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From the University Librarian

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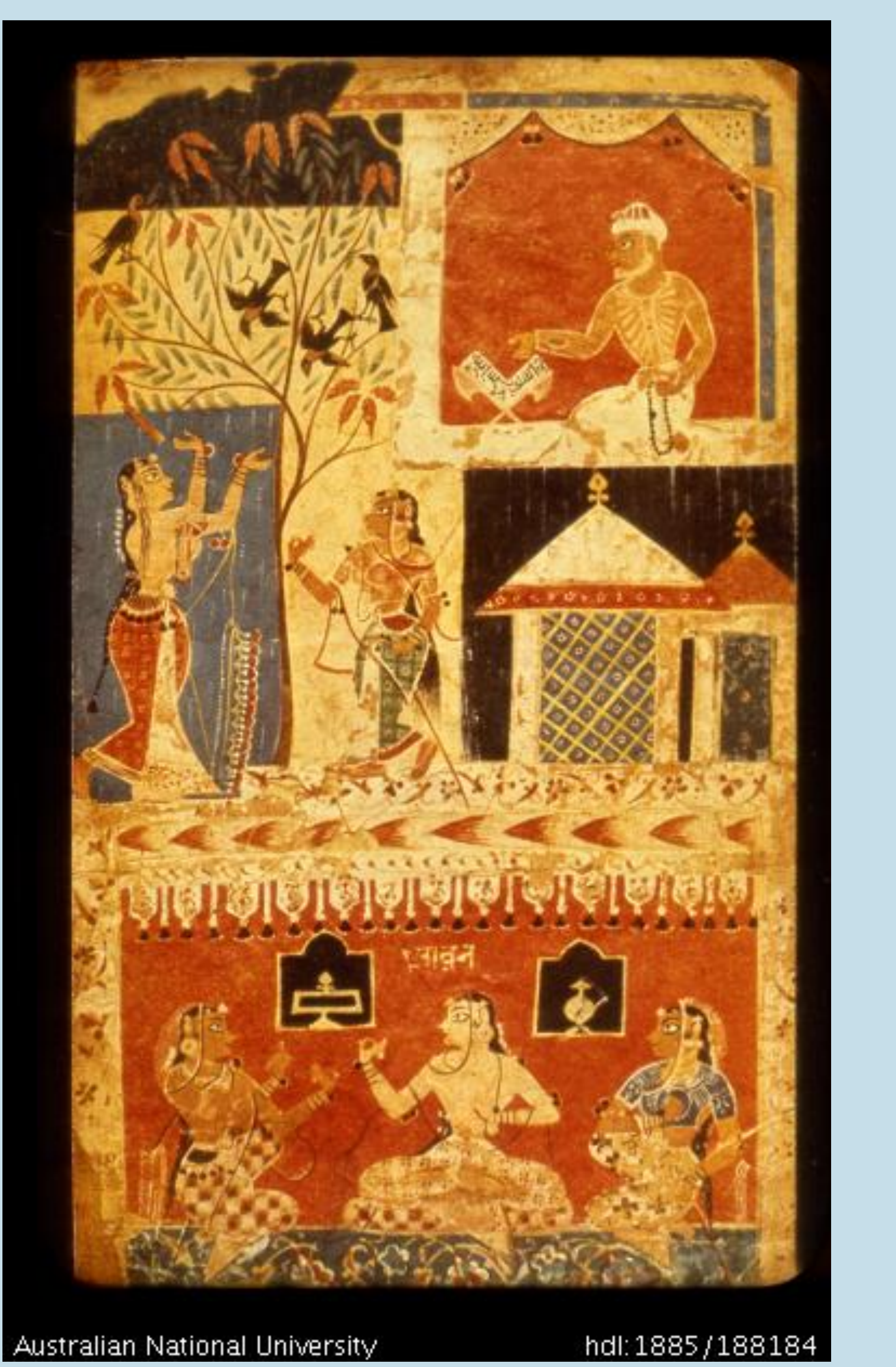

The month of Sarwan: the rains (August), c. 1570, (Central Museum, Lahore) ≤from the Arthur Llewellyn Basham collection in Openresearch.

SIS News

Coronavirus Semester 1 will commence of 24 February with more than 300 courses offered to students who cannot physically be on the campus. A very big thank you to everyone who is so positively pulling together to provide the courses and also to support these students. From a divisional point of view we are working to ensure that every student has access online as far as possible to the material they required, providing new online library training and orientation sessions, promoting the digitised content including Open Research and the ANU Press resources, and providing assistance and advice to academics. It is a time when the fantastic spirit of all the staff at the university makes a real difference to ensuring a great experience for students no matter where they are. Thank you all.

