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Our collections are rich with ANU history. Taken in 1962, this shows Sir Keith Hancock bowling the first ball on the new No. 1 Oval.

SIS News

Coronavirus The university's approach to and information about the Coronavirus is now on the website. The Australian Government has issued advice for universities that is accessible through the website or directly from this link.

CAUL.

- University Librarian Janette Burke shares with us lessons learned through her career, tips to grow in the job and anecdotes for librarians who have not quite decided if this is the job for them in an interview published by Wiley.
Fiona Salisbury University Librarian from La Trobe University has been appointed Program Director for the new CAUL Enabling a Modern Curriculum Program

Copyright.

- Applications for the Cultural fund, the philanthropic arm of the Copyright Agency are open now. The Cultural Fund provides invaluable Publishing Industry Career Development Grants to Australian publishers and literary agents and offers Create Grants to individual writers and visual artists to create new work. They also offer career-sustaining Fellowships for mid-career and established authors, visual artists and English and literacy teachers.

Our 2020 digitisation plan. This year we have a fantastic range of digitisation projects planned including:

- Replacement of titles lost in the flood (ANU published)
Tooth & Co photographs
Tooth & Co hotel albums
Maps and plans (continuing)
Trade union (K series) photographs
Pacific linguistics bibles
Photographs of ANU (metadata)
Woodford journals
Zu Dishan (it will be completed this year - wow!)

You can see the Business cases on the intranet.

Interlibrary Resource Sharing (ILRS) Code Changes are coming.

The official message: Following a thorough review of the Interlibrary Resource Sharing (ILRS) Code by the ALIA Interlibrary Lending Committee, the ALIA Board, and representative library bodies have endorsed the recommendations. From 1 April 2020 there will be a 9.5% increase in the ILRS Code recommended basic fee, taking the total to:

- \$18.50 for core copies electronic delivery
\$28.50 for core loans including normal delivery.

Please note that the \$10 postage charge for physical loans (incorporated in the \$28.50). Also, from July 1 2021, charges will increase annually according to CPI. The changes are the result of the ILRS Code review, which took place over 12 months and involved a survey eliciting more than 200 responses.

Freedom, of expression and social justice.

This month Incite contains articles by Jane Cowell and me on the very thorny issue of the role of libraries in allowing public debate of freedom of expression. Recent restrictions on the use of space and controversies in Brisbane and Canada have triggered debate. The issues are very challenging for the profession and we will not always agree. This is a debate that we need to have.

Roxanne Missingham University Librarian

Events

SIS Planning Day DATE: 3 February 2020 VENUE: Graneek Room

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The Training calendar is online – here is the link.

Australian Research Data Commons

Tap into the world's data versioning experts.

Are you confused by data versioning? Solve it by accessing and using solutions developed by the Research Data Alliance (RDA) Data Versioning Working Group. The Data Versioning WG recently produced their final report, outlining new and improved principles and best practices for versioning of research data. The two key recommendations for data versioning are:

- be clear about which dataset is to be identified
communicate the significance of the change to the designated user community of the dataset.

Read more online.

Supporting the GEO Community by increasing the use and value of data.

In November 2019, Ministers from 105 member governments, business leaders, heads of international non-profits and passionate experts met in Canberra, Australia for GEO Week 2019 and the GEO Ministerial Summit. Hosted by the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), a group that envisions a world where Earth observation data is used to drive better decision making, GEO Week brings together diverse people and cultures. Through our partnership with Earth Science Information Partners (ESIP), a long time participant of GEO Week, the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC) hosted an exclusive 'Data for our Planet' Workshop in conjunction with GEO Week.

The workshop brought together the community's experts from ESIP, Committee on Data for Science and Technology, ARDC, Australian Academy of Science, National Computational Infrastructure and others to discuss data integration issues across various disciplines. Participants discussed their current initiatives; examined specific challenges relating to data accessibility, interoperability and reusability (FAIR) and used a set of pilot case studies to examine these issues. Read more online.

ANU Press and Open Access Publishing.

Academic Publishing in Europe conference.

- Roger Schonfeld has written a blog post on the conference - he focuses on discussions on global science, China's skyrocketing investment in its scientific sector.

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- Four of the Scholarly Kitchen contributors were at the conference – their insights are varied and worth reading.

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US Office of Science and Technology Policy Request for Information on American Research Environment.

ARL has responded to the request with a submission that emphasises value of Open science in improving research rigor and integrity.

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Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services.

SCOSS has selected OAPEN and DOAB for its second funding cycle. Their services include Open citations.

