

Happy Library and Information Week.

University Libraries in the ACT university libraries in the ACT are awesome! Did you know we had over 2.2 million visits a year? We hold an extraordinary range of special collections supporting education, research and the wider community.

See our story here

SIS News

Library Staff Consultative Committee.

Call for nominations for one member in the category ANU 1-4 – information on the committee can be found here.

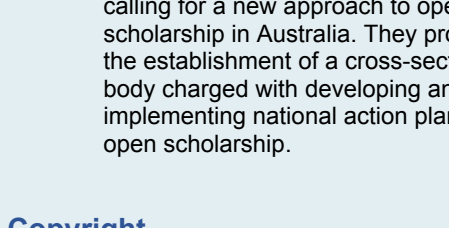
Sierra downtime.

Thanks to Mark and those doing all to update Sierra to 4.3.2
Downtime:
6 June at 5PM.
3 July at 5PM.

Approx 1 hour for each period of downtime.

Moves at Chifley Library. Due to the building works at Chifley Meredith has moved into the office previously occupied by the Manager of Open Research and Rebecca, Jason, Ana Maria and Luciana and now in study rooms on level 3. When the building works are complete, they will move into the new staff area on level 2.

And now the deconstruction commences:



Thanks to Vanessa for the photo – like a Phoenix we will rise!

ANU Library videos:

The family of library videos is now complete with the An & Music video now live - do have a look at them all!

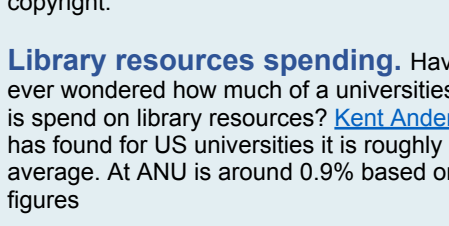
CAUL:

- The Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) and the Australasian Open Access Strategy Forum (AOASG) released a joint election statement calling for a new approach to open scholarship in Australia. They propose the establishment of a cross-sectoral body charged with developing and implementing national action plan for open scholarship.

Copyright.

- The election is over and the real work begins – Eliquium analysis suggests “We expect the Government will progress its Copyright Modernisation Review”, work on the Consumer Data Right will be ongoing and Digital platforms will be addressed through the ACCC report and a Senate enquiry
A great recording on the The Curtin Open Knowledge Initiative both provides insights into open access and the importance of rights management.

Privacy



Privacy Awareness Week (PAW) started with the annual Business Breakfast. The Commissioner launched the Notifiable Data Breaches Scheme 12-month Insights Report. Over the week of PAW, there were many more events and activities. OAIC have also uploaded the top 10 tips for protecting personal information.

Road closures. Don't forget there are major changes – there is a useful page on the website.

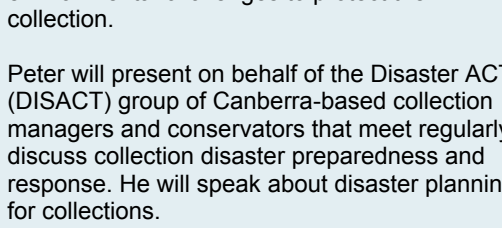
Bonus Plus and Vanessa greatly appreciated.

Fabulous feedback: The Bonus+ service has been a vital part of my research. As a second year PhD student I have been using the Bonus+ service to borrow books that are not available at the ANU libraries. These books have ended up forming the foundation of my research. It is not always possible to purchase everybook that we may need during the course of a PhD program. The Bonus+ service provides the opportunity to overcome this difficulty. When I have had to purchase a book, this service is also a great way to check out books prior to purchase. I could not do my PhD without it.”

Elections. Well it is all over for another three or so years. In case you were interested: GLAM PEAK – Key issues statement – efficiency dividend, digital collections, Indigenous cultural competence, National research infrastructure, copyright.

Library resources spending. Have you ever wondered how much of a universities budget is spent on library resources? Kent Andersen has found for US universities it is roughly 0.5% on average. At ANU is around 0.9% based on 2017 figures

Congratulations to Erin and the Brindabella Choir. Congratulations to Erin and all members of the Brindabella Chorus. 1st place in AA Division Chorus and place 2019 Champion Chorus for Region 34!



Roxanne Missingham University Librarian

FROM HR

The Stand-down Supplementary hours form is to be used for eligible Stand-down staff only. This is a unique form to be used by this shift worker cohort only.

If additional hours (short term) are worked by an ordinary part-time staff member, please use the Overtime report (non-casual employees only).

