

SIS News

COVID 19



Latest news from ANU: ANU Recovery. From the VC: Consultation Outcomes and Response paper from Stage 1 of the ANU Recovery Plan. You can read the paper [here](#).

SIS news:

ANU budget – planning around collection subscription cancellations. The reductions in our budget as discussed previously need to be met through the major areas of expenditure – staffing and collection expenditure. The voluntary separation scheme has resulted in the changes to our staffing profile which meets the budget requirements. The next area of focus is collections. We are carefully reviewing all subscriptions this year and have made a number of cancellations. An approach is being proposed to the Library Advisory Committee at its next meeting after discussion with Senior Managers and Collection Development Librarians. It will be circulated to all in SIS staff after revision to incorporate the very helpful comments from CDLS. We will be making significant cancellations, as are other libraries. The Group of 8 is actively sharing information and seeking to work together in new ways to try to help each other through this period. As information is developed it will be made available for discussion and implementation. It will be a very consultative process with our community, noting that the cuts will create a much smaller collection in terms of subscriptions in particular with some sadness about these changes.

Serial price outlook. 2020 has been a year where many publishers were convinced to reduce increases to 0% by libraries and library consortia including CAUL. I am very very grateful to CAUL, other library groups and publishers for decisions that have reduced the annual increases in price. While there are still many forces that may affect changes in 2021 Ebsco has published its [2021 price projections](#). "At the time of writing, we expect the overall effective publisher price increases for academic and academic medical libraries for 2021 (before any currency impact) to be in the range of 2 to 3 percent for individual titles... We expect the overall average price increase for e-journal packages, including provisions for mandatory take-over titles, upgrades, etc. to be in the range of 1 to 3 percent."

Commonwealth budget. This weeks budget brought a range of welcome developments for universities and cultural institutions. ALIA [news release](#) with detailed analysis on the budget and the Australian Library Consultative Committee has issued a [media statement](#).

ITS. IT Services [ITS Digital Tomorrow Program](#) is making good progress. They are re-implementing **Service desk** to reduce system complexity in the back-end, seeking **Short Term Storage Solution** and working on an **AV Uplift**. If you would like to know more about the ITS Digital Tomorrow Program. Please visit the [Program web page](#) for more information

Hail Remediation Project. Kel Glover continues to lead the project and is working assiduously on the rectification work. Control Groups are being established to oversee the activities.

Appreciation form our clients. The Document Supply 1 team received their wonderful gift from Fleur Goldhorpe one of their regular clients for an overseas ILL that they organised for her during covid-19. Well done to Katy and the team!



And lovely feedback from the supply of a thesis: Dear Zixiao and Broderick, Thank you very much for your helpful splendid instant reply.

That thesis is a sizable, impressive piece of work. Really interesting cross-cultural and cross-denominational material. Thank you so much for looking after it.

Your support to us users is equally impressive. We love paying our taxes to keep you going.

Copyright

- Hon Paul Fletcher, MP, Minister for Communications, Cyber Security and the Arts and Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians have released a joint [media release](#) announced in 2007, the latest edition of National Indigenous Visual Art Action Plan "... to protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists' economic, cultural, and intellectual property interests and encourage a fair and ethical marketplace." The Plan was announced along with the [government's response](#) to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs' [Report on the Impact of Inauthentic art and craft in the style of First Nations peoples](#)
- The Australia Council has released updated [Protocols for using First Nations Cultural and Intellectual Property in the Arts](#). The protocols are authored by Dr Terri Janke and include case studies to demonstrate how the protocols may be put into practice. First published in 2002 and revised in 2007, the latest edition consolidates what was previously five guides into one and is updated to reflect current practice
- fact sheets prepared by Universities Australia to accompany the Tertiary Music Agreement can be found [here](#)
- Global Congress on Intellectual Property and the Public Interest. Week of Intellectual Property in the public interest and COVID-19 sessions are online – they include [Pandemic-Proof Libraries: Lessons from COVID-19 and Copyright as an obstacle during COVID-19](#)
- Are Contracts Enough? An Empirical Study of Author Rights in Australian Publishing Agreements.** Joshua Yuvaraj and Rebecca Giblin investigate this question in the book industry using publishing contracts sourced from the archive of the Australian Society of Authors. They identify serious deficiencies in the agreements as well as the specific provisions for returning rights to authors. They propose that consideration be given to introducing baseline minimum protections with the aim of improving author incomes, investment opportunities for publishers and access for the public. [>> read more](#)