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Everything* You Ever Wanted to Know about Conference Proceedings But Were Afraid to Ask.

A few useful insights – conference papers are probably the most significant form of communication in computer science.

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Open Research Library (ORL), launches new website.

A number of leading players in the library and OA community have joined forces to support the Open Research Library (ORL), including Knowledge Unlatched, Biblioboard, EBSCO Discovery Service, ProQuest with the Ex Libris Primo and Summon library discovery services, and OCLC with their creation of MARC records and indexing in WorldCat and WorldCat Discovery. Open Access (OA) content on one seamless and easy-to-use platform – access is available to 7202 books/49,432 chapters.

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New titles:

Open Research

Group of 8 supports open research data.

Go8 joins Paris talks to push for greater global open access to research data. A senior delegation of Group of Eight (Go8) international policy and research experts joined representatives of nine of the world's leading research university networks, for an 'International research data rights summit' hosted by the Sorbonne. The summit will work through how best to gain unanimity of purpose and policy on research data sharing.

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US draft on research data.

The US Office of Science and Technology Policy has issued an interesting request for comments on a draft set of desirable characteristics of repositories that store federally funded research data. The new request for information (RFI) is intended to help them compile a draft set of desirable characteristics of data repositories used to locate, manage, share, and use data resulting from federally-funded research. The goal is ultimately to help Federal agencies provide more consistent information on appropriate data repositories for data subject to current – and future – federal policy requirements to help reduce the burden for researchers.

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New in the repository

- Institutional Disrespect: South Sudanese Experiences of the Structural Marginalisation of Refugee Migrants in Australia
Implied Volatility Surface Predictability: The Case of Commodity Markets
Dynamic principal component regression for forecasting functional time series in a group structure
Child health, labor and primary school enrollment in rural India
Species abundance information improves sequence taxonomy classification accuracy

Keeping up to date

News from the National Archives of Australia.

- The National Archives is continuing to develop its new information policy. It will follow the Digital Continuity 2020 Policy, which concludes at the end of this year. They are defining an outline for the policy, informed by the valuable input from our Agency Advisory Group and other engagement channels.
New Data Interoperability Maturity Model. The latest interoperability advice in support of the Digital Continuity 2020 Policy is now available. The Data Interoperability Maturity Model advice and associated assessment tool is online.
The National Archives is part of a new digital recordkeeping working group. The Australasian Digital Recordkeeping Initiative (ADRI) 0365 Working Group is looking into information management issues related to Microsoft's Office 365 suite of products, particularly Sharepoint and Teams.
In December, the National Archives' revised Information and Data Governance Framework was approved by its Information Governance Committee. The framework includes principles that will guide staff in creating, managing and using information and data at the National Archives

EDUCAUSE Top 10 IT Issues 2020.

A great list – highly relevant to us: Information Security Strategy, Privacy, Sustainable Funding, Digital Integrations, Student-Centric Higher Education, Student Retention and Completion, Improved Enrolment, Higher Education Affordability, Administrative Simplification, The Integrative CIO.

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Return of Cultural Heritage Project.

A very important AIATSIS project. Lyndall Ley, the project leader, reports on the two return pilots from Illinois State Museum (US) and Manchester Museum (UK) which are, between them, returning items to 5 language groups. There have been over 200 overseas institutions holding more than 95,000 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander objects have been identified through the project so far.

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A vision for a new library system: an issue brief from OhioLINK and Ithaka S+R.

Released this week "It's Not What Libraries Hold, It's Who Libraries Serve: Seeking a User-Centered Future for Academic Libraries" lays out what OhioLINK would like to see in an innovative library system. Key proposed elements:

- Libraries are reorganizing themselves to center on the user. Yet, every library system in existence today is centered around the collection of a given library. Systems, like the libraries to which they provide services, must be completely re-architected to center on the user. Library systems remain overly centered around the tangible collections of individual institutions. Systems must be completely re-architected to enable the facilitated collection.
The library is increasingly integrated into any number of research, teaching, and learning processes within a higher education institution. Library systems must be completely re-architected to integrate effectively on a service and data layer with other systems that enable research, teaching, and learning.
Modern business intelligence should enable libraries to analyze, improve, and communicate their value, optimize their operations, and strengthen their negotiating position. Library systems must be completely re-architected to provide modern business intelligence capabilities for individual libraries as well as their consortia.

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Archives: How do we reduce bafflement?

