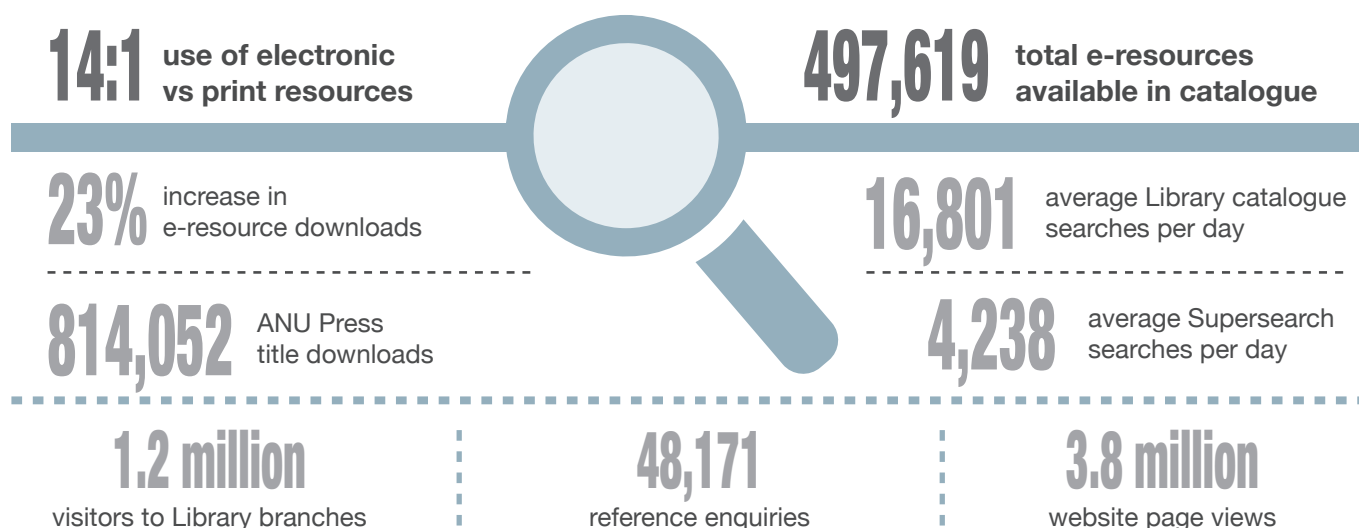


The Australian National University Library

2014 Achievements



Supporting excellence in research



- > The Library Committee was established to provide advice on policies, strategies and priorities to the University Librarian. Committee membership includes representatives from the ANU Executive, ANU Colleges, and the undergraduate and postgraduate student associations.
- > To help researchers efficiently manage high quality data, use good data management practice for grant applications, and achieve greater exposure for their research, the Library launched new research data management webpages (<https://anulib.anu.edu.au/training/research-data-management>). The initiative was a collaborative project between the ANU Library, ANU Research Services, and ANU Research Skills and Training.
- > The Personal Library Contact Service provided Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students with a personal Library contact and a regular communication channel. After a highly successful phase one trial, the Service continued with a total of 338 newly enrolled HDR students participating in phase two of the trial. The number of staff participating in the trial increased from six to 27.
- > The Library is committed to increasing the impact of ANU research and assisting students and researchers to publish successfully. To achieve this commitment, the Library delivered a series of presentations including an insider's perspective on the publishing process within the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) given by Executive Manager Communications & Publishing and Director of CSIRO Publishing, Andrew Stammer.

Supporting excellence in education



180% increase in online
'how to' guide use

24/7 opening hours successfully
tried in Chifley Library.
Over 13,000 visitors in
the first two weeks.