CAUL

- Recording of virtual workshop – Enabling a Modern Curriculum – the recordings are now available on the event page.
- CAVAL has now completed the publication of the data collected from members for the 2019 year including the official 2019 student statistics – the data is available on the [CAUL Statistics](#) website
- next event in the [2020 CAUL Virtual Event Series](#) is coming up on Thursday 22 October at 2-3:30pm AEDT.

SIS planning. The end of the year is but a few months away and while we are deep in so many issues relating to the realignment of our services and collections because of COVID-19 and budget changes, it is time to start thinking about future planning. Some interesting models of thinking are emerging around the world – the British Library has released their new plan called [Living Knowledge For Everyone](#), that sets out the contribution they will make to the urgent task of renewal in the face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It is book for your contribution as we move to a planning stage.

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner. The OAIC has continued to develop and release very helpful guidance for agencies.

- The [Freedom of Information toolkit](#) has been designed for FOI decision makers in Australian Government agencies and ministers' offices to understand the principles and benefits of FOI and uphold the requirements of the FOI Act and the Information Publication Scheme.
- [When do agencies need to conduct a privacy impact assessment?](#) This resource is delighted to assist Australian Government agencies to determine when they need to conduct a privacy impact assessment (PIA).

Work Health and Safety. From Heather Jenks, our WHS policy leader: All SIS Staff need to check that the Pulse Mandatory modules for

WHS Induction - it needs to be recorded in Pulse as completed if you are on the LSCC, please complete the WHS Committee Training module

Thank you to all the existing Fire Wardens and First Aid Officers and also to those of you who have volunteered to undertake the training. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

[Roxanne Missingham](#)
[University Librarian](#)

Events

ALIA Chats 'after work drinks', virtually
Time: every Friday 5pm AEST for at least 40 minutes - sometimes we add several extra sessions to account for people's availability, and a 1PM 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.

Altmetrics conference

When? 21 and 28 October 2020
Where? Online
More details [here](#)

HathiTrust Community Week
When? 26 + October 2020
Where? Online
More details [here](#)

DCDC21: Catalysts for change: transforming our practices, collections, and communities through times of crisis
When? 28 June – 2 July 2021
Where? Online
More details [DCDC21 will explore how crisis can act as a catalyst for change within libraries, archives, museums, and cultural organisations. It will explore the impact that crisis can have on working practices, collections, and audience engagement, and how periods of turbulence can lead to new opportunities for research and collaboration. It will seek to examine how cultural heritage organisations can look beyond times of crisis and foster innovation and collaboration in their institutions and communities. here](#)

HR

WHS Handbook System Handbook Chapter 3.21 Boating and Diving Safety Management has been finalised and published after extensive consultation with local workers since July 2019. The Work Environment Group (WEG) received over 85 feedback from a number of HSRs and WHS Officers, the majority of their feedback has been incorporated into the Chapter for publication after detailed evaluation. This Chapter is developed in accordance with WHS legislation, Marine Safety legislation and the National Audit Tool requirements. The Chapter can be accessed via the University Health and Safety Website or via the [online Handbook](#). The following procedures for Handbook Chapters are out for consultation.

- [WHSMS Handbook Chapter 3.14 Event and Function Safety Management](#) – This Chapter was co-developed by WEG and F&S Functions on Campus Team and benchmarked other institutions in the sector. It provides guidance regarding the safety management of events and functions in accordance with WHS legislations.

ARDC

Recent news:

[Australian researchers are helping revolutionise pharmaceutical drug design](#)
[A group of researchers in Australia have been studying the complexities of drug interactions and...](#)

[September 30, 2020 Climate change research in the Snowy Mountains paints a pessimistic picture](#)
[As the world's climate continues to warm, the future prospects for many plants and animals.](#)

[September 30, 2020 Accurately assessing the risk of bushfires is now a great possibility](#)
[Imagine if we had accurate warning about the risk of bushfires, a week in advance...](#)

[September 29, 2020](#)

ANU Press and Open Access Publishing

ANU Press Publication Subsidy Fund. In the second round of the [ANU Press Publication Subsidy Fund](#) we have extended to ANU academics can apply to receive up to \$3000 to help them publish work through ANU Press. We'd appreciate it if you could share this with your networks at ANU. The fund can be used to cover costs such as copyediting or indexing of a book.

