Scholarly Information Services Symposium
8 September 2017

Prof Genevieve Bell, Florence Violet McKenzie Chair, inspired us to take our capabilities and interests into a new digital environment – she provided an amazing story of adventure and insights into digital transformation. It’s a new world that offers amazing opportunities.

Dr Sabrina Caldwell, Postdoctoral fellow, CECS, NECTAR; Dr Terhi Nurmikko-Fuller, Lecturer in Digital Humanities; Professor Susanne von Caemmerer, Deputy Director, ARC Centre of Excellence for Translational Photosynthesis took us on a journey into their research worlds – JazzCats, International C4 Rice Consortium and photographs – awards, credibility, validity.

So much to think about in terms of research data management, engagement and communication – time to reach out.

Transforming our services
- New online learning modules to support research capabilities on HDR and ECRs – Imogen Ingram and Hans Joerg Kraus
- “Research ready” program for new university students - Jason Murdoch and Amy Chan
- Medical student support – assessment (25% student feedback), pedagogical review and new online approach – Tom Foley and Cathy Burton
- Legal literacy online in the Juris Doctor Online – Joanna Longley

Students: Rashna Farrukh, Mish Khan, and Robyn Lewis, ANUSA Education Officer told us about their world – all have taken breaks before commencing study and expect the information ecosystem to deliver everything seamlessly. They told us about the “mad energy/smells” of Chifley, Supersearch as their go to solution and
their focus on deep reading vs scanning – books aren’t dead!

Opening up access – publications, archives, repository and library

- Opening up Pandora’s box: revealing collections – Erin Gallant and Stephanie Dangerfield – a fabulous achievement in setting up the digitation program
- ANU Press in revolution: implementing the review – Emily Hazelwood – did you know we had more than 1 million downloads by mid July this year?
- Open research: increasing engagement and impact - Elke Dawson
- Putting the Tooth and Co. archives (1920-1980) on the map – Catherine Ziegler
- Elizabeth Durack collection – creating a scholars portal in collaboration with researchers – Roxanne Missingham and Pamela McLeod

Prof Frank Bongiorno closed the event with great insights into a historians approach to research using archives and libraries around the world. He described the opportunities and limitations in digital resources and the need to understand the information ecosystem to be able to conduct high quality research.

77 were registered for the day and all attending at least the morning sessions. Attendees came from SIS, University of Canberra Library, University of New South Wales @Canberra Library, Australian Catholic University Library, University of Sydney Library and the ANU community.

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