Single service

information desks
in all branches

Self check

machines in
all branches

Upgraded

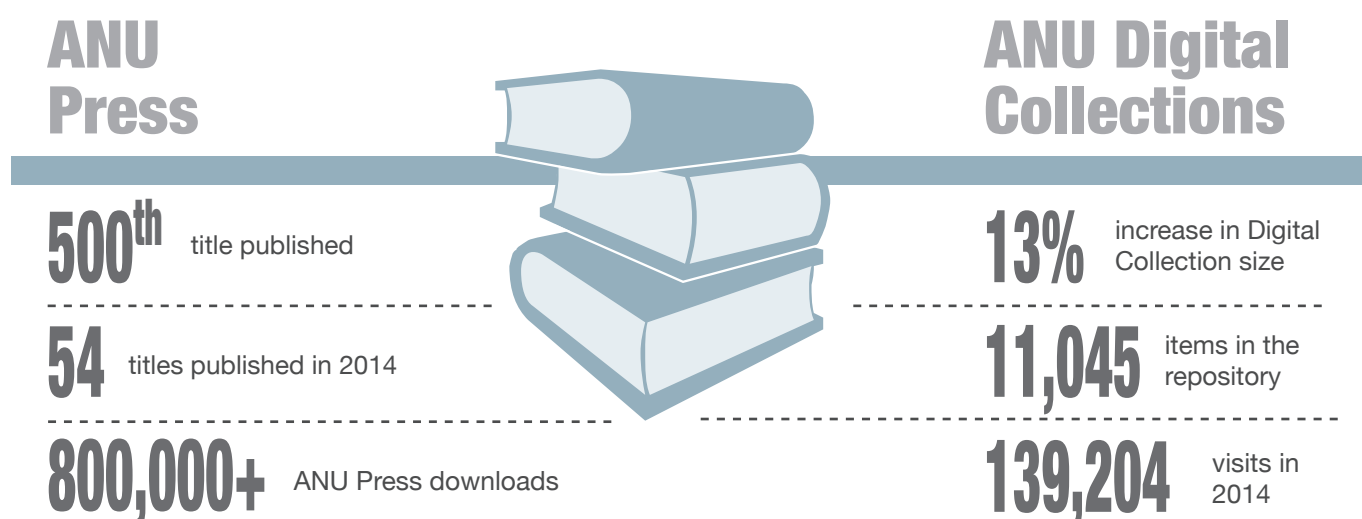
student and staff
computers in all branches

Wi-Fi

available everywhere
in all branches

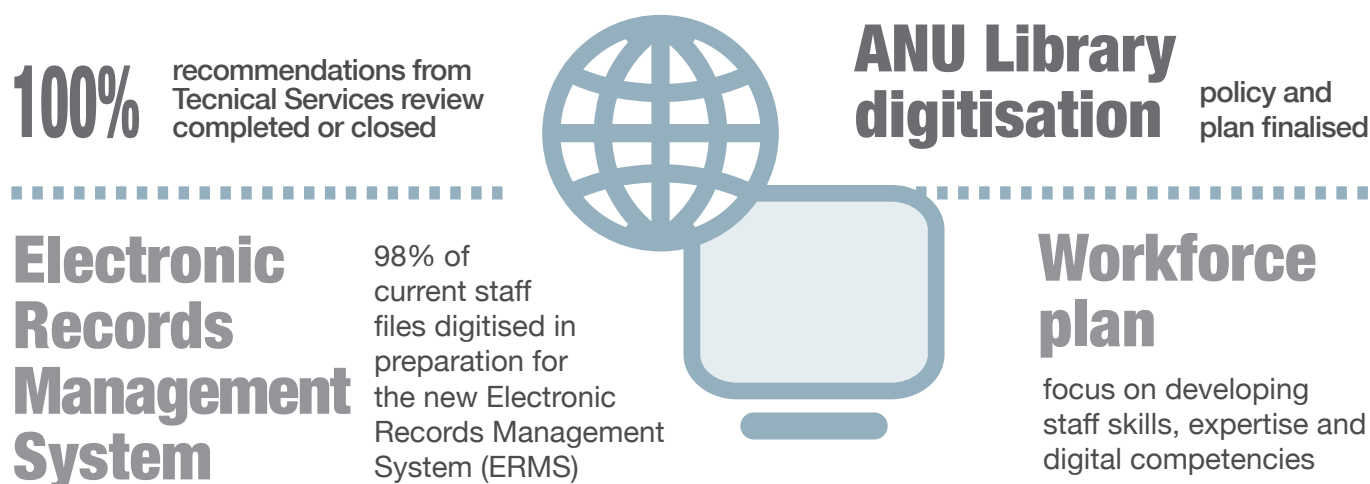
- > In response to student feedback, 24/7 opening hours were trialed in Chifley Library. Visitors had access to all floors including Information Commons areas, computers, and printing facilities. Over 13,000 visitors were recorded in the first two weeks.
- > The Wi-Fi connections in each specialised Library branch were upgraded, providing reliable access and coverage throughout each branch.
- > A suite of online 'how to' guides were created, including the *Bibliometrics and citation tracking* guide which explains citation tracking and introduces a range of tools to measure the impact of research and journals. The Library's guides use a combination of text, graphics, videos and a quiz, taking into consideration a variety of delivery and learning styles.
- > ANU students and staff can now earn digital badges as they develop their digital skills following the launch of four new online courses—*Search skills and strategies*, *EndNote: collect, curate, create*, and *Increasing research impact*.
- > The Chifley Library foyer was refurbished, delivering a high-quality infrastructure upgrade including a new one-to-one reference desk for research consultations, and over 100 square metres of additional learning space including additional Fast Lane computers and collaborative learning spaces.
- > SuperSearch, the Library's single-search software, was successfully updated providing improvements in navigation, accessibility, and advanced searching.
- > Self-check machines were installed in each specialised Library branch making borrowing books easier.