For your diaries:

SIS Staff meeting

DATE: 10-12 noon, 1 April 2020
VENUE: tba
GUEST SPEAKERS: Katherine Pierce on the ANU Story, Garry Whatley Interim Executive CIO on ANU's Digital transformation

2019 results. Thanks to everyone for the statistics on 2019 – a year where there were disrupted services because of the unavailability of level 1 and 2 due to work in Chifley Library and an enormous amount of great work on collection relocation, processing collections, publishing and digitisation.

It was an amazing year!

The number s for 2019 reflect some of the challenges – but shows the appetite for digital content and the growing success of our services

Libraries

New titles	6862	93%
Total number of visitors to library buildings	1,382,421	-2%
Number of print resources borrowed	121,660	-15%
E-Resources uses (downloads / searches	6,970,764	-22% (change to method)

Archives

Collection use - Physical	27,183	49%
Archive enquiries	1325	-12%

ANU Press

Number of titles published	48	-13%
Usage Downloads	3,221,727	2%

Open research – research collection –

Digital items	106,232	8%
Usage (Downloads)	2,240,814	29%

Library & archive collection

Digital items	71,729	86%
Usage (Downloads)	306,139	34%

ANU Records

No. of records created	244,408	-5%
Use of records (Document Views)	594,799	-2%

Digital learning

Number of Attendees **face to face**	7,993	-20%

The 'Palace letters' case. Professor Jenny Hocking's appeal against the decision of the Federal Court in the 'Palace letters' case, Hocking v Director-General of the National Archives of Australia [2019], began being heard by the full bench of the High Court of Australia tomorrow, Tuesday, 4 February 2020. She gave a fantastic speech at the Noel Butlin lecture last year.

Copyright.

- Copyright – hear the complex story of how the family controlled use of James Joyce's publications and manuscripts on the ABC's Sunday Extra

Privacy. There has been some outrage as University of Newcastle have implemented an app which tracks student attendance using mobile phones

Library Staff Consultative Committee. The committee met this week and much of our discussions were on the great work being done in all areas, building problems and the coronavirus.
LSCC membership is fixed term - Members have 2 year terms and can serve for a maximum of two two year terms (this is in the Terms of reference - https://services.anu.edu.au/files/committee/lscc-tor.pdf). The current membership is (https://services.anu.edu.au/planning-governance/governance/library-staff-consultative-committee-lscc):

Chief Scholarly Information Officer/University Librarian
- Roxanne Missingham

Five members between the levels ANUO1 and ANUO4
- VACANT
- Christobel Underwood, Menzies Library
- Doris Haltiner, Art & Music Library
- Grazyna Sienko, Hancock Library
- Judy Thompson , Chifley Library

Five members between the levels ANUO5 and ANUO8
- Jaisy Antony, Chifley Library
- Jonathan Dean, University Records
- Christobel Bell, Menzies
- Terra Starbird, Digital Literacy
- Mark Huppert, Library Communications

Up to two members nominated by the Chief Scholarly Information Officer to ensure that all Divisions are represented and gender balance is taken into consideration
- Heather Jenks, Associate Director Library Services
- Fiona Nelson Campbell, ARDC

Union Representative
- Ivo Lovric
- Observers
- Rob Carruthers, SIS Facilities

Nominations are called for the vacant position.

Academic Quality Assurance Committee. Topics at the AQAC meeting this week included:
- Role of TLAG and AQAC
- PVC UE spoke progress on the ANU Student code of conduct
- Student Undergraduate and Graduate awards changes
- Course Representatives Policy and Procedure

JB Chifley Library video. Thanks to all particularly Nic for updating the video to include the DECK and the new entrance.

Hancock Library books move to Hume. Wow thanks everyone – particularly Hancock and Hume staff and the indefatigable Heather Jenks.

Hancock collection starts the move to Hume

CLOCKSS. CLOCKSS, the decentralized preservation archive that ensures that the digital assets of the community will survive intact, announced the support of six additional libraries and seven additional publishers are working with the archive to preserve their publications for future generations of researchers.
New Libraries include:
- Colorado School of Mines
- Des Moines University Library
- Nazareth College
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Lethbridge
- University of Wyoming

New Publishers include:
- Acta Dermato-Venereologica
- American Occupational Therapy Association
- GigaScience
- Iowa State University Digital Press
- ScienceOpen
- iScience Notes
- Resilience Alliance

WHS – reminder that the Manual tasks module on Pulse is an excellent resource for all SIS staff

Elsevier. Yes – in the news again. The Fanancial Times article "Mutinous librarians help drive change at Elsevier" reports that there have been some financial effects from the cancellations of US and European libraries and that change will be needed.

