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SIS News

CONTINUED WORKING IN THE MOVE TO REMOTE WORK AND STUDY

Dear SIS Staff

Thank you for your continuing support and patience.

During the first fortnight of remote work and study we have delivered remarkable services:

- ANU Press use grew 26% (to 319,241) this March – the top downloaded titles are used in teaching around the world
• Digitising resources for use in education
• Online training has been enthusiastically taken up
• Reference consultations are making a difference; and
• Great work occurred on metadata, digital collection maintenance and managing digital resources.

Keep safe and happy Easter.

Roxanne

Vale Michael Saclier. Sadly, Michael Saclier, former Principal Archivist at the Archives of Business and Labour/Noel Butlin Archives Centre passed away recently. Michael led the Archives program at ANU from 1972-1997, a period of significant growth, expanding research use and advances in archival management. His contribution was significant. While working with companies and trade unions to build a nationally and internationally significant archives collection, Michael also initiated new methods, establishing the Noel Butlin Archives Centre's first collection management database. His support for researchers was paramount. The fundamental research charting development of federally registered trade unions, Parties to the Award, was developed under his leadership. Michael was a significant figure in the archives profession being actively involved in the formation of the Australian Society of Archivists and serving as inaugural President. He will be fondly remembered by the many archivists he mentored during his career.

Kathryn Dan, University Archivist.

Academic Board. A special meeting of Academic Board was held to discuss proposed 2021 admissions processing adjustments in the context of COVID-19.

SIS Business plan. Thanks to all those who contribute through our planning group and commented on the draft. The Scholarly Information Services Business Plan 2020 - is now online.

COVID 19 work.

- Thanks to Samantha ably assisted by Joanna and Diane and many others for investigating-many issues and producing Supplying Material During COVID-19 Shutdown. The paper is available on the Intranet and includes workflow, Collection Management and Acquisitions, Requesting Access from Publishers and Finding Electronic Versions of Requested Resources and a Checklist for Information Desk Staff
• ANU Library staff have completed the process of extending loans to 30 June 2020 and the FAQ has been updated
• Thanks to Kathryn for retrieval from records of a safe envelope to ensure continuity of F&S contract
• Thanks to Samantha for retrieval and scanning of a 2 hour loan item for a course
• Thanks to those running the online training for clients – Jason reported that 18 were in attendance at the Library Research webinar.
• Thanks to F&S for dropping off a box of refills and hand pumps at Chifley and replacing the sanitiser units.
• Excellent work by Rachel on the COVID-19 LibGuide.
• Feedback from a library patron: I wanted to pass on some of your staff members Rachel Karasick, who said that she wasn't doing anything extra for me today because it was part of her job and she enjoys it. In my opinion however she is a super *****
• Thanks to Belinda for fixing the Chifley MFDs
• 59 attended our first skills development session on Zoom!

ANU Covid 19 response. The Critical Incident Management Team has slightly revised the framework The following subcommittees are providing advice and coordination – Heather is on the Teaching Committee and I am on the Operations Committee:
Community leadership
Teaching continuity
Research continuity
Operations continuity
Community engagement
Community wellbeing

Orientation video for students in science and technology.

Rachel has created an orientation video for students in science and technology at the request of the iLeap team. Check it out! It is on the Library's orientation page.

Info screens. It's a miracle – the Information Screen replacement project is completed. Particular thanks to Patrick and branch managers for their patience.

From IT: passwords extended. The expiry period for UID account passwords will be extended from 180 days to 365 days. Accounts with expired passwords (as of the effective date) will not have the expiry period extended until the password is reset.

Copyright.