If you require clarification of your part-time staff members appointment type, please contact your Branch Manager or HR Divisional Services.

Thanks

Sally Webster HR

Events

ASA ACT event: Advice from Disaster Masters: Collection planning and disaster preparedness Luncheon talk DATE: 28th May, 12:30 – 1:30 LOCATION: National Archives Preservation Facility, Mitchell. Thea Exley room.

The ACT branch of the Australian Society of Archivists presents a luncheon talk on Disasters!

Come along to hear Collection and Archive Disaster Masters share their wealth of advice and experience on how to prepare for the worst; aim for the best and; manage the real world experience of when disaster strikes.

Belinda will draw on her experiences at the National Archives in dealing with unexpected environmental challenges to protect the collection.

Peter will present on behalf of the Disaster ACT (DISACT) group of Canberra-based collection managers and conservators that meet regularly to discuss collection disaster preparedness and response. He will speak about disaster planning for collections.

URLS Fires, Floods and Failures: Future Proofing against Disasters – ANU speakers

Come and hear Any Jarvis speak on Stromlo and Sidling Springs fires and the changes to planning and buildings. Kathryn Dan talk about DisACT and Roxanne and Rebecca talk about the Chifley flood and collection rebuilding. Date: Tuesday June18, 2019, 12 noon to 2:00pm. Venue: McDonald Room, Menzies Library

Tour of CSIRO Black Mountain Library The tour will cover the digitisation service, rare books collection, and we'll have artefacts from the CSIRO archives on display. They'll also be an opportunity to see research while all CSIRO print collections are stored, and hear about our collection consolidation project. Following the tour they will be conducting a workshop with ALIA for special libraries on reshaping the library service and developing a mission statement. Registration details can be found here.

Date: Tuesday July 16, 2019, 9:30am to 1:00pm. Venue: CSIRO Black Mountain Library

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

Events:

Mozilla-Library Carpentry Global Sprint 30-31 May, Global Join us to develop lesson content in teaching practical data skills to research supporting staff and librarians. Gather a team together at your workplace and review or contribute in a 48 hour window. Read More

Data for the Planet: driving solutions for resilient cities, disaster risk reduction and infectious diseases Mon 3 Jun, 17:30 - 19:00, Canberra Join the ARDC, the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian National University for a public lecture by Dr Simon Hodson, Executive Director of CODATA. Register

ANU Press and Open Access Publishing

Stanford University Press gets funding revivied after protest. Stanford University Press was identified for change and reduction in funding and scope.

- This article by David Palumbo-Liu, Louise Hewlett Nixon professor and professor of comparative literature at Stanford University passionately defends presses. >> read more
- The Sunday Times also includes a defence of the press by the same author. >> read more

Worried about the future of the monograph? An interview with Jennifer Crewe, President of the (US) Association of University Presses. Some comments “Our biggest challenge remains the low sales of scholarly monographs, such as revised dissertations or scholarly books with a narrow focus in a small field... Publishing is a business in constant flux – it’s impossible to project out even five years, in my view. Our strategic plans span three’.

A faster path to OA. Springer Nature describe their path – as a transformative publisher rather than through Plan S, “We can stimulate demand by advocating, promoting, educating, and making the technical changes needed to measure and showcase the benefits of OA, and ensure our pricing and fees leave no doubt about which articles are funded in which ways during the transition. We can work together to establish a set of standards that all agree to and that compliance is measured against to embed trust and confidence in all stakeholders – researchers, institutions and funding bodies.

2019 Textbook Affordability Survey Report. Library Journal’s report is based on a study of 238 academic librarians, who have been playing a leading role in acquiring eBooks and other digital materials for academic libraries, in addition to traditional print materials. Key findings:

- Two-thirds (68%) of academic librarians agree that textbook affordability is a “major concern” for their institution, while virtually all (95%) believe that textbook affordability is a “major concern” for students
- Ninety-three percent of academic libraries say they work with faculty to help make digital alternatives available for students
- Academic libraries actively interact and collaborate with faculty to offer affordable textbook options
- Generally, faculty are receptive to the idea of integrating digital materials into their course work. The top barrier to adding digital resources that librarians say that faculty members cite is “too much time and effort to build the needed resources”

