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From the University Librarian

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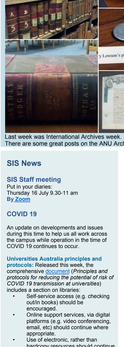

Last week was International Archives week.
There are some great posts on the ANU Archives facebook page.

SIS News

SIS Staff meeting
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COVID 19

An update on developments and issues during this time to help us all work across the campus while operation in the time of COVID 19 continues to occur.

Universities Australia principles and protocols for reducing the risk A comprehensive document (*Principles and protocols for reducing the potential of risk of COVID 19 transmission at universities*) includes a section on libraries:

- Self-service access (e.g. checking out/in books) should be encouraged.
- Online support services, via digital platforms (e.g. video conferencing, email, etc) should continue where appropriate.
- Use of electronic, rather than hard/copy resources should continue to be promoted in line with each university's strategy.
- The layout of the library space, to enable physical distancing (e.g. limit number to access, limit chairs/tables, install screens, etc.) should be adjusted where possible.

Cleaning: A reminder that you can see the additional cleaning that we're doing – they are generally wearing the pink tabards and are doing a marvellous job on the high touch areas.

WHS weekly checklist: Heather organises and follows up on the weekly reporting that is required from the Division to HR through the COVID-19 portal. Thank you Heather.

WHS inspection: The Library Managers Group which includes all branch managers, the Associate Director Libraries and me, has been undertaking WHS inspections through the Library Environment Group (WEG) COVID 19 inspection. Some processes and actions have been identified with information being collected.

The regular WHS annual audits has been significant work this week.

The COVID-19 Case Notification Protocol is located in the reference document section on the Return to Campus webpage.

ANU COVID-19 – there is a newly published ANU guideline. It includes:

supervisors to ensure that staff and volunteers are familiar with the Standards of Precautions (refer Section 5) and be competent in implementing these measures, which include:
- Recognising the symptoms, signs and case definitions of COVID-19
- Practising personal hygiene, particularly hand hygiene, sneezing and coughing etiquette;
- Social/physical distancing measures, such as personal space, use of facilities and communal spaces, and the availability of existing remote and online training;
- Advising to be taken on experiencing symptoms of COVID-19;
- Processing of reusable equipment (if required for their role);
- Environmental cleaning, e.g. in laboratories or in residences (if required for their role);
- Laundering of linen (if required for their role); and
- Food handling and cleaning of used equipment/utensils (if required for their role).

Libraries
- Online support services via digital platforms shall continue, where possible.
- Use of electronic rather than hard/copy resources shall continue, where possible.
- The layout of library spaces shall be assessed to enable social/physical distancing including, where possible:
  - Entry point not being the same as the exit point(s).
  - Signage of maximum occupancy provided by Facilities and Business Services division, and a limit placed on the number of people whom access a space at any one time.
  - A limit on the furniture to be used.
  - Installing screens between spaces.
  - Installing shields at staff service desks.
  - Placing 'X' stickers on floor(s) as markers for queuing.
- Self-service access (e.g. checking out of materials) shall be encouraged.
- Desks and other surfaces be cleaned before use by a staff member or student, with cleaning materials for regular use each surface used available at entry to the library and disposed in rubbish bins at exits.
- Hand sanitisers used upon entry and exit.

Return to Campus Task Force now operational - focused on five major streams of work that have been out in ANU Connect, one area identified as we have transitioned back to campus.

1. Independent Review of ANU COVID 19 Incident (End July)
2. Development of a COVID 19 safe strategy for Kambri (End July)
3. Coordination of Return to Campus planning, finalisation of resources to support COVID 19 safe systems (End June)
4. International pilot (July)
5. Ongoing Expert Review of guidelines and protocols & development of contact tracing.

Digitisation of Basham slides. Kathryn Dan, University Archivist, reports "Exciting first steps in the use of digitised slides from the archives of Arthur Basham (*The wonder that is Indiathe Sanskrit in the ongoing project.The slides are from Basham's 1951 lecture tour with researchers at ANU, the National Gallery of Australia, National University of Singapore and the Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford. The images are being mapped to Basham's journeys through South and Southeast Asia by Dr Alex Burchette using StoryMap. Images are in the Open Repository here.*

New advice sheet on theses and restrictions. Great work led by Erin Gallant. The new document has been added to the Theses webpage. Read the [Theses published](#) for more information about applying for restrictions. Also see the Graduate Research Office provided page above.

