News

SIS staff meeting
10am, Tuesday 5 July 2022.
McDonald Room, Menzies Library

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY!

Guest speakers:
- Prof Keturah Whitford, Dean of Staff and Chair Library Advisory Committee.
- Dr James Brann, Director, Student Experience.

Yumma Darruwa Ngunnawal
Welcome to Ngunnawal country. This fortnight I would like us to reflect on the word Narragunnawali which means alive/well-being/coming together. You may have seen this word on signs already, including in the Peace Park near the National Library.

If you have looked at the black granite square in the Canberra Peace Park and read the words on it you will have seen “Narragunnawali” written there. The polished black granite in the centre is sloped with the word ‘Peace’ etched into its panels in the six official languages of the United Nations Organisation and the Aboriginal language of the local Ngunnawal people. The UN languages are English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Chinese. At the heart of the feature is the international symbol of peace – an image of a dove carrying an olive branch – etched into the granite. Find out more about the Peace Park on the National Capital Authority website.

ANU Press and open access

Update on Trends in Open Access Publishing Released

Gold Open Access 2016-2021: Articles in Journals (GOA7), the seventh in a series of SPARC-funded studies of serious open access journals, is now available.

The analysis, performed by Walt Crawford through visits to each journal’s website, indicates more than one 1.25 million articles in 2021. Gold (including no-fee or “diamond”) OA varies widely. While 68% of journals that published articles in 2021 do not charge fees, 69% of the articles published in 2021 do involve fees.

The study is available in three forms, all with CC BY licenses. The free e-book and underlying dataset (both licensed under CC BY) can be found here.

A country-by-country analysis will be available in July: links to it will be on the project page, as are links to this and the previous five editions. SPARC is pleased to provide support for this important project.

Audiobooks 10 years of growth

Publishers’ audiobook revenue grew 25% in 2021 to $1.6 billion, which marks the tenth straight year of double-digit growth, according to the Audio Publishers Association’s Sales Survey conducted by InterQ.

Nearly 74,000 audiobooks were published in 2021, a 6% increase over 2020. Science Fiction and Fantasy
The students and academics on campus have made us come alive this semester – something that has brought joy to our hearts. As the exam period ends, we wish the ANU community joy and well-being through the break – with the joy of graduations coming next month.

COVID-19 news

ANU update

Use of the CheckIn CBR app remains strongly recommended and mask wearing remains mandated on the campus for a range of activities. Please read all the messages from the University about COVID-19.

Please remember to isolate and get tested if you feel unwell.

If you test positive to COVID-19, please:

1. Register your positive result with ACT Health using this online form, or with the state/territory health authority where you are located.
2. Alert the University through this online form.
3. Apply for personal leave.
4. Isolate for at least seven days after the day you test positive.

Campus Alert Level

Our COVID-19 campus alert level remains MEDIUM risk.

What’s new?

From midnight Friday 17 June, mask wearing will no longer be mandatory in airports in Australia. Read more on the Department of Health website.

Congratulations to Morgan and Lyndall

A beautiful baby girl - Ilana Candice Thorn Wilson.

Mother and Father may not be getting much sleep but are thrilled!

Reading and Publishing during a Pandemic

Taylor & Francis has released a new report ‘Reading and Publishing during a pandemic’. It looks at trends in reading, publishing, and discovery patterns they have seen on our own publishing platform over the past two years.

Cambridge Information Group acquires Emerald

From the news release:

For over 50 years, Emerald has been an independent publishing house, formed by a group of management academics at the University of Bradford, UK, and latterly run as a family-owned business, spearheaded by the late Dr. Keith Howard OBE. A publisher of academic journals, books, and case studies in the social sciences, Emerald has recently diversified into corporate learning through a suite of acquisitions which now form Emerald Works... Cambridge Information Group is a family-owned, mission-led investment firm with a history of long-term investments in education, information, and software companies. During CIG’s multi-decade ownership of ProQuest, the business grew rapidly through investments in new products and multiple strategic acquisitions. CIG’s acquisition of Emerald builds on their deep experience in the higher education industry, with real ambition for long-term growth of the business.