Supporting the University's role as a national policy resource



- > To support the University's commitment to open access research, the Library continued its development of a single ANU digital repository—the Digital Collections—which will provide an open access repository using existing publication data from the ANU Research Information Enterprise System (ARIES, used to manage research activities and outputs across the University). The Digital Collections is the University's online location for collecting, maintaining and disseminating the scholarly output of the University. This service allows members of the University to share research with the wider community.
- > ANU Digital Collections staff continued to provide a vital infrastructure to ANU researchers. They ensured researchers met the requirements of the many national and international funders, including the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Australian Research Council (ARC), and ensured maximum impact from the research investment through making outputs available via the ANU Digital Collections.
- > A major achievement over the last 20 months was a 60 per cent increase of ANU research outputs available in open access. These accessible outputs increase the impact and value of research undertaken at the University.
- > ANU Press became the first Australian open access press to join the Open Access Publishing in European Networks (OAPEN) Foundation. All ANU Press titles are now accessible via the OAPEN library.
- > ANU Press published the first two e-textbooks—*The joy of Sanskrit* by McComas Taylor and Grazia Scotellaro and *The Plant Detective's Manual* by Gonzalo M. Estavillo, Ulrike Mathesius, Michael Djordjevic and Adrienne B. Nicotra—under the new eText imprint. Collectively these titles were downloaded over 500 times.
- > A new ANU eView website was launched, providing open access to student work, community publications, poetry, conference proceedings, student journals, and other internally refereed University material.

Transformative actions to support a world class University



- > Development of the Electronic Records Management System (ERMS) continued, with 98 per cent of current staff files digitised in preparation for the ERMS to go live.
- > As part of the ANU Library's 2014/15 Workforce Plan to increase the skills, expertise and digital competencies of all Library and SIS staff, three digital competencies presentations were given throughout the year. The presentations were on Trove, given by Tim Sherratt, Manager, Trove, National Library of Australia; Data Management, given by Anne Lahey, Manager, Digital Scholarly Communication, ANU Library, and MOOCs, given by McComas Taylor, Head, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies. Over 140 staff attended the presentations.
- > A KABIS III book scanner was purchased following a successful major equipment grant application. The new scanner will provide high-speed and low-stress capture of ANU Library collections including rare and fragile books, along with works from the ANU Archives and ANU Press. An ANU Library Digitisation policy and plan, which outlines the priorities and plan for beginning digitisation, has been finalised.
- > The Korea Foundation Global Internship Program began with the first intern, Ms Ayoung Mun, joining the Menzies Library from November 2014 to August 2015. Ms Ayoung Mun will participate in various meetings and library functions to learn and experience different aspects of operations in the ANU Library during her internship.
- > All 49 recommendations from the review of ANU Library Technical Services, which aimed to increase workflows and resource management, were completed or closed. The full report, along with all responses, is available on the ANU Library website (<http://anulib.anu.edu.au/intranet>).
- > As part of the ANU Green Sustainability program, an energy-saving software, Greentrac, was installed on all Information Commons computers to automatically switch machines on and off shortly before and after Library opening and closing. In addition, lighting in the Chifley and Menzies Library branches was changed to LED and some lights were delamped, resulting in a 50 per cent reduction of energy use for lighting in these areas.

Donations



Donations to the ANU Library

- > Emeritus Fellow John Dargavel donated a 350-year-old copy of John Evelyn's publication *Sylva, or a Discourse on Forest Trees*, which showcases the tree-planting techniques in 17th century England.
- > The ANU Department of Applied Mathematics donated 101 rare maths books, the earliest volumes include *Sylva sylvarvm; or a naturall historie in ten centuries* by Francis Bacon (1631) and *The works of the learned Sir Thomas Brown Kt. Doctor of Physick late of Norwich* (1686).
- > Her Excellency Dr Clemencia Forero-Ucros, Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia to Australia, donated a collection of Gabriel Garcia Marquez works.



Donations to the ANU Archives

- > The 7 August 1891 agreement between the Pastoralists' Federal Council of Australia and the Amalgamated Shearers' Union of Australasia relating to the employment of shearers.
- > Edward Adley Owen's photograph albums of the CSR Limited Labasa mill from 1909.
- > Professor Mervyn Meggitt's Enga genealogies resulting from his research in the Papua New Guinea highlands in the 1950s.
- > Research papers of Dr John Ballard (1930–2014) relating to AIDS in Australia.
- > Dr Bryant Allen's research papers on drought and frost in Papua New Guinea.
- > Papers relating to a survey of British migrants by Dr Reg Appleyard in the Department of Demography in the 1960s.
- > Papers of volcanologist Dr Wally Johnson relating to Papua New Guinea.
- > Research papers of Professor David Marr on Vietnam.
- > Records of the ANU Law Students' Society dating back to the 1970s.
- > Annual reports from Mount Stromlo (1956–1975).
- > Minutes of meetings and reports from the Electron and Ion Diffusion Unit, 1961–1991, including the papers of Professor Robert Crompton.
- > Research papers of Dr Mike Bourke on human geography and agriculture in Papua New Guinea.
- > Dr John Baker's reports on economic development as an economist to the Tongan government.

Events, exhibitions and awards



Events and exhibitions

- > *Brushing Contrasts Calligraphy* exhibition, held in the Menzies Foyer from February to June, highlighted the work of Korean calligraphy artist Kim Jang-Hyun. Mr Kim also presented a demonstration of his calligraphy.
- > *Treasures of the ANU Archives* exhibition, held in the Menzies foyer from June to September, highlighted historic documents, photographs, maps, and films from the ANU Archives extensive collection including the University's own archives, the Pacific Research Archives, the National AIDS Archive Collection, and the Noel Butlin Archives Centre.
- > Professor Joan Beaumont of the Strategic Defence Studies Centre, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific presented the 13th annual Noel Butlin Archives lecture on the topic of *The Real War? Battles on the Australian home front 1914–19*.
- > ANU Library co-hosted a Scopus Editors Seminar aimed at equipping Australian scientific editors with the tools to enhance the global visibility of their journals.
- > The ANU Archives hosted a Halloween party for undergraduate and postgraduate students in the ANU Archives tunnel. The event featured a tour of the tunnel, including its kilometres of archival material, as well as an exhibition of significant objects in their collections.
- > *Toad Hall 40th anniversary* exhibition, held in the Menzies foyer from September to December, highlighted the remarkable diversity and interests of those who have been residents at Toad Hall over the past 40 years.



Awards

- > The ANU Archives received the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Innovation and Excellence in Service for the implementation of their new database. The database makes national treasures of business, unions and the University accessible online anytime and from anywhere.

