News

Wnirrsanagnddha

Our Ngunnawal word today is Wnirrsanagnddha. It means “a little way off”. We hope that there are many developments that are only a little way off – that the lockdown will come to an end for us to emerge and enjoy life again. Even if it is extended, the thoughtful behaviour of everyone in our region is helping us get to the “doughnut day” that the Chief Minister sees will foreshadow changes.

Thank you for your support of each other during this period of home living. Our community spirit is strong!

COVID-19

The latest information is on the ANU COVID-19 advice website.

ACT Situation

The ACT remains in lockdown.

The ACT COVID-19 website is here. ACT Health has issued a list of ACT exposure sites/close contact venues.

The ACT lockdown remains extended until midnight on Friday 17 September. There are

ANU Press and open access

Publication subsidy round 2 now open

The second round of the ANU Press Publication Subsidy Fund is now open. 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.

Applications close 3 October 2021.

Revisiting: Theory of the E-book

Joe Esposito walks us through the joy and principles of e-books. Very poetic. He questions the theory of the e-book and provokes us to think about containers, platforms and content.

New Global Open Research Platform

Wellcome Trust and F1000 Research have supported development of this new platform which a community-controlled communications channel that maximizes the benefits to science and society and places researchers at the center of systems design. Open Research Central (ORC) provides an indexing service for publication venues that adhere to the project’s five core principles: 1) Ensuring equitable participation in research communication; 2) Providing rapid access to research; 3) Using transparent and accountable practices; 4) Maximizing the use of research outputs, and 5) Valuing all outputs and processes across the research process. The not-for-profit ORC is in the process of hiring staff, and working with publishing venues who wish to be included in the index.

Open Access eBook Usage Trust

The OA eBook Usage Data Trust has published a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Organizational Host for the OA eBook Usage (OAeBU) Data Trust’s Secretariat. This RFP is the next step in planning for the Data Trust’s continuity.
some amendments to restrictions, including for lower risk outdoor activities.

Campus Alert Level

Our COVID-19 Campus Alert Level at ACT campuses is now elevated to ORANGE - HIGH Risk.

Current alert level

Our current campus alert level is ORANGE - HIGH Risk.

Research

The REALM project (Reopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums) has published new resources and scheduled a new webinar to help inform your local decision making on COVID-19 policies.

- Research briefing. Prepared by Battelle, this briefing provides the latest research on COVID-19 vaccination, variant strains of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and ventilation that may affect building operations, policies, and procedures.
- “International Pandemic Perspectives: Problem-Solving in Times of Crisis.” The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged many cultural institutions to reimagine their practices. Partnerships, programming, and services have all shifted to meet the public's new and changing needs. Some of these changes have been temporary, while others are here to stay. REALM webinar will be held on September 28 where international library, archive, and museum colleagues discuss the operational changes they will be continuing, regardless of pandemic conditions.

Academic Integrity Week

Congratulations to everyone involved in this initiative, brilliantly led by Terra and Ben. You can still enjoy the events:

- Launch event (video and slides)
- Mythbusting panel (video and slides)
- Exams and academic integrity (video and slides)

Living Books: Experiments in the Posthumanities

In this book, Janneke Adema proposes that we reimagine the scholarly book as a living and collaborative project—not as linear, bound, and fixed, but as fluid, remixed, and liquid, a space for experimentation. She presents a series of cutting-edge experiments in arts and humanities book publishing, showcasing the radical new forms that book-based scholarly work might take in the digital age. Adema's proposed alternative futures for the scholarly book go beyond such print-based assumptions as fixity, stability, the single author, originality, and copyright, reaching instead for a dynamic and emergent materiality.

Open Educational Resources

Mirela Roncevic discusses Open Educational Resources (OERs); the complexities, benefits of OERs for faculty and students, such as the removal of cost-barriers to course development and enrolment; and the roles that libraries can play with regard to OER publishing, discoverability and awareness.

New releases from ANU Press

East Asia Forum Quarterly: Volume 13, Number 3, 2021

China’s Challenges in Moving towards a High-income Economy
• Writing with academic integrity (video and slides)
• Assessment design (video and slides)

More information about academic integrity can be found on the Academic Skills website.