- Following on from a copyright agreement negotiated by ALIA, the Australian Publishers Association, the Australian Society of Authors, and the National Copyright Unit have announced a new copyright agreement for schools allowing schools to host virtual storytimes for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Australian Library and Information Association COVID 19 activities. Congratulations to ALIA for their work in this time:

- ALIA has launched its Relief Fund which offers financial aid to ALIA Members affected by COVID-19. Since the launch ALIA has already received a \$1,000 donation from a very generous ALIA Member. For more information about the fund see the website
• ALIA has created a series of free downloadable jigsaw puzzles. So far they have jigsaws themed for Library and Information Week 2020; ALIA Connects; ALIA Members 1937; and ALIA's Annual Report 2019 is now available online. It features details on ALIA's work in 2019 including our advocacy campaigns; conferences and events; government and stakeholder relations; and communications

Roxanne Missingham
Roxanne Librarian

Events

Information Awareness Month 2020 Launch Seminar
When? Friday 1 May 2020 at 11:00am to 12:00pm
Where? Online
Details? IAM 2020 Launch will take the form of an online event with the theme Informed about your Changing Environment, focused on the importance of the right information, how information can be derived, distributed, used (and misused) in critical situations (such as natural disaster, terror-attack, disease outbreak and similar) and what have we learned from the recent experiences. Click here.

FROM HR

As we have moved to working from home we are aware that staff members and supervisors need a more flexible and adaptable approach to directly managing leave.

We are pleased to announce the release of new functionality enabling staff to change and cancel booked approved leave from within HORUS. This will mean that staff and supervisors will now no longer need to go back through their HR teams to have leave changed or cancelled.

This change has been designed to reduce the time, duplication and labour intensive processing required by staff, supervisors and administrators when a leave request entered via HORUS needs to be changed or cancelled based on changes in an individual's needs and/or circumstances.

The enhanced functionality within HORUS is as follows:

- 1. All leave can be accessed via the <Absences and Timesheets> tile within HORUS. The cancelling of leave applies to two categories of submitted leave, both of which are addressed below:
a. Leave that has been submitted but not approved. Simply select the application and from the options available select cancel and submit. No further action is required.
b. Leave that has been approved and not yet processed, future applications. Select the application and choose cancel. Once submitted this will trigger a notification to the staff member's supervisor for approval. Supervisors can approve or otherwise request the return from the <Approvals> tile within HORUS.

User Guides for both staff and supervisor are available online and can be accessed by clicking on the following links:
• Cancelling leave guide for staff
• Cancelling leave guide for supervisors

The above changes have been implemented from feedback across the university and will contribute towards reducing the administrative burden and long lead times experienced when cancelling and changing leave dates.

Please direct any system related enquiries, issues, or feedback to HR Systems at HRSystems@anu.edu.au

Kind Regards

Nadine
Dr Nadine White
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Australian Research Data Commons

Our response to COVID-19

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ANU Press and Open Access Publishing

What is Scholarly Communication and Publishing in the 21st Century?. Heather Joseph (SPARC), Kathleen Fitzpatrick (Michigan State University) and John Wilbanks (Sage Bionetworks) spoke at this OASPA webinar. The recording in online and discussions had a strong focus on COVID 19 and OA arguments. >> read more

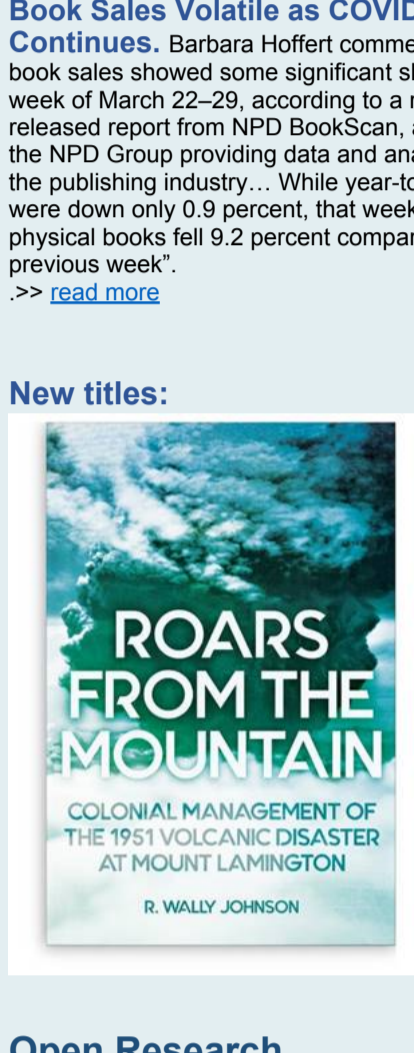
Seeking Sustainability: Publishing Models for an Open Access Age. Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe covers her presentation on this topic to the preconference for the UKSG conference. Her slides are available online. perspective. The Big Deal is typically seen as no longer sustainable. One must ask then if transformative and pure publish agreements will suffer the same fate. In my view, it seems impossible that they will not!. >> read more