New titles from ANU Press

ANU Historical Journal II: Number 3
Academic capabilities review
The Management response and in essence an outline of the implementation plan is now online.

University Research Committee
The committee met last week and provided a great opportunity to discuss many important issues including:

- Strategic Partnering
- Research Infrastructure Committee-Terms of Reference
- Pure Research Information Management System –Update
- Research Block Grant
- Intellectual Property Policy and Procedures
- Responsible Conduct of Research Policy and Procedures

Library Staff Consultative Committee (LSCC)
LSCC met this week with good discussions on WHS, all the amazing work being done across the Division and in particular with WHS audit.

WHS
A couple of reminders:

- The SIS Local WHS plan is on the Intranet and has been promoted to staff, including via email and the newsletter – please make sure to read it.
- Information on Figtree can be found here. You can find a FAQ, the user guide, and other information. Do have a look to make sure you understand what Figtree can be used for.

Open repository
Open Access Week 2022
Open for Climate Justice is the theme for this year’s International Open Access Week (October 24-30).

Desirable Characteristics of Data Repositories for Federally Funded Research
The National Science and Technology Council issued this report last week. It contains detailed information including the responses to an Office of Science and Technology Policy request for comments in early 2020, and views from the National Institutes of Health on FAIR data and the roles of specialist vs. generalist repositories.

New research resources
- In Planta Determination of the mRNA-Binding Proteome of Arabidopsis Etiolated Seedlings
- Virus Genotype-Dependent Transcriptional Alterations in Lipid Metabolism and Inflammation Pathways in the Hepatitis C Virus-infected Liver
- Suicidal thinking and behaviour as of 600 BCE (Aesop's fables)
- ‘They can’t empower us’: The role of allies in the consumer movement
- The history and profile of JGH

Keeping up to date
Custodians & Midwives: The Library of the Future
This report is the outcome of a research collaboration between the National Library of Australia (NLA) and new School of Cybernetics (SoCy) at the Australian National University (ANU).

During the collaboration, SoCy researchers investigated and evaluated the potential new dynamics that will emerge if, and when, the NLA integrates tools and processes enabled by promising artificial intelligence (AI) technology capabilities into core work processes of the organisation’s mission to “collect, preserve and make accessible” library materials (National Library Act 1960 (Cth)).
Copyright

- All I want for Christmas is $20m - Mariah Carey released “All I Want for Christmas is You” in 1994. Andy Stone, a songwriter, has filed a lawsuit claiming copyright infringement.
- Legislation – changes in Japan – reports that “The Japanese government on Friday is expected to roll out reforms that will make it easier for people to share content such as old films and music with no clear copyright owner”.
- US Copyright Claims Board to begin accepting claims for infringements with a value of $30k or less on 6 June – ARL has released a toolkit.
- “A federal judge in Maryland struck down a state law requiring publishers to make e-books available on “reasonable terms” to libraries if they were also being offered to the general public.” Read more here.

New Library systems

A big thanks to everyone working on this project. A reminder that updates can be found on this landing page: anulib.anu.edu.au/upgrade

ANU policies

In preparation for the submission of the University’s Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) re-registration application in December 2022, the University is undertaking a review of all policy documents that are either due or overdue for review in order to meet the Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021.

As part of this process, the Corporate Governance and Risk Office (CGRO) recently reviewed and revised the Fraud and Corruption Control Policy and Procedure, initially approved by Council on 21 July 2017, and due for review by 30 June 2022. The proposed revisions are consistent with Go8 Universities’ fraud policy and procedure, cover staff and students, and provide for enhanced reporting.

New timetabling system

Next Monday the new timetabling system goes live for ANU staff, with a student launch on 11 July. This is a fantastic project that will really make a big difference to education at the University.

Silver medal for Bradley Carruthers – congratulations!

Congratulations to the Carruthers family - Bradley was selected in the Australian U18 Athletics team to compete in High Jump at the Oceania Athletics Championships in Mackay, QLD.