OA books toolkit. The OAPEN Foundation has launched a new open access (OA) books toolkit for researchers and academic book authors. It aims to help authors better understand OA for books, increase trust in OA book publishing, provide reliable and easy-to-find answers to questions from authors, and to provide guidance on the process of publishing an OA book. It was created in collaboration with Springer Nature and The University of Glasgow and has been written by a global and diverse group of stakeholders from the academic community and scholarly communications organisations. [->> read more](#)

Open Access: An Analysis of Publisher Copyright and Licensing Policies in Europe, 2020. SPARC Europe has released this report that contains the results of a research study completed in the summer of 2020, exploring copyright and licensing practices amongst research journal publishers and OA publishers in DOAJ in Europe. It contains a wide range of interesting findings. [->> read more](#)

Association of University Presses. The Association of University Presses (AUPresses) is an organisation of more than 150 international publisher scholarly publishers has launched its new website. It Ask UP website is designed to help scholars and the broader public learn more about scholarly publishing. Very useful! [->> read more](#)

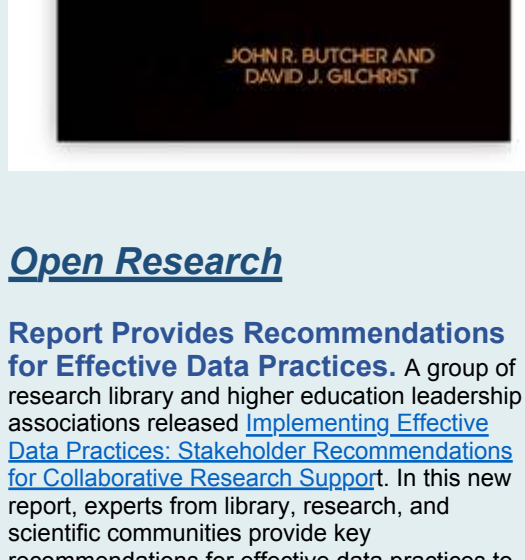
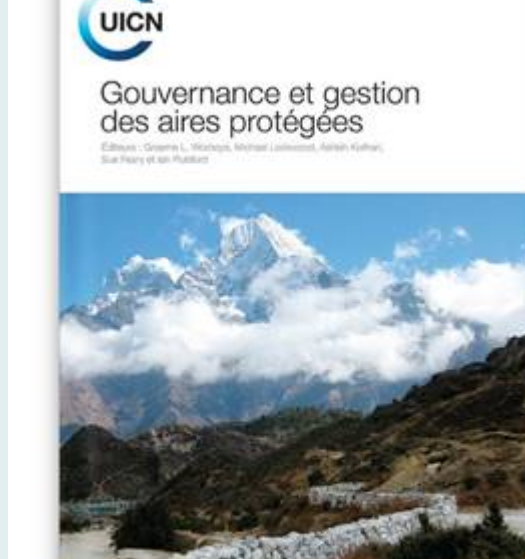
Australasian Open Access Strategy Group. AOASG has series of events for Open Access Week across Australia and New Zealand. The timetable of guest speakers and workshops each day from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October (11am - 1pm AEST) is online. Registration for events is required! [->> read more](#)

Peer review resources. Peer review week highlight the importance of peer review for quality publishing. Useful resources include:

- Peer Review Builds Trust [YouTube channel](#)
- The Peer Review Week [InfoGraphic](#)

Chiefs 'Set the Stage' for SSP New Directions Seminar. Scholarly Kitchen Chiefs open SSP's 2020 New Directions seminar discussing how we can support academic peer-reviewed research and the entire academic publishing ecosystem during this unprecedented year of disruptions, disease, and disappointments. [->> read more](#)