Replacement of lost in flood with Hathi Trust material. 1010 of the items lost in the flood are freely available in Hathi Trust. The guideline for obtaining data and processing records is in the ILL Hub. The data has been loaded into the ILL. Those with multiple 7788 records will be done by Mark, Paul and Rachel who made this happen.

Diane notes that there are a wealth of titles which we would not have been able to easily replace in print. Some examples include:
- Historical and literary memorials of Presbyterianism in Ireland (1623-1731) / by Thomas Witherow (1879)
- Kant and his English critics : a comparison of critical and empirical philosophy / by John Watson (1881)
- Wills and inventories illustrative of the history, manners, language, statistics, &c., of the northern counties of England, from the eleventh century downwards. (1835)
- History of Bokhara from the earliest period down to the present : composed for the first time after oriental known and unknown materials / translated by Alfred Charles Vambery (1873)

Legislation on academic misconduct. The legislation is now before the Senate – it has passed the House of Representatives. The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment (Prohibiting Academic Cheating Services) Bill 2020 amends the *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011* to create a new criminal offence of providing or advertising an academic cheating service to higher education students. It also clarifies the role of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency to include the prevention and criminalisation of the use and promotion of academic cheating services in courses provided by higher education providers.

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Events

CAUL round table with university librarians on innovative library responses to COVID-19

When: Tuesday 23rd June at 2pm – 3.30pm AEST
Where: Zoom Webinar. Register here
The round table will host a discussion among university librarians from different parts of Australia and New Zealand about how university libraries have responded to changes in academic services, university strategy and the national environment as they plan to re-open during the COVID-19 crisis. The session will hear short presentations from six university librarians followed by a discussion with the floor. This is a Executive Director Mark Sutherland. To help guide discussion registered participants will be sent a do poll to capture questions and comments for the panel ahead of the session.

CAUL Lightning talks by library staff on Innovative library responses to COVID-19

When: Thursday 25th June at 2pm - 3pm AEST
Where: Zoom Webinar. Register here
This session will host a series of short five minute presentations by university library staff on innovative responses and new approaches to service delivery during COVID-19. We will hear updates on what has changed since the crisis unfolded. This is an opportunity for library staff to hear from colleagues about innovative or new approaches to shared challenges. We will record the session and share the outcomes with attendees to facilitate future sharing and discussion.

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FROM HR

HR Division has been working with Colleges and Service Divisions towards implementation of a Centralised Training Register for all staff.

A working party represented by staff from across the University, has completed a governance framework which will provide all users with a standardised approach to establishing, administering and recording training for staff.

HR Division will provide support to transfer training data currently recorded in spreadsheets into the HRMS.

ARDC

Public Sector Bridges EOI now open
28 May - 29 Jun
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RDA Global Adoption week
15 - 19 June 2020
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State of Open Data survey 2020
Closes 23 Jul 2020
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ANU Press and Open Access Publishing

Taylor and Francis announce over 450 OA books. T&F are a significant publisher primarily in humanities and social science. They have announced that the titles they have available via OA include *Taylor & Francis Open Access Collection*: over 200 full books covering over 53 subjects; *Routledge Open Research*: Open Access Books being championed by their funding *universities and Humanities and Social Sciences Open Archive*: 250 thousands and Social Science.
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Springer Nature and University of California reach transformative agreement. Springer Nature and the University of California (UC) have agreed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a transformative agreement (TA) for the UC campuses. There has also released a recording of a webinar on the topic, and more to date, and the TA process.
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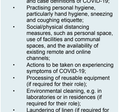

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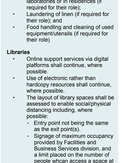

Open Research

Construction of a Normalized Open Access Indicator (NOAI). Abdelghani Maddi's report shows that the proportion of publishing practices vary considerably by discipline. As a result he proposes that methods of normalization of OA share, by WoS subject categories, and by JCR Quartiles. Normalization corrects OA's share taking into account disciplinary practices. This allows a better comparability of different actors.
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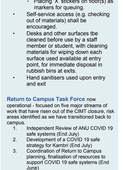