Copyright
• The Australian Library Copyright Committee (ALCC) has changed its name to the Australian Libraries and Archives Copyright Coalition (ALACC).
• Just when you thought copyright could not get crazier - British filmmaker Philip Bloom recently filmed the Moon and shared it on social media. He was surprised when the video was blocked due to a claim by Universal Music Group, which claimed copyright to the generic shots of the Moon. The notice informed Bloom that his "video matches 30 seconds of video owned by UMG." He disputed it, claiming "It is a shot of the moon that I personally filmed...UMG don't own the moon".
• EU test and data mining exceptions – a new paper argues that there is no need for a TDM exception in Europe and then another argues that in territories such as the European Union, lawful DM additionally requires specific consent by rights holders.

CAUL
CAUL Board positions. There were three nominations for the current incumbents who were all declared elected: Jill Benn (University of Western Australia), Robert ‘Bob’ Gerrity (Monash University), and Gwenda Thomas (University of Melbourne).

IT changes
Adobe Connect is in the process of being decommissioned. There were some references to Adobe Connect on the ANU Library website, which have been removed.

Systems
A procurement process for Enquiry and Calendar Management systems has been completed with the SpringShare products LibAnswers and LibCal selected. Over the next the next weeks Morgan, Terra and Tom will work on implementation. You will receive regular updates.

Open repository
Open Access (OA) Week

This year's OA week theme was chosen to align with the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science and highlight the Recommendation's call for equitable participation for all producers and consumers of knowledge.

University of Utrecht Announces New Open Science Incentives
The university has announced that it is formally abandoning the impact factor in all of its hiring and promotion decisions by early 2022. Every department will judge its scholars by other standards, including their commitment to teamwork and efforts to promote open science. The University's bold new "Recognition and Rewards Scheme" is part of the University’s larger Open Science Programme, which aims to make research more transparent and cooperative. Open-science fellows embedded in each department will assess progress towards elements including open-access publishing, public engagement and research data sharing. Full details including new assessment guidelines can be found here.

Role of Repositories in Europe
LIBER and COAR (The Confederation of Open Access Repositories) have signed a partnership agreement with the aim of strengthening the role of repositories in Europe. This new agreement provides a framework for joint strategic actions that will reinforce the important role of libraries in sustaining and advancing open repositories in the region. Read the press release here.

New research resources
• Resilience offers escape from trapped thinking on poverty alleviation
• Relationship between turbulence energy and density variance in the solar neighbourhood molecular clouds
• Regulatory Unilateralism: Arguments for Going It Alone on Climate Change
• Relation of child, caregiver, and environmental characteristics to childhood injury in an urban Aboriginal cohort in New South Wales, Australia
• Relationship between 8-year weight change, body size, and health in a large cohort of adults in Thailand
University Research Committee

Key issues included:
- Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)
- National Research Infrastructure Roadmap
- ANU Collections
- Grand Challenges Discussion Paper
- Gender Equity in Research
- Pure Research Information Management System

Feedback from our clients.

Just a quick note to say that I’m incredibly grateful for the amazing service that Jason Murdoch provides to my students each year and me.

The students always get an enormous amount out of his Endnote training. I recently received support from Jason for a large ARC project I’m running.

We’re incredibly lucky to have Jason (and Terra) with us at ANU. Thanks so much for an amazing library service more broadly.

Roxanne Missingham
Director, Scholarly Information Services

Keeping up to date

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Metadata

Presenters from the Columbia University Rare Book and Manuscript Library included Celeste L. Brewer, Processing Archivist, Yingwen Huang, Processing Archivist, and Kevin W. Schloottmann, Head of Archives Processing, shared how they identify married women by their full names in a presentation titled “Inclusive Description at the Rare Book and Manuscript Library.” Jennifer W. Baxmeyer, Assistant University Librarian for Metadata Services from Princeton University, provided an update on the Mellon Grant to reimagine descriptive workflows. Jennifer is a member of the advisory group for the grant. Presenters from the Triangle Research Library Network, including Cory Lown, Application Development Project Lead from Duke University, and Lynn Whittenberger, Associate Head, Acquisitions and Discovery (Monographs) from North Carolina State University, discussed “Remapping LC subject headings in TRLN discovery.”