Preprints and author services. "Research Square Company, Springer Nature is attempting not only to expand its coverage into preprints but also to build new author services businesses". Interview with the Eugenie Regan VP, Research Solutions at Springer Nature and Research Square Company's president Rachel Busley – dances around and does not ask is this just a means to try to get preprints behind a paywall and greater greater income and control for Springer Nature. [->> read more](#)



Open Research

Report Provides Recommendations for Effective Data Practices. A group of research library and higher education leadership associations released [Implementing Effective Data Practices: Stakeholder Recommendations for Collaborative Research Support](#). In this new report, experts from library, research, and scientific communities provide key recommendations for effective data practices to support a more open research ecosystem. It came from a December by invitation conference convened by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the California Digital Library (CDL), the Association of American Universities (AAU), the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). The conference was sponsored by the US National Science Foundation (NSF). The key findings:

- Center the researcher by providing tools, education, and services that are built around data management practices that accommodate the scholarly workflow.
- Create closer integration of library and scientific communities, including researchers, institutional offices of research, research computing, and disciplinary repositories.
- Provide sustaining support for the open PID infrastructure that is a core community asset and essential piece of scholarly infrastructure. Beyond adoption and use of PIDs, organizations that sustain identifier registries need the support of the research community.
- Unbundle the DMP, because the DMP as currently understood may be overloaded with too many expectations (for example, simultaneously a tool within the lab, around campus resource units, and with repositories and funding agencies). Unbundling may allow for different parts of a DMP to serve distinct and specific purposes.
- Unlock discovery by connecting PIDs across repositories to assemble diverse data to answer new questions, advance scholarship, and accelerate adoption by researchers.

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The State of Altmetrics. Wow, the Altmetrics Manifesto is now 10 years old and this report explores a decade of innovation and growth in the field, including:

- Ethical uses of altmetrics
- Using machine learning to improve altmetrics
- Altmetrics as "sensors" to detect the spread of disease
- Limit makes researchers more likely to use altmetrics
- Predictions for the future of altmetrics.

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New in the repository

- [Older Women in Australia: Facing the Challenges of Dual Sensory Loss](#)
- [Yoga, Sexual Violation and Discourse: Reconfigured Hegemonies and Feminist Voices Introduction: Development futures' alternative ways to end poverty](#)
- [Place, Peers, and the Teenage Years: Long-Run Neighborhood Effects in Australia](#)
- [Revisiting the Effects of Sugar Taxes on Sugary Drink Consumption: Evidence from the Random-Coefficient Demand Model](#)

Keeping up to date

Digital teaching will be better, say university and college students. A JISC survey of nearly 40,000 students has found that "more than a quarter couldn't give positive feedback on the quality of digital teaching, and only half say they receive guidance on vital digital skills". [->> read more](#)

Digital data – UK perspective. Paul Stokes reviews issues with the launch of the UK [National Data Strategy](#), which plans "an unprecedented audit and digitisation of public datasets. The £120m project will include the digitisation and assessment of government documents and datasets from the NHS, police, fire and rescue and education". [->> read more](#)

Taking Shared Print to the Next Level: The Partnership for Shared Book Collections. Susan Stearns, Matthew Revitt & Kirsten Leeson speak to the papers of John of library administration report on the "Partnership for Shared Book Collections" formed by Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries, connectNY, MCLSM/MI-SPI, Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC), Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI), SOELC Shared Print Program and Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC). [->> read more](#)

Equipping First-Year Students for Remote Success. Jennifer A. Dixon summarises challenges with examples from a range of libraries – a good read. [->> read more](#)

Continuous Page: Scrolls and Scrolling from Papyrus to Hypertext. From The Courtauld: the open-access book of 12 essays, accompanied by a series of fully digitised scroll objects, constitutes the a systematic evolution of the subject of the scroll from an interdisciplinary standpoint, incorporating contributions from an internationally renowned group of scholars who address material from the ancient world to the twenty-first century, ranging across objects from Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas.. [->> read more](#)

Information and Learning Sciences Special issue free access: A Response to Emergency Transitions to Remote Online Education. Includes:

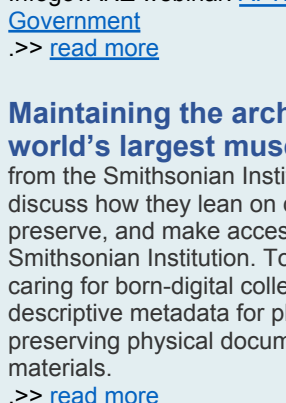
- "Saving a semester of learning: MIT's emergency transition to online instruction", Kessler, A., Barnes, S., Rajagopal, K., Rankin, J., Pouchak, L., Sillis, M., Esser, W.
- "Designing for learning during collaborative projects online: Tools and takeaways", Sankaranarayanan, S., Kandimata, S.R., Cao, M., Maronna, I., An, H., Bogart, C., Murray, R.C., Hilton, M., Sakr, M., Rose, C.
- "Designing for and facilitating knowledge-building discourse in online courses", Duvall, M., Matranga, A., Silverman, J.

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2019-20 Digital preservation community survey. Open Preservation foundation survey – detailed results are available in the report. Three areas of strategic focus were identified – tools, policy and open source. [->> read more](#)

OCLC.

- Rebecca Bryant has posted a [blog](#) on a webinar run by OCLC Research and LIBER (the Association of European Research Libraries) held to kick off the OCLC-LIBER Open Science Discussion Series. This discussion series is based upon the LIBER and Open Science Roadmap, and will help guide research libraries in envisioning the support infrastructure for open science (OS) and their role at local, national, and global levels
- New OCLC Research report, [Transitioning to the Next Generation of Metadata](#) by Karen Smith Yastrow covers an extraordinarily broad range of issues discussed by the Focus Group over many years. Key areas include:
 - The Transition to Linked Data and Identifiers
 - Describing "Inside-Out" and "Facilitated" Collections
 - Evolution of "Metadata as a Service"
 - Preparing for Future Staffing Requirements
 - Impact



AI. Virtual librarian summit 1 – [presentations](#)
Virtual librarian summit 2 – [details](#)
Article: [Robots in the Library: Gauging Attitudes towards Developments in Robotics and AI, and the Potential Implications for Library Services](#)
Webinar: [AI: Empowering Libraries & Making It Real](#)
InfoxANZ webinar: [AI Transparency in Digital Government](#) [->> read more](#)

Maintaining the archive for the world's largest museum complex. Staff from the Smithsonian Institution Archives will discuss how they lean on data to collect, preserve, and make accessible the history of the Smithsonian institution. Topics will range from caring for born-digital collections to writing descriptive metadata for photographic materials to preserving physical documents and audio-visual materials. [->> read more](#)

College & Research Libraries News. The [October 2020 issue](#) is now freely available online. Interesting articles:

- Kanwal Ameen, Clara M. Chu, Spencer Lulliey, Ana Ndumu, and Jaya Raju. [Multiple ways of knowing: Global perspectives on academic libraries' emerging systems of knowledge.](#)
- Melanie Hulbert, L. Katherine Smith, and Dustin Fife. ["Activating agency in the time of COVID-19: Cultivating relationships for resilience."](#)
- Jamie Wittenberg. ["New dimensions in data management: Understanding sharing and reuse practices for 3-D data."](#)

The Global Pandemic and Scholarly Societies. Uses an interesting set of survey data has been compiled by McKinley Advisors. [->> read more](#)

Association of Research Libraries Files Amicus Brief in Michigan Supreme Court Case Ahmad v. University of Michigan. "The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) filed an amicus brief in the Michigan Supreme Court case Ahmad v. University of Michigan, a case involving the use of a public records request to circumvent a deed of gift, which is a contract that libraries and archives routinely negotiate with donors and that sets the conditions of access to donated papers... Ahmad v. Michigan involves an immigration attorney trying to gain access to the papers of John Tanton. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, Tanton "was the racist architect of the modern anti-immigrant movement." Parts of the Tanton papers are restricted under the deed of gift with the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan, and can't be made public until 2035. ARL disavows Tanton's philosophies and contributions to anti-immigrant policies in the strongest possible terms. "ARL did not get involved in this case to protect John Tanton or his legacy," said Mary Lee Kennedy, executive director of ARL. "As the brief states, archivists typically prefer to make materials publicly available as soon as possible, but they understand that they need to sometimes agree to access restrictions in order to secure the materials in the first place." [->> read more](#)