Open and closed – What do reverse flips tell us about the scholarly publishing landscape? The progress of Open Access (OA) is often measured by the proportion of journals that have transitioned to OA publication models. However, a number of journals have made the opposite choice and moved from open to closed access models. In this post Lisa Matthias, Najko Jahn and Mikael Laakso report on findings from their study “We suspect, the OA model is not the root cause of these problems, but rather other problematic aspects of the scholarly publishing system; for example, the prestige-driven evaluation system, and the increasing concentration of journals within a few large commercial entities. However, with initiatives such as Plan S, it is clear that for many scholarly publishers it will no longer be business as usual. As new stakeholder groups, including researchers, policymakers, NGOs, and academic and library consortia become increasingly engaged with scholarly communication, it remains critical that we have a sound, evidence-informed view of how the landscape is changing. Reverse-flip journals represent one small but critical part of this and we encourage others to pool their resources, efforts, and data to help to create a more holistic understanding of the global scholarly publishing ecosystem, and ultimately a more sustainable open scholarly infrastructure

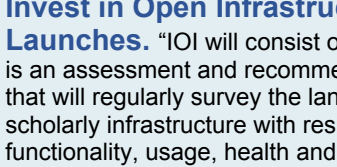
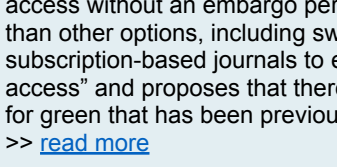
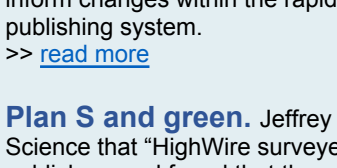
Ten Hot Topics around Scholarly Publishing. Addresses issues around preprints and scooping, the practice of copyright transfer, the function of peer review, predatory publishers, and the legitimacy of “global” databases. They provide data as tool against misinformation across wider academic research, policy and practice, and to inform changes within the rapidly evolving scholarly publishing system.

Plan S and green. Jeffrey Brainard writes in Science that “HighWire surveyed 27 nonprofit publishers and found that they rated green open access without an embargo period more favorably than other options, including switching their subscription-based journals to entirely gold open access” and proposes that there is more support for green that has been previously reported.

Invest in Open Infrastructure Launches. “OI will consist of two functions, one is an advisory survey and recommendation framework that will regularly survey the landscape of open scholarly infrastructure with respect to its functionality, usage, health and financial needs and make funding recommendations for that infrastructure”.

Nominations for awards: Scholarly Book of the Year Grappling with the Bomb

Tertiary (Wholly Australian): Teaching and Learning – digital only Introduction to the Tibetan Language textbook



Open Research

Evaluating Zotero, SHERPA/RoMEO, and Unpaywall in an Institutional Repository Workflow. Ashley D.R. Sergiadis, East Tennessee State University writes about their workflow to add journal publications to their institutional repository and faculty profiles using three tools: Zotero for entering metadata, SHERPA/RoMEO for checking copyright permissions, and Unpaywall for locating full-text documents. This study evaluates availability and accuracy of the information and documents provided by Zotero, SHERPA/RoMEO, and Unpaywall for journal publications in four disciplines. The tools were less successful with works authored by arts and humanities and education faculty in comparison to works authored by medicine and health sciences and social and behavioral sciences faculty. The findings suggest that publisher practices contributed to the disciplinary differences.

Assessing Impact Assessment – What can be learnt from Australia’s Engagement and Impact Assessment? Ksenia Sawczak, our lovely colleague from the University of Canberra discusses the development and recent release of the results of the Australian Engagement and Impact Assessment (EIA) and asks hard questions – how will this fit into the “national interest debate”, what does it really matter given no funding comes from it?

New in the repository

- Bare Branches - China’s surplus men
- Australian staphylocococcus aureus sepsis outcome
- Live long, prosper and multiply? The consequences of China’s One Child Policy
- The process of population ageing and its challenges
- Heterosexuality and Race in the Australian Same-Sex Marriage Postal Survey.

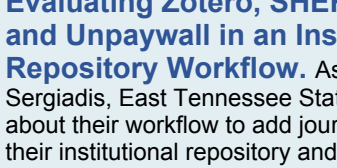
Keeping up to date

Data Communities: A New Model for Supporting STEM Data Sharing. A new brief from Ithaka S+R – “Successful data sharing happens within data communities, formed of informal groups of users who share a certain type of data with each other, regardless of disciplinary boundaries. Drawing on Ithaka S+R findings and the scholarly literature, we identify what constitutes a data community and outline its most important features by studying three success stories, investigating the circumstances under which intensive data sharing is already happening. We extend that to stakeholders who wish to promote data sharing – librarians, information technologists, scholarly communications professionals, and research funders, to name a few – should work to identify and support emergent data communities. These are groups of scholars for whom a relatively straightforward technological intervention, usually the establishment of a data repository, could kickstart the growth of more active data sharing culture. We conclude by responding to some potential counterarguments to this call for bottom-up intervention and offering recommendations for ways forward.