A great blogpost from the UK National Archives. Parts one and two are online. Part two starts with "The feeling at The National Archives is that the bafflement would be reduced if the user's mental model was aligned with how archives work; users would better understand what they are navigating, and why they can't see what they expected to see, and could use that model to inform how they explore, search and interpret results. But are we after a user experience that conveys that model, that gently trains the user in the ways of archives? Or are we looking for ways to mitigate the fact that many users don't have the model when they arrive in the middle of a confusing information landscape? Are we looking to bring in additional or alternative means of exploration and discovery to make up for the lack of that mental model? Can we do both of these things: make it work for the model-savvy researcher, and the user who brings a different set of assumptions? We can start by exploring what tools and materials..." Great discussion on digital and digitised.

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Arxiv. ANU is a member of arxiv as part of our activities in digital preservation and access. Now out:

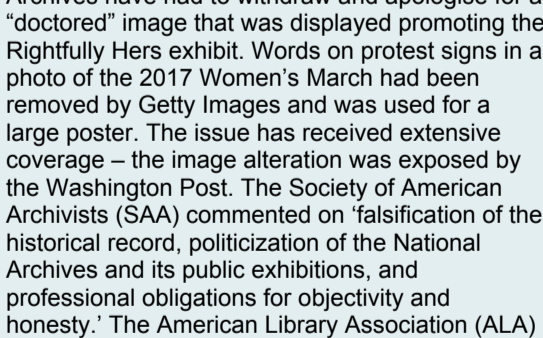
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2020 Roadmap

ALIA Next Gen Leadership scorecard survey.

ALIA President Robert Knight OAM, chose leadership as the theme for his presidential year. As a part of this, ALIA investigated where the sector is performing well, and where there is room for improvement. The report is out now.

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Based on your own experience in the workplace and the experience of others around you, how well does the library and information sector currently perform in the following areas?



20 Predictions for the Next 20 Years: KPMG.

The last 20 years have brought us unprecedented change. From the advent of social media, the rapid uptake of smart phones and the impact AI has already had to our lives and businesses, as we embark on a new decade this is a good time to ask – what can we expect in the next 20 years? To answer these questions, students and faculty from 3AI joined KPMG to come up with 20 bold predictions for the next 20 years. Curious to know what the future may have in store? Ones to think more about: blockchain, lifelong learning, planet of the bots, mobility and regulation.

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US National Archives Apologizes for Alteration of Women's March Image.

In an extraordinary development the US National Archives have had to withdraw and apologise for a "doctored" image that was displayed promoting the Rightfully Hers exhibit. Words on protest signs in a photo of the 2017 Women's March had been removed by Getty Images and was used for a large poster. The issue has received extensive coverage – the image alteration was exposed by the Washington Post. The Society of American Archivists (SAA) commented on 'falsification of the historical record, politicization of the National Archives and its public exhibitions, and professional obligations for objectivity and honesty.' The American Library Association (ALA) commented "Such an act is a violation of the Library Bill of Rights which states any deletion, excision, alteration, editing, or obliteration of any part of a library resource by administrators, employees, governing authorities, parent institutions, or third party vendors when done for the purposes of censorship." A link to the NARA statement is below.

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Digital Preservation Coalition has opened an office in Melbourne.

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Thomas Cook records.

Following a campaign by archivists and historians, the archives of travel company Thomas Cook have been transferred to the Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland. This follows a campaign to save the archives when the company collapsed in 2019.

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Online Privacy. David Hyland-Wood was a stimulating lecture last year – he asks whether we should return to some form of online privacy? Do we want to? Is it even possible? This lecture was presented to The University of Queensland Library staff on 5 November 2019.

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Top 10 Trends from the 2019 Charleston Library Conference.

Conversations on open access, the future of the industry, collection development and internal communication – check out the top ten trends from 2019's Charleston Library Conference.

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Project Information Literacy report.

From the information release: At the dawn of a new presidential election year, many of the nation's youngest educated voters are approaching the race deeply skeptical of the news and information they get through internet giants like YouTube, Instagram, and Facebook. This newest generation of college students, who came of age with social media, recognize that the hidden levers of algorithms that cull information from a crowded and chaotic landscape of truth, "likes," misinformation, and spin, could, if left unexamined and unchallenged, threaten representative democracy and the cultivation of informed and engaged communities. That is one of the findings of a new national research study by Project Information Literacy (PIL).

Researchers found these educated young adults, who could help swing the country in a new direction, are coming of age cautious and curious about the implications of a dramatically changing information landscape where targeted ads are the norm, and objective news coverage gets harder to tell from opinion. Political observers are watching young voters closely in a year when voter turnout is expected to be the highest in more than a century.

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