



While the conference is deferred our collections ensure the voices of those researching Asia and the Pacific speak to the world! Happy Asia Pacific Week!

SIS News

SIS Staff meeting

Put in your diaries: Thursday 16 July 9.30-11 am By Zoom

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.

Library use

You might be interested to see that the students are continuing to use our libraries – and are grateful they are open!

You may have heard the regular announcements regarding appropriate behaviours during this period (social distancing, what to do if you are unwell – stay home, and hygiene).

Good advice has been provided to our clients by many staff – thanks to everyone for your patience. We have a couple of different scripts that can be used.

JB Chifley library visitors compared to last year

Use of the JB Chifley Library for the first 2 weeks in June:

Table with 3 columns: Day, 2020 TOTAL per day, 2019 TOTAL per day. Rows include Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri & weekend, Mon (Public holiday 2020 & 2019), and a weekly breakdown.

Working from home. Almost one in five divisional staff are working under a working from home arrangement at present.

Our financial challenges. It has been another week of enormous work on our financial repositioning at the university.

Our approach in terms of savings has been to evaluate the areas of work done by the division and use including 3 years of data on what has been happening in terms of demand.

Research shows virus undetectable on five highly circulated library materials after three days.

Feedback on the Law Library. On behalf of the Law School, I want to extend our sincere thanks to the staff of the Law Library for all their wonderful work for us over the course of Semester 1.

Technology Enhanced Learning Reference Group. Heather Jenks has joined this group representing the library.

Library chat bot. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this project. The SIG have, with assistance from SIS Communication's and branch staff, developed a chat bot to help our clients.

Portfolio WHS Committee for Admin Divisions. Heather Jenks has been nominated to be the SIS representative, with Margaret Prescott to be the Deputy.

Copyright

- Blind South Africa. Blind SA has instituted legal proceedings in the Constitutional Court against President Ramaphosa in May 2020 to compel him to perform his duties in terms of Section 79 of the Constitution of South Africa vis-a-vis the Copyright Amendment Bill (CAB).

Michael Saclier. The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh recognised Michael's life and contribution in a speech in Parliament this month.

CAUL

- Strategic themes for 2020. are out – they are Advancing Open Scholarship Enabling a Modern Curriculum Respecting Indigenous Knowledge Inspiring Sustainability

Senate committee enquiry into COVID 19. ALIA, APLA and CAUL have made a joint response to the Australian Government Senate Inquiry into COVID-19.

New Trove design launched. The new Trove site is officially launched today offering a dynamic site, rich with collection features, embedded contextual information and articles ; a First Australians focus, with cultural safety features built in throughout Trove, easier searching for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and languages, and a section of the site which will be Indigenous-managed and improved search features.

Roxanne Misingham University Librarian

Events

ALIA Chats 'after work drinks', virtually... Grab whatever beverage you'd like at 5pm and join some ALIA staff and other ALIA Members from across Australia for a casual chat.

And how are you going personally? Anything you've found that has helped you or your family during this time? What's making it easier for you? Maybe you're feeling philosophical about the changes this time will bring to information services in the long term - what's your prediction?

Time: every Friday 5pm AEST for at least 40 minutes - sometimes we add several extra sessions to account for people's availability, and a 7pm AEST session for our WA friends.

LINK: A Zoom link is emailed each Thursday to ALIA Members. Let me know if you'd like the link – we are corporate members.

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IFLA ARL Webinar Series: Academic Library Services during COVID 19

When? Online During the first half of 2020, academic libraries across the world have been addressing unprecedented challenges brought on by COVID 19.

More details here

Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association Conference

When? 21 – 24 September 2020 Where? Online

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

State of Open Data survey 2020 Closes 23 Jul 2020 Read More

ANU Press and Open Access Publishing

SPARC: Landmark Analysis and the accompanying Roadmap for Action. SPARC released its comprehensive Landmark Analysis and the accompanying Roadmap for Action a 2020 Update to those documents and a new interactive website.

FORCE11 Infrastructure Series. This series of monthly interviews is designed to shed light on how scholarly information is collected, distributed and used.

MIT Press withdraws from JSTOR. MIT Press is changing its distribution arrangements and will no longer participate in Books at JSTOR as of June 30, 2020.

New titles:

Open Research

Open research outputs. This year the Digital Scholarship team have processed 2942 new entries into Open Research Jan-Jun year compared with 1458 for the same period last year. This is a 101.78% increase.

Table with 4 columns: Month, 2020, 2019, % increase. Rows include Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, and Total.

New in the repository

- State fragility and international recognition Historical thinking about human protection: Insights from Vattel Hydrogenation of Phosphorus-Doped Polycrystalline Silicon Films for Passivating Contact Solar Cells The Politics of Property: Gender, Land and Political Authority in Solomon Islands Experimental realization of high dimensional synthetic lattices in planar photonic structures

Keeping up to date

How COVID-19 is Changing Research Culture: An interview with Daniel Hook, CEO of Digital Science. Some great theses about research and research communication following the release of report 'How COVID-19 is Changing Research Culture', authored by Simon Porter and Daniel Hook of Digital Science.

Student Experiences During the Pandemic Pivot. New from Ithaka S+R - a student survey was deployed in its partnership with 21 colleges and universities across the US.

Research data culture. Soo, Ai-Lin, Janke, Andrew, Betbeder-Mattbet, Luc, Francis, Rhys, Giugni, Stephen, & Quenette, Steve. (2020, June 1). Research Data Culture Conversation - Paper 1 "A Summary of the Challenge". Zenodo. http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3887434

SDGs: EBLIDA and IFLA Approaches. The recording of this webinar is online. The speakers were Barbara Lison, IFLA President-elect, Ton van Vlimmeren, EBLIDA President. It provides a useful context for libraries – there were a few technical difficulties at the beginning.

NISO: Open Discovery Initiative: Promoting Transparency in Discovery. NISO has released this revised version of this recommended practice guide - The updated Recommended Practice provides a more detailed treatment of Abstracting and Indexing (A&I) content products, and supports better metadata sharing (including information about open access material) and record display, as well as improved tracking of usage statistics and authentication mechanisms.

Digital Scholarship and the Future of the Book. Slides from the presentations are now online. Chaired by Charles Watkinson, Associate University Librarian for Publishing and Director of University of Michigan Press, presenters were Eleonora Gandolfi, Digital Scholarship Manager, University of Southampton; Marc Opper, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science, Randolph-Macon College, Danielle Fosler-Lussier, Music Professor, The Ohio State University, Rachel Opitz, Lecturer in Spatial Archaeometry at the School of Humanities, University of Glasgow, and Matthew Naglak, Digital Scholarship Librarian, Boston College. The recording is also online.

Collaboration among Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums explored. Memory institutions are a unique role in this time. When humanity experiences a global event such as the current pandemic, our institutions are grounded in the moment, and in their role throughout history told and yet to come.

Library buildings in Europe. Launched this week. For your imagination – only 4 libraries but no doubt more will come. From LIBER.

HathiTrust. This quarter, after a competitive application process, the Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF) invited HathiTrust to participate as one of six organizations in a three-year initiative, "Building Financial Resilience in the Digital Humanities."