

# Update on rebuilding the JB Chifley Library collection

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ANU Library staff continue to work hard to rebuild the collections that were destroyed by the flood in 2018, despite the enormous challenges triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 42,500 items have been replaced so far and are accessible through the Library catalogue.

## Recent acquisition highlights

Some of the most significant flood replacement works acquired in the past three months include:

- 2,905 electronic books
- 1,168 print books
- 47 reference titles in print and electronic format
- 25 streaming videos
- [5 JSTOR archive collections](#) comprising 895 e-journals:
  - [Arts & Sciences XIII](#) – this collection of 192 journals increases coverage in core humanities disciplines. Strengths include Christianity studies and journals in non-Western philosophy.
  - [Arts & Sciences XIV](#) – this collection of 204 journals is devoted to the study of culture and communication, from civilization’s earliest traces to the growth and governance of peoples, with journals from 17 countries. Also included is a cluster of titles covering STEM education.
  - [Arts & Sciences XV](#) – this collection of 217 journals has extensive coverage in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. It includes a diverse group of philosophy, religion and Jewish studies titles, as well as history journals encompassing geographical, social, medical, religious, urban, diplomatic history, and more.
  - [Business IV](#) – this collection of 74 titles includes core titles in economics, management, industrial relations, and finance.
  - [Ecology & Botany II](#) – this collection of 154 titles broadens JSTOR’s scope in the areas of biological and plant sciences, and contains key titles from important institutions around the world.

- [Documents on British Policy Overseas](#) (DBPO) – a fully searchable online collection of primary source documents from Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, shedding light on diplomatic history throughout the twentieth century. This database is based on three distinct print series which form a record of British peacetime diplomacy since the end of the nineteenth century:
  - [British Documents on the Origins of War \(1898-1914\)](#) – includes documents related to the Anglo-German tensions leading to World War I.
  - [Documents on British Foreign Policy \(1918-1939\)](#) – addresses post-war settlement, re-armament, and growing tensions in Europe, Africa, and the Far East.
  - [Documents on British Policy Overseas \(1946-present\)](#) – covers topics such as atomic energy, the Korean Conflict, and the Cold War.

New material is added to DBPO as it is released by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

- [438 dissertations and theses](#) from universities around the world are now accessible online in full text via the [ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global](#) database
- 2 digitised manuscripts: [Livre