires, Floods and Failures: Future Proofing against Disaster'. Come and hear how our colleagues deal with disaster planning and emergency responses in relation to libraries and cultural collections. The program and registration details can be found here.

Date: Wednesday, 1 May 2019
Venue: Conference Room, 4th Floor, National Library of Australia

Designing the Archive: Operational 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

CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

To support the development of a data commons, we are initiating a number of small projects.

Applications are now open for funding under Transformative data collections and Institutional role.

ANU Press and Open Access Publishing

Delta Think survey. Each year Delta Think surveys a large sample of major and significant publishers to assess the current state of Article Processing Charges (APCs) list prices. Covering almost 12,000 titles, this survey represents one of the most comprehensive round-ups of open access pricing. They found that Open access charges are slowly changing, list prices is consistent with such a trend and suggests that patterns are emerging...samples suggest that for the major publishers, on average:

- The number of hybrid journals has continued to increase, typically by a low single-digit percent.
Amongst the largest publishers, the number of fully OA journals has decreased (again by a low single-digit percent), while mid-sized publishers increased their numbers of fully OA journals.
This appears to be due to changes in line up of publishers' portfolios (e.g., transfers) rather than fully OA "flipping" to hybrid.
Prices Show No Dramatic Changes

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Global Alliance of Open Access Scholarly Communication Platforms.

The alliance comprises these platforms - AmeliCA, AJOL, Érudit J-STAGE, OpenEdition, and SCIELO. From the launch: "It will work to improve interoperability among platforms and address language barriers for the knowledge uptake. It will also work together to curate content that addresses SDGs."

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Publisher vs OA Advocate debate.

From AOASG: Elsevier director of Scholarly Communications debates University of Sydney Associate Professor Alex Holcombe in this podcast from Rationally Speaking on the question: Is Elsevier helping or hurting scientific progress?

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How libraries help authors boost book sales.

Much reported this week and full of sage advice. Rachel Kramer Bussel in Forbes outlines many ways we help authors.

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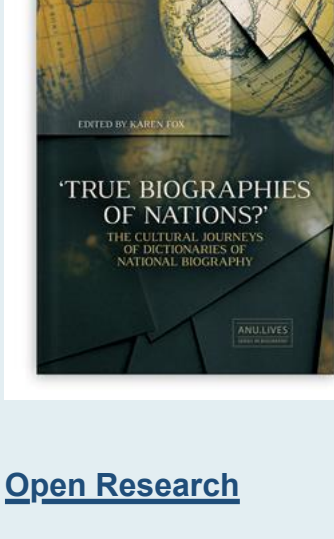
AOASG newsletter. Latest issue is out now

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Open Access Publishing: New Evidence on Faculty Attitudes and Behaviors.

Ithaka S+R's latest long-standing US Faculty Survey is out. This survey has tracked the changing research, teaching, and publishing practices of higher education faculty members on a triennial basis since 2000. They highlight some of the key findings around open access that we expect will be of interest to the scholarly communication community. Notably, they find a widening disconnect between faculty attitudes, on the one hand, and reported practices, on the other, related to open access publishing. Key finding – strong sentiment to open,

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Open Research

New in the repository

- Relationships between mature trees and fire fuel hazard in Australian forests
Worthwhile work? Childcare, feminist ethics and cooperative research practices
Conspectus of Australian Brachystomellidae (Collembola) with description of new species of Rapoportella and redescription of Cassagnella anomala
Resilience in major Australian cities: assessing capacity and preparedness to respond to extreme weather events
Scabies and risk of skin sores in remote Australian Aboriginal communities: A self-controlled case series study

Keeping up to date

Great work by Tim Sherratt. Some new sources of full text content for exploration:

- OCRd text from 9,738 digitised works in the Trove books zone – includes books, as well as ephemera (pamphlets and leaflets)
OCRd text from 27,426 issues of 358 digitised journals in Trove (about 6.6gb of text in total)
Links to data repositories, CSV formatted metadata, and the code used to do the harvesting are all available in his GLAM Workbench (look under Trove - books, and Trove - journals)

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Information Management Standard: Australian Government.