How will COVID-19 affect the future of ebooks in the US? Andrew Albanese in Publishers Weekly comments "libraries around the U.S. shutter their physical locations to battle the outbreak of Covid-19, they are rapidly transferring budget dollars to e-books, digital audio, and other digital media to serve their communities. And the shift could prove to be a watershed moment for a digital library market where the major publishers have so far proceeded cautiously—and sometimes contentiously". >> read more

COVID-19 and the publishing industry. Books & publishing reported "This week Hardie Grant and Scribe became the first Australian publishers to announce redundancies in response to Covid-19. Other publishers, including Thames & Hudson Australia and Allen & Unwin, have announced reductions in working hours to help keep costs down. Overseas, Macmillan Publishers in the US and PRH, Hachette and Bonnier Books in the UK have begun laying-off and furloughing staff". >> read more

Book Sales Volatile as COVID-19 Continues. Barbara Hoffert comments Print book sales showed some significant shifts in the week of March 22–29, according to a recently released report from NPD BookScan, a division of the NPD Group providing data and analytics on the publishing industry... While year-to-date sales were down only 0.9 percent, that week sales of physical books fell 9.2 percent compared with the previous week". >> read more

New titles:



Open Research

New in the repository

- Andruana Ann Jean Jimmy: A Mapoon leader's struggle to regain a homeland
• Nancy Atkinson, bacteriologist, winemaker and writer
• The Lady Principal, Miss Annie Hughston 1859–1943
• Microwave Device Characterization Using a Widefield Diamond Microscope
• Patterns and drivers of recent disturbances across the temperate forest biome

Keeping up to date

College & Research Libraries. The April 2020 special issue is out. Articles include:

- Katy Kelly, "Collaborative and Co-curricular: Programming and Academic Library Impact."
• Nick Faulk and Emily Crist, "A Mixed-Methods Study of Library Communication with Online Students and Faculty Members."
• Jennifer Mayer, Rachel Dineen, Angela Rockwell, and Jayne Blodgett, "Undergraduate Student Success and Library Use: A Multimethod Approach."
• Rebecca A. Croxton and Anne Cooper Moore, "Quantifying Library Engagement: Aligning Library, Institutional, and Student Success Data." The study demonstrates that engagement in library, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities has a positive relationship to student success as measured by four-year cumulative GPA and credit-hour completion rates.
• Penny Beile, Kanak Choudhury, Rachel Mulvihill, and Morgan Wang, "Aligning Library Assessment with Institutional Priorities: A Study of Student Academic Performance and Use of Five Library Services."
• Linda L. Anderson and Susan A. Vega Garci, "Library Usage, Instruction, and Student Success across Disciplines: A Multilevel Model Approach."

UNESCO archives digitised. UNESCO Archives has just added 5,000 recordings from its heritage collections to its digitization platform, freely accessible to all. >> read more

Academic Libraries at a Pivotal Moment. Ithaka S+R conducted the most recent cycle of its large scale survey of academic library leaders at four-year colleges and universities in the US. This post on the scholarly kitchen reports on the findings. "Now that so many academic libraries today are largely virtual organizations, leaders are beginning to work through these and other potential longer-term impacts of the present-day disruption. To elucidate the visions being pursued and the cutbacks being managed, we at Ithaka S+R plan to conduct and publish findings from a follow-up survey of academic library leaders later in 2020". >> read more

How are Academic Institutions Innovating Under Pressure. Summarizes a NISO webinar discussion on how institutions are innovating their teaching approaches because of the COVID-19 pandemic by going virtual. >> read more