Springer white paper. Today’s library and the future of scholarly communications is the title. Using input for a survey in 2018 – the 4 top challenges are:

- lack of resources,
- understanding research trends
- conveying the value of librarians
- keeping up with changing technology.

Sage / Report covers research conducted in the UK by Gold Leaf over the 15 months leading up to February 2019. “among survey respondents, 82% of the academics, 62% of the librarians and 45% of the students surveyed said the approach to pedagogy had changed at their institution”. Students had a radically different view on support to librarians and academics.



Human error accounts for a third of privacy breaches. Results of analysis by the OAIC – “Between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019, the scheme recorded 964 data breach notifications – a 712 per cent rise on the previous year, when reporting was only voluntary rather than mandatory. Of those, almost two-thirds (60 per cent) were found to have been the result of malicious or criminal attacks. A further 35 per cent was attributed to human error, with just 5 per cent being caused by system faults”.

PLOS journals open peer review. PLOS Journals are now open for published peer review. The developed this option in consultation with editors and will report on findings in the future.

How cold is that research library? A lot of fun Colleen Flaherty writes: “What a difference preparation makes when it comes to doing research in Arctic-level air-conditioned academic libraries (or ones that are otherwise freezing—or not air-conditioned at all). Luckily, Megan L. Cook, assistant professor of English at Colby College, published a crowdsourced document titled “How Cold is That Library?”

Public libraries are not just about books. At their heart, they are about social equity. Published in The Guardian, a very positive article about the value of public libraries. Includes comments from an interview with Sue McKerracher, ALIA CEO.

CNI presentations. Scaling Software Emulation Programs: An introduction to the EaaSI Program of Work (Seth Anderson, Yale University Library). The Scaling Emulation and Software Preservation Infrastructure (EaaSI) program is focused on the development of technology and services that support distributed management, documentation, sharing, and use of emulated software across a broad range of disciplines.

Research Innovation Trends and Priorities in Canadian Research Libraries (Mirilee Proffitt, OCLC Research; Vivian Lewis, McMaster University). Reports on the results of a survey of research libraries in Canada conducted by the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) and OCLC Research. Key findings: majority expect physical library use to increase over the next 5 years at a modest level; majority expect online use to increase significantly; expect growth in research support services because of university needs; students needs of space and technology will increase; top priorities focus on research data, facilities and demonstrating value; support for digital scholarship important. Comparison with ANZ survey – differences in top priorities and most challenging/ripe for innovation.



More from Tim Sheratt. “I’ve downloaded 3,471 full page editorial cartoons published in the Bulletin from Trove. There’s at least one cartoon for very issue published between 4 Sep 1886 and 17 Sep 1952. The full collection is on CloudStor, but for easy browsing I’ve also compiled the images into PDFs – one for each decade. More details and all the links are here.”

We Must Protect Libraries, Journalists And Technologists Together To Preserve Online News. “Putting this all together, as we reimagine what it means to archive digital journalism and the technological and methodological underpinnings of truly global preservation, we must look beyond the traditional insular disciplinary barriers of libraries, journalism and technology to bring all three together. The sooner the better, as each day more of our history slips away into the digital ether.”

Article Processing Charge Hyperinflation and Price Insensitivity: An Open Access Sequel to the Serials Crisis. “Since the mid-1990s, increases in article processing charges at commercial publishers are proceeding at a rate far higher than inflation... it appears that once authors are willing or able to pay an APC, that they are willing to pay them with little regard to the size of an APC”.

Revised ACRL OA policy statement. & guidelines The ACRL Board of Directors approved a revision of the ACRL Policy Statement on Open Access to Scholarship by Academic Librarians. The revision addresses the sense of the “across the lifecycle” nature of scholarly communication interest in open access. The Board also approved new Subcommittees for: Archival Holdings Counts and Measures for Archival Repositories and Special Collections Libraries. Developed by the SAA-ACRL/RBMS Joint Task Force on the Development of Standardized Holdings Counts and Measures for Archival Repositories and Special Collections Libraries, the guidelines were developed to help archival repositories and special collections libraries quantify and communicate information about holdings.