The National Archives has published another implementation guideline for the Information Management Standard. This new guideline supports implementation of Principle 7: Business information is saved in systems where it can be appropriately managed

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Horizon Report. Educause produces this report annually – 2019 findings include:

Short-Term—Driving technology adoption in higher education for the next one to two years

- Redesigning Learning Spaces
Blended Learning Designs
Mid-Term—Driving technology adoption in higher education for the next three to five years
Advancing Cultures of Innovation
Growing Focus on Measuring Learning
Long-Term—Driving technology adoption in higher education for five or more years
Rethinking How Institutions Work
Modularized and Disaggregated Degrees

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LA Central Library fire in 1986. Thank you so much Jason – A link to the RNZ podcast, on the subject of the LA Central Library fire in 1986 – a very significant tragedy which will have echoes for all of us.

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Transformative Agreements: A Primer. Read-and-publish? Publish-and-read? A primer on transformative agreements by @lialibrarian

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Beautiful libraries from across Australia. This article showcases some of the best looking libraries from across Australia by Miriam McGarry published in The Design Files.

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Academic Libraries Toolkit. Project Outcome for Academic Libraries from ACRL

has developed the free toolkit designed to help academic libraries understand and share the impact of essential library programs and services by providing simple surveys and an easy-to-use process for measuring and analyzing outcomes. The standardized surveys allow libraries to aggregate their outcome data and analyze trends over time by service topic and program type. Training and resources are provided to participating libraries so they can use data-driven results to advocate for their library.

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Libraries Transform Toolkit. ACRL and Gale, a Cengage company, have collaborated to create the ACRL Libraries Transform Toolkit. This free new toolkit provides academic and research libraries with easy-to-use tools and resources to develop effective marketing and outreach strategies to promote their services and impact to students, faculty and administrators

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The British Library's new Collection Metadata Strategy. "Our vision is that by 2023 the Library's collection metadata standards will be unified on a single, sustainable, standards-based infrastructure offering improved options for access, collaboration and open reuse". This strategy covers 2019-23 and seeks to ensure collection metadata becomes even more accessible, relevant and useful by addressing key challenges and new opportunities including - Increasing Volume and Complexity ; New Metadata Creation Options and Improving Visibility.

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RDA Toolkit. On April 30, there will be a major update to the RDA Toolkit beta site that will include a stabilized version of the English text as well as added and improved functionality to the site. ALA on May 10 has a free 90-minute webinar

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All Things Coko: A Step Towards a True Shared Infrastructure for Scholarly Communication? Useful insights into open source software.

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OPERAS Tools Research and Development White Paper. While released last year still worth a read. OPERAS, a European research infrastructure for the development of open scholarly communication in the social sciences and humanities, emphasizes the importance of building the open science scholarly communication infrastructure in Social Sciences and Humanities on community driven tools. In this perspective, the development of Open Source tools and the setup of a toolbox appear to be appropriate answers to the existing needs and evolutions in scholarly publishing.

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Playtime at Robarts Library: Opening a family-friendly study space at the University of Toronto. A great initiative addressing a new role that takes a thoughtful approach to supporting parents. "According to the University of Toronto's Family Care Office, student parents usually face three main obstacles while pursuing their post-secondary education: childcare, financial issues, and time management". We need to think more about this issue.

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Alternatives to Statistics for Measuring Success and Value of Cataloging. Karen Smith Yushima's latest blog summarises recent discussions on this topic, initiated by Jennifer Baxmeyer of Princeton, Erin Grant of the University of Washington, and John Riemer of University of California, Los Angeles. Metadata managers need to balance allocation of staff to "traditional cataloging activities" with more exploratory R&D projects that do not directly relate to getting more metadata into catalogs. One way of demonstrating the value of metadata is offering "metadata as a service." A "cultural shift" is needed, where administrators need to view metadata specialists as more than just "production machines", and metadata specialists value opportunities to learn and explore new approaches even more than pride around production alone. OCLC Research Library Partners metadata managers shared different approaches to stimulate interest in learning opportunities

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Information Innovation @ UTS. Latest presentations are online:

Paul Kennedy (UTS): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H56ddueWaaW
Glen Humphries (NSW State Records): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cR_UAFK1SM
Matthew Golab (Gilbert + Tobin): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ-sBTfaW98
Q&A: https://soundcloud.com/user-722164145/q-a-session-from-the-machine-learning-for-information-management-information-session/Vg9ZT

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