NIH launches preprint pilot. The National Institutes of Health is launching the first phase of a pilot project designed to test the viability of making preprints resulting from NIH-funded research publicly available. NIH Preprints will be a publicly-used digital archive of full-text articles and, by extension, discoverable in PubMed; a database containing more than 30 million citations and abstracts of biomedical literature. The NIH Preprint Pilot Implementation Plan outlines a plan for implementation. The pilot is intended to increase early discoverability of NIH-supported research results, maximizing the potential impact of the research. Phase one of the pilot will focus on preprints related to COVID-19. NLM anticipates that the first phase of the pilot, like its sponsoring the research COVID-19 portfolio tool, NLM will select preprints that either list an NIH-affiliated author or acknowledge NIH grant support and are related to COVID-19. Following the initial pilot practice, a citation for each preprint housed in PMC will also be available in PubMed to further increase the discoverability of this content.
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New in the repository

- Paleoenvironmental dynamics of Holocene coastal dunes from the southern coast of Brazil
- Local angiotensin of bidirectional two-dimensional turbulence effects cast dependent
- Development of a new high-current diode extraction system for helicon ion source: Design and simulation
- Detection and spatial mapping of conductive filaments in metal/oxide/metal resistive switching using a Pt/c
- Characteristics of Cannybolaster Gastrohepatic Ligament Outbreaks in Australia, 2001 to 2018

Keeping up to date

Metadata management in times of uncertainty. Metadata managers have been learning many lessons from this period about how they should think about future crises and about how they might operate differently once staff return to work at their physical locations. This was the topic of recent discussions by OCLC Research. Titles in the Digital Collections Advisory Call for those who initiated the discussion: Erin Grant of University of Washington, Jennifer Bannwyer of Princeton, Roxanne Massingham of Australian National University, and Suzanne Pilsk of the University of Saskatchewan. Key points:
- Existing or new metadata work that could be done remotely
- The impact of shifting services to online during the crisis on metadata work
- The importance of documenting all metadata staff in their transition to working from home
- Addressing the technical challenges of switching to an all-virtual environment
- Training staff to work in new ways
- Rethinking workflows and collections
- Changes to carry over into future metadata workflows post-pandemic

The bottom line is: "The importance of online resources and services has never been demonstrated so compellingly as during the COVID-19 crisis.
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Academic libraries: changed utterly? Christopher Cox, dean of libraries at Clemson University, has written a thoughtful piece reasoning about reopening campuses, academic libraries face a paradigm shift. Instead of returning to normal, libraries will be returning to a new normal—one where in-person classes and service points are limited, and where digital access becomes primary. Cox argues that this change may be a barrier to access, and where collaborative study is shunned in favor of social distancing in buildings that can only safely house half the people they used to. How can we leverage this crisis to create new and innovative collections and services that improve our campus communities?
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Internet Archive ends National Emergency Library. Internet Archive is ending its National Emergency Library program of offering free, unrestricted copies of ebooks two weeks after the end of the COVID-19 emergency, which said lending books without permission for authors or publishers was "willful mass copyright infringement." Since March, the nonprofit Internet Archive has made more than 1.3 million books available to people.
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The day the libraries shut: stories from the front line. Stories from UK academic libraries – it was fast and complex. A quote "I find it reassuring that the University of Glasgow has been collecting books since 1475 so some of our journals will have gone through similar disruptions before. And they all have come through."
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Palace Letters are Commonwealth Records: A Victory for Democratic Transparency. Mana Nawaz analyses and comments on the case." The High Court decision is significant as it may pave the way for the release of the Palace Letters, as well as the diaries of other correspondences the Queen and her successive Governors-General."
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LOC Recommended Formats Statement. The Library of Congress has announced the release of the 2019-2020 edition of the Recommended Formats Statement. The team of experts have made considerable changes to this year's Recommended Formats Statement with expanded content categories and format preferences. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the first release of the Statement. The Library of Congress has once again crafting its work.
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College & Research Libraries News. The June 2020 issue is now online. Articles include:
- ACRL Research Planning and Review Committee, "2020 top trends in academic libraries: A review of the trends and issues affecting academic libraries in higher education."
- Damien Belt, "Beyond the research guide: Trends in instruction, outreach and the Framework in everyday contexts."
- Dennis Ocholla, "Decolonising higher education in Africa: Implications and possibilities for university libraries."
- Jennifer Nutefall and Elizabeth Sarah Branch, "Opening up to OER: Creating Open Education Awareness on a large campus."