Message from the University Librarian

The end of year is rapidly approaching. It has been an extraordinarily challenging year – Library staff are here to help you through these times. This News comes to you from your personal contact who can assist you with any Library enquiries. Our general email address library.info@anu.edu.au can also be used at any time.

We look forward to supporting you in your research.

Roxanne Missingham, University Librarian

Message from the Library

If there is a positive side of the COVID-19 disaster, it is that it has forced innovation into practically all standard practices. Our Library is not an exception. Throughout 2020 we have rapidly transitioned our services into the digital world, to enable as much access as possible for our staff and students. We have also worked on innovative ways to provide access to the physical collection. Details of our Click & Collect initiative are below, along with new loan limits and an update on replacement of the collection lost in the 2018 flood at Chifley Library.

We hope you find the information in these newsletters useful and interesting, and please let us know if there is something you would like more information on or need a librarian’s assistance to locate.
Click & Collect

Rising to the challenges that COVID-19 continues to present, the ANU Library has implemented a new Click & Collect service. We are excited to provide another way to ensure you have access to as much of our collection as possible, when it is convenient for you.

A new way to access the ANU Library Collections when you need them. ANU academics, postgraduates and honours students can request monographs from any of our library branches, to be delivered to the Hancock or Chifley Library for you to collect anytime. Both these libraries are open 24/7, so should you need to collect your books at midnight or noon or any time in between, you can come in and use the self-checkout machines to borrow them.

Simply search the catalogue and if your item is eligible for Click & Collect you will see the link under “Location” next to the name of the home library for the item (see example below).

For more detailed information check our news item here.

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Update on the 2018 Chifley Flood replacement project

For those who are not aware, in February 2018 the entire level 1 of Chifley Library was inundated by water during torrential rain. The results were that we lost around 300,000 volumes from our collection including monographs (books), microfilm, official documents and serials.
This year has brought major milestones. The insurance has now been finalised and thanks to the work of a fabulous team more that 20% of the titles lost in the flood are now available to all users. The majority of these items are monographs. As most of the material is out of print this is a very challenging project. Here are two examples just in from one of our suppliers, and will be on the shelf shortly. You can find them on Level 3 in Chifley Library.

Loan limits increased to 100
We are pleased to announce that ANU Library loan limits have been increased! This means that ANU undergraduates, postgraduates and staff can now borrow up to 100 items (including 4 reserve items). We have responded to feedback, particularly from HDR students.

This represents a significant increase to loan limits – with an additional 60 items for ANU staff, postgraduate and honours students and 85 for undergraduates. We hope this will facilitate easier study and research during this unprecedented time of both on-campus and remote learning.

Browse our online list of new titles to find all the fantastic new items that have been added to our ever-growing collection.

To find out more details, including loan periods for specific items and loan limits for external borrowers, visit our website.

Just Opened
A new study space in the basement space of Hancock Library has been opened. 80 work spaces (under COVID-19 social distancing rules) are available from this week. You can use the space 24 x 7.
The ANU Library offers a range of online workshops to help you develop your digital literacy skills. These sessions can help you begin your thesis; learn research skills; navigate our collections; format your work; use programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, EndNote, NVivo, SPSS, and LaTeX; work on your presentation skills; develop conference posters; put together your citations; and much more! You can view our upcoming courses via the training calendar.

Social Distancing is still very important.

Keep up to date with COVID-19 and the campus via the links from the ANU home page and in the Library Frequently Asked Questions page.
In honour of the 40th anniversary of the independence of Vanuatu, the Pacific Research Archives at ANU has highlighted the Vanuatu material in its collections. The collections are quite diverse, containing materials created and collected by businesses, diplomats and politicians, medical personnel and missionaries, and academic researchers from a variety of fields.

The physical exhibition has been extended and will be on display in to October 2020 on level 2 (entry level) of Menzies Library and in the Archives reading room. The full online exhibition will launch shortly after the physical exhibition closes.

New from ANU Press

Italy has a long and fascinating history that has been recorded since the earliest days of Rome itself: we know how politics, ideas, culture, art, architecture, music and much more, have developed over nearly three millennia. At the heart of the life of the peoples of the Italian peninsula and islands is their language. A Linguistic History of Italy tells the story of how the language spoken in Italy developed from Latin to multiple dialects, to the selection of Florentine for a national written language and how Italian became the common language of the entire nation. At each step on this amazing journey language intertwines with other components of Italian social life.

ANU support

If you feel you need support call the ANU Crisis line. All calls are confidential, if you need to speak to someone call the ANU Crisis Support Line 5pm-9am weekdays, 24/7 weekends and public holidays.

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