In his first international competition Bradley competed well and jumped 1.98m (his PB is 2.04m) to finish second and bring home a silver medal. His proud parents were thrilled to be there with him.

CMU Receives NEH Grant To Develop Bibliographic Tools

Lisa Peet writes “‘Freedom and the Press before Freedom of the Press,’ a digital humanities project based at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), Pittsburgh, has received a $324,931 National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Humanities Advancement grant to develop a set of digital tools to analyse type and paper used in late 17th- and 18th-century English language works.”

Information governance and privacy

New IG standard released

The ISO has just released an Information Governance standard covering the concept and principles. Information Governance is defined as a strategic framework for managing information assets across an entire organisation to support its business outcomes and obtain assurance that the risks to its information, and thereby the operational capabilities and integrity of the organisation, are adequately identified and managed. Information Governance includes but is not limited to policies, processes, procedures, roles and controls put in place to meet regulatory, legal, risk and operational requirements. Read more here

OVIC Privacy Awareness Week webinar

To celebrate Privacy Awareness Week 2022, the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner held a panel discussion on the importance of public trust in an information age. The panel included Victorian Information Commissioner, Sven Bluemmel, Cassandra Meager - Executive Director, Service Victoria, David Wolf - Deputy Commissioner, Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission (IBAC) and was facilitated by Susan Bennett, InfoGovANZ.

The discussion explored the relationship between privacy and public trust, and its influence on government service delivery with the recording now available to view here.

Artificial Intelligence and privacy: can they be friends?

The Queensland Office of the Information Commissioner hosted Professor Edward Santow to deliver this year’s Privacy Awareness Week keynote. Professor Santow was joined by Queensland’s Privacy Commissioner Paxton Booth.

Professor Santow discussed how in a time of unprecedented technological change, trust in government has been consistently falling. He challenged the audience to consider the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), explore the rise of facial recognition technology and suggested a way forward that puts privacy at the heart of how AI is designed, developed and used, and how this could improve trust for agencies. A recording of the event is available to view here.

CARL Diversity and Inclusion Study
SIS workforce plan

Thanks to those who attended the planning day earlier this year for their suggestions – a draft will be circulated for improvements/comments next week. SIS leaders are currently reviewing/improving the draft.

CAUL & CONZUL
- CAUL to pilot ‘Subscribe to Open’ with Annual Reviews.

Treventus ScanRobot 2.0 Robotic Scanner

After two years of planning and several COVID related delays, the Treventus ScanRobot 2.0 Robotic scanner is finally at its new home in Menzies Library.

The scanner is operational, however there is still work to be done with the Treventus team from Austria in completing the set-up of the workflow that allows the post-processing and OCR of the scans to be more automated. A work around is currently in place.

The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) has released the final Insights Report from its Diversity and Inclusion Study, prepared by the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (CCDI Consulting).

In 2021, CARL conducted a Diversity and Inclusion Survey on behalf of 21 of its 31 member libraries. The survey was launched for anonymous participation on October 4, 2021 and ran until October 27, 2021. CARL conducted this study to gather baseline data on the composition of personnel in CARL libraries, gauge employee feedback on current EDI initiatives, and establish a set of benchmarks against which to evaluate and measure the impact of CARL libraries’ strategies and practices with respect to diversity and inclusion. CARL aims to measure progress through the conduct of the same or a comparable study in 3-5 years’ time.

COAR Notify Project receives funding

The Confederation of Open Repositories (COAR) has been awarded a $4 million grant from Arcadia to support the COAR Notify Project to develop and implement a standard protocol for connecting the content in the distributed repository network with peer reviews and assessments in external services, using linked data notifications.

The project will work across three dimensions: platforms and services, domain communities, and national/regional environments. The end result will be clusters of interrelated services that use the Notify Protocol to manage the interactions related to peer review on repository resources, and an open protocol that can be readily implemented by others for a variety of use cases.

This grant builds on years of work by COAR to enhance the role of repositories and transform scholarly communications, making it more research-centric, community-governed, and responsive to the diverse needs around the globe. SPARC is currently partnering with COAR on the development of a US Repository Network, and we look forward to promoting its work on Notify throughout our community.