Welcoming Dominic to the Portfolio. Dominic Haywood has been appointed Chief of Staff for the COO. She starts in March.

HAPPY LIBRARY LOVERS DAY!

Australian Library and Information Association
Uncover something new
alia.org.au/libraryloversday
#LibraryLoversDay

Roxanne Missingham
University Librarian

Events

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FROM HR

Reminder
Counselling is available for staff and family members through Assure - 1800 808 374 (this number operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week) and Relationships Australia - 02 6122 7100. Appointments can be taken in person or over the phone. .

Australian Research Data Commons

Timely sharing of research data can support public health response to an emergency

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Persistent Identifiers, a core component of connected research

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ANU Press and Open Access Publishing

Duncan Ivison on OA. As the open access movement shifts its focus from sharing publications to the "tougher" question of sharing data, universities must shift the focus of their reward systems from publications to other modes of knowledge creation, according to the signatories to a new pact. University of Sydney deputy vice-chancellor Duncan Ivison said a radical change in mindset about the value of academic contributions to research was needed to achieve an equally radical "opening up" of the scientific method..
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UKRI wants monographs to be open access by 2024. Jack Grove reports on new draft proposals published on 13 February, UK Research and Innovation that require all scholarly monographs, book chapters and edited collections that acknowledge its funding to be made open access from January 2024 within 12 months of publication, unless a contract has been signed before this date that prevents adherence to the policy. The consultation, which has been launched as part of UKRI's ongoing open access review, will close on 17 April. UKRI will use responses to inform its final policy, which it intends to announce in 2020. Yes this has been announced before, but this heralds a new round of consultation on the detail. Expect opposition from various groups.
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ACM's New open access agreements. A conversation with Scott Delman of ACM about the publisher's recently-announced deal with four major US research universities.
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A Plea for Fairer Sharing of the True Costs of Publication. Mariëlle Prevoo, Ron Aardening, and Ingrid Wijk from the Maastricht University Library suggest a more equitable model for open access publishing.
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Altmetric Podcast: Special Episode. Leila Moore, from Taylor & Francis, and Charles Watkinson, from Michigan University Press, talk on the latest special episode of the Altmetric Podcast to discuss the value that publishers bring to academic books and the challenges of adapting business and technical models to open books.
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150K animal and plant illustrations available. The Biodiversity Heritage Library's Flickr site offers more than 55 million pages of literature, some of which date back to the 15th century. Some 158,000 illustrations are available for free download in high-resolution files. Among the collections is a digital copy of Joseph Wolf's two-volume *Zoological Sketches* containing about 100 lithographs depicting wild animals housed in London's Regent's Park. Other diverse works range from a watercolor project detailing flowers indigenous to the Hawaiian islands, to a guide for do-it-yourself taxidermy with illustrated instructions published in 1833.
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Increasing Visibility of Open Access Materials in a Library Catalog: Case Study at a Large Academic Research Library. This report on the Penn State's catalog: addresses the issue of visibility. Some of the issues it raises:
- whether to mark as OA items that are free to read but don't bear an open license (we did not),
- where in the MARC record to look for indications that an item might be OA, and
- the need to create MARC records for OA publications from library publishing programs.

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OA:switchboard. The OA Switchboard "aims to leverage the benefits that a central payment intermediary can provide while avoiding challenges and risks that could be associated. The main function of the OA Switchboard will be to enable participating publishers, academic institutions and research funding organizations to send and receive a defined set of messages relating to the publication of open access research outputs. Their progress report was published in January 2020
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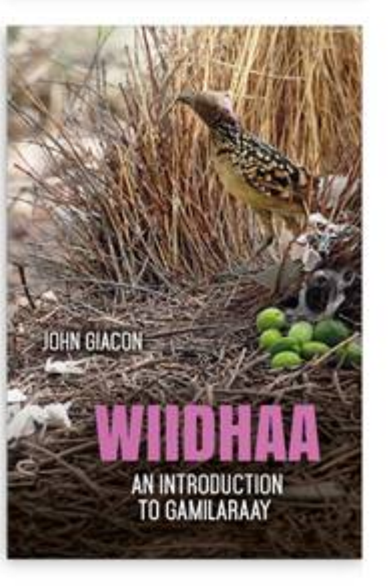
New titles:

AUSTRALIA'S FERTILITY TRANSITION
HELEN MOYLE
A STUDY OF 19TH-CENTURY TASMANIA



Open Research

Journal ranking. A new ranking system for academic journals measuring their commitment to research transparency will be launched next month -- providing an alternative to journal impact scores. Under a new initiative from the Center for Open Science, based in Charlottesville, Va., more than 300 scholarly titles in psychology, education and biomedical science will be assessed on 10 measures related to transparency, with their overall result for each category published in a publicly available table. The center aims to provide scores for about 1,000 journals within six to eight months of the site's launch in early February.
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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

ALIA LIS Education, Skills and Employment Trend Report 2019. ALIA has published its sixth annual ALIA LIS Education, Skills and Employment trend report. The 2019 edition reveals a 10-year decline in the number of institutions accredited by ALIA, from 31 in 2010 to 23 in 2020 (predicted), and in the number of LIS courses offered, down from 50 in 2010 to 34 in 2020 (predicted). The report can be read on the ALIA website.
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Three states sue US Archivist to add ERA to Constitution. The attorneys general for the last three states to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment filed a lawsuit in federal court on January 30 arguing that the amendment must be added to the US Constitution. The lawsuit by Virginia Attorney General Mark R. Herring, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, and Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford challenges a Justice Department memo earlier this month that said the US Archivist, who certifies the ratification of amendments, should not do so because the congressional deadline for ratification expired in 1982.
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College & Research Libraries News. The February 2020 issue includes:
- Abigail Goben and Robert J. Sandusky. **"Open data repositories: Current risks and opportunities."**
- Michael Dudley. **"Exploring worldviews and authorities: Library instruction in Indigenous Studies and Gender Studies using Authority is Constructed and Contextual."**
- Cathryn Copper. **"Experimentation in academic libraries: How to do it, and why libraries need it."**

Material from "Archives, Access and AI" conference. Held in London on Jan 15-17, slides and selected session videos are online now. .
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Critical Roles of Libraries in the Research Enterprise Symposium. Held in December, the report of meeting highlights is now available. .
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Update on the Keepers Registry. The Keepers Registry, a very important and largely unknown part of our infrastructure for digital preservation. The presentation given at the December 2019 CNI Membership meeting by Peter Burnhill and Gaelle Beque is online.
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Revisiting — Transformative Agreements: A Primer. The Scholarly Kitchen provides this informative guide – refresh your understanding of transformative agreements now!.
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Global map of internet censorship. Think we live in an open society? Think again. Paul Bischoff reports on a study that scored each country on five criteria, each worth two points.
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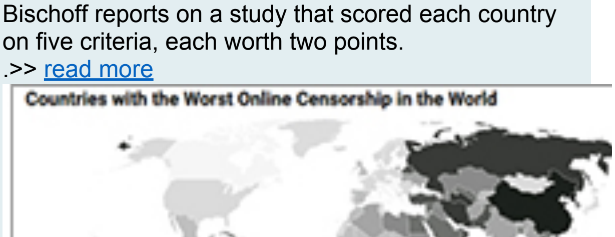

Critical Roles for Libraries in Today's Research Enterprise. More than 120 attendees from 86 institutions in the United States and Canada, as well as attendees from France, Germany, and Nigeria, met at this one-day symposium. The symposium was organized as part of a University of Calgary research project funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Academic Research and University Libraries: Creating a New Model for Collaboration. This report represents a summary of the symposium, including speaker slides and biographies, invited expert commentaries, and notes from the facilitated group discussions.
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Memory Institutions and Deep Digital Disruption: Beyond the Technical Challenges of Born-digital Preservation. Carol Mandel, Council on Library and Information Resources and Clifford Lynch, Coalition for Networked Information share the work that each has been undertaking to frame and address the profound changes in collection and stewardship posed by born-digital content.
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Can We Talk? Adding a Smart Assistant Interface to Library Services, The Iowa State University Parks Library has been working with a third-party developer to create a smart assistant app, currently based on Amazon Alexa technology, to interface with various library services.
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Born-Digital File Format Standards. The National Archives of Australia is seeking feedback from Australian Government agencies on the development of Born-Digital File Format Standards. The standard applies to born-digital files created by agencies and specifies which formats are to be used to ensure that government information is preserved, accessible and interchangeable in line with the National Archives' Digital Continuity Policy. The standards will replace the current Long-Term File Format Guidelines that are currently published on the National Archives' website.
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Journal subscription expenditure in the UK 2017-2019, Stuart Lawson has published a dataset that contains payments made by UK higher education institutions for access to academic journals from ten publishers from 2017-2019. The data was obtained by sending Freedom of Information requests to institutions. The total expenditure with these ten publishers from 2017-2019 was over £330 million
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