Bodleian Libraries

Bodleian Library Publishing have released 548 scans of historical publications from the Bodleian and other University of Oxford libraries on HathiTrust.

College & Research Libraries News

The September 2021 issue is now freely available online – articles include:

- From spark to flame: Lighting the way for sustainable student OER advocacy framework at a community college, Jennifer Snoek-Brown, Dale Coleman, and Candice Watkins.
- Streaming access in a fractured world: Designing LibGuides with student users in mind, Sarah Burns Gilchrist, Deborah Li, and Erin Toepfner.

Proposed national early language and literacy strategy

On International Literacy Day, ALIA, as a founder member of the National Early Language and Literacy Coalition (NELLC), joined with nine partner peak bodies to call for the Australian Government to adopt a proposed national early language and literacy strategy. The proposed strategy sets out the scale of the issue; describes what is happening on the ground, in different communities; and puts forward a framework for action. It has been two years in development and has been made possible through funding from the Ian Potter Foundation. Read the news release on the website.

Defining social impact

How can libraries increase the social impact of research? One way is through leveraging investments in open scholarship initiatives. Read this blog post by Micah Vandegrift.

Coming events

ANU Archives annual lecture:
Dr Anthea Hyslop: Records and recollections

When? 26 Oct 2021, 6pm
Where? Online and face to face
More details: for more information and to register click here
ALIA LibTech 2021
When? 28-29 October 2021
Where? Online
More details: The symposium will provide an opportunity for Library technicians from around Australia to meet together in the formal setting of a structured program, to hear prominent members of the profession, as well as their peers, speak and debate contemporary issues relating to the profession, professionalism and library work in general. Registrations are open!

10th International Summit of the Book
When? 9 - 10 December 2021
Where? Online
More details Register here

15th Berlin Open Access Conference
When? September 28 to October 01, 2021
Where? Online
More details: the 15th Berlin Open Access Conference (B15): Adapt and Advance, will be co-hosted by the University of California (UC) and Open Access 2020 Initiative (OA2020. More details here

THETA 2022 Making Waves
When? 22-25 May 2022 (save the date!)
Where? Brisbane Conference and Exhibition Centre
More details: Keep up to date with all the latest news for THETA 2022 by visiting the website

2021 Library Design Showcase
Be inspired! The article is full of beautiful library builds created in tough times.

The Vinland Map — it’s a fake
The Vinland Map, purportedly a 15th century map showing a pre-Columbian “Vinlanda Insula” section of North America’s coastline southwest of Greenland, was found to be a fake. Research determined that the ink used to create it was made in the 1920s.

Digital preservation
The Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) has made the next three Technology Watch Guidance Notes in the new ‘Data Type’ series available on general release. The topics covered in the set are: 3D Data, CAD files and GIS Data.

Anticompetitive Practices Reduce Diversity of Knowledge
Katherine Klosek raises concerns about a type of gatekeeping that occurs when a handful of global corporations control access to scholarly content and drive up prices, crowding out other information sources. Read the blog post.

Antiracism Toolkit for Organizations
This guide is the second in a series of antiracism toolkits for scholarly publishing. Released by the Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion in Scholarly Communications.

ARDC
New ARDC casebook Leading Australia to Data-Driven Research Impact.

OCLC projects and future initiatives
A new video featuring President and CEO Skip Prichard; Pandemic effects, Lorcan Dempsey; Delivering outstanding online experiences, Mary Sauer-Games; A global vision for the future, Eric van Lubeek.
Learning from Elders
State Library of New South Wales have created this learning module that celebrates the dynamic identities of four Aboriginal Elders from the Sydney Elders exhibition. There are three tasks for young people including conducting a case study with Elders from their own community.

UKSG conference
The 2021 conference recorded content is now available for general viewing (slidedecks also posted where available). Visit the conference page here and click on the schedule button at the top left to select your session.

The Library Files
This video series from State Library Victoria sheds new light on the little known processes, stories and spaces of State Library Victoria, including taking a tour of collection storage facilities and preserving specific items.

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
Newly released: Notifiable Data Breaches Report; International Access to Information Day; COVID-19 guidance and advice; data-matching rules; and Consumer Data Right videos (policy, complaints, privacy)