Liber Annual Report

The LIBER 2021–2022 Annual Report has recently been published – take a look at what we’ve been up to over the last year.

WorldFAIR: Global cooperation on FAIR data policy and practice

CODATA has launched a major new project: ‘WorldFAIR: Global cooperation on FAIR data policy and practice’, funded by the European Commission through its Horizon Europe Framework Programme. The project will work with a set of case studies to advance implementation of the FAIR data principles, in particular those for Interoperability, and to develop a set of recommendations and a framework for FAIR
Feedback

CartoGIS Services staff are stars!

Dear Jenny,

A big thank you for this, it is highly appreciated.

The mention (of the credits) will be included (in the country report for Vanuatu).

I must say that your maps are the best!

Warm regards,
Arnaud DUSAUCY
Chargé d’affaires a.i.
Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in Canberra

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Roxanne Missingham
Director, Scholarly Information Services

Coming events

87th IFLA World Library and Information Congress

When? 26 – 29 July 2022
Where? Dublin, Ireland
More details: Visit the website.

Research for Library and Information Practice: LARK 2022 Symposium

When? 28 September 2022
Where? University of Technology Sydney
More details: Visit the website.

From HR

Farewell to Nadine White! She has been an amazing leader and we will miss her.

ARDC

New Virtual Desktop Service Launched

assessments in a set of disciplines, or cross-disciplinary research areas.

We will explore features of an emerging Cross-Domain Interoperability Framework with 11 case studies from the physical, social, agricultural and environmental sciences and the cultural heritage sector, and prepare FAIR Implementation Profiles, appropriately adapted to each (cross-)disciplinary area. This will lead to, and help inform, a fuller mapping of current best practices and emerging solutions and initiatives for FAIR data in these domains. Find out more about WorldFAIR partners and their planned here.

Streaming: Ithaka+ report

Ithaka S+R has released public findings from the most comprehensive survey to date of academic library streaming media approaches at four-year institutions in the US and Canada.

The survey explored the range of vendors providing streaming media, acquisition models and licensing approaches, current and projected budgets, as well as libraries’ own digitization activities. Findings include:

• The impact on instruction is the top factor driving academic library decision-making related to purchasing and renewing streaming licenses.
• Streaming media is a growing segment of the library materials budget and is projected to double over the next five years.
• Libraries are not investing heavily in digitizing VHS tapes and DVDs, relying instead on purchasing and licensing content to address demand.
• Libraries in Canada and the US are taking a similar approach to their streaming media strategies, with a major exception being the extent to which their strategies evolved in response to the pandemic.

College & Research Libraries News

The latest issue of College & Research Libraries News (C&RL News) is now freely available online both as a full issue PDF and as individual articles. It includes:

• Top trends in academic libraries: A review of the trends and issues (2021–22 ACRL Research Planning and Review Committee)
• Powerful pedagogy: Facilitating a faculty learning community in special collections (Judy L. Silva)
• Human inquiry in scholarly communication: Reconnecting with the foundations of research (Emily Ford)
• One step at a time: Integrating the Companion Document to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education: Social Work into an existing instruction program (Esther Roth-Katz).

Shocking – ABC abolishes librarian and archivist positions
Great development - ARDC’s new Virtual Desktop Service, which gives Australian researchers an easy and fast way to access extra computing power has been launched.

Read more

ARDC Stakeholder Survey 2022

The Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC) invites the Australian research community, including researchers, infrastructure providers, co-investment partners and stakeholders, to participate in a short survey about your interaction with the ARDC and use of our national research infrastructure and services.

Read more

Enhancing Data Discovery Online

A massive number of open datasets are now available on the internet. The World Bank, World Health Organization, research institutions and national governments around the globe are but a few of those contributing to the deluge of datasets now available online. These datasets are critical for researchers who are trying to address the big challenges facing our society. Recent research published in the Journal of Documentation sought to understand the behaviour of those searching for datasets to improve data discovery services.

Read more

The ABC has announced that it will abolish 58 librarian and archivist jobs. ALIA has met with the Managing Director to express concern.

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