

# Update on rebuilding the JB Chifley Library collection

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The work to rebuild the ANU Library collections that were destroyed by the 2018 flooding incident has been progressing well.

In the past three months efforts have continued to source replacement resources from publishers and second hand suppliers in Australia and overseas. The coronavirus outbreak has impacted international deliveries, disrupting supply chains and causing delays.

Despite all these challenges, we are very pleased to report that **over 37,000 items lost in the flood have been replaced so far and are [available through the catalogue](#).**

## Recent acquisition highlights

Some of the most significant works acquired in recent months include:

- 3,768 history and philosophy replacement books in print format, available for loan from the Chifley Library
- 6 digitised microfilm collections of primary unpublished historical documents:
  - [L'Affaire Dreyfus: son influence dans la creation de la France moderne](#) - The Dreyfus Affair in the Making of Modern France
  - [La France pendant la guerre 1939-1945: Resistance et journaux de Vichy](#) - Voices from Wartime France 1939-1945: Clandestine Resistance and Vichy
  - [Mercure de France, 1672-1810](#)
  - [Policing the Shanghai International Settlement, 1894-1945](#)
  - [War on Poverty: Office of Civil Rights, 1965-1968](#)
  - [The telegraph historical archive, 1855-2000](#)
- [52 streaming videos](#) replacing DVD/VHS copies of Australian movies and documentaries destroyed by the flood

- Over 325 volumes of the Camden Society publications now available online through *Cambridge Journals Digital Archives*. This provides an extraordinarily rich summary of source material for British history, as well as a window into the development of historical scholarship in the English speaking world:
  - [Camden Old series](#) Vol 1 (1838) - Vol 105 (1872)
  - [Camden New series](#) Vol 1 (1872) - Vol 62 (1901)
  - [Camden Third series](#) Vol 1 (1900) - Vol 94 (1963)
  - [Camden Fourth series](#) Vol 1 (1964) - Vol 64 (1992)
  - [Camden Fifth series](#) Vol 1 (1992) to current
- The [Smithsonian Global Sound for Libraries](#) – the largest and most comprehensive streaming audio collection of world music. The database provides digital access to hundreds of traditional folk music recordings and spoken poems from Spain and Latin America that were lost in the flood.

## Donations

A large number of donors have generously contributed 3,354 replacement titles to the Library since the flooding incident. We are extremely grateful to the ongoing support from ANU staff and students, and the broader Canberra community. We continue to work with donors and the [list of Chifley flood-affected titles](#) remains online for consultation.

## Level 3 collection respacing

Chifley Library collections on Level 3 are undergoing respacing to accommodate the newly acquired flood replacement resources. Books may not be where you expect. Please ask library staff at the Information Desk or call 612 59577 if you need any help finding what you need on the shelves.

## Requesting flood replacement material

If you require any material that was lost in the flood and not yet replaced, please contact the Library or submit your request online via the [Suggest a Library purchase](#) form.

Rebuilding the collections will be an ongoing process over the coming years. We appreciate your continued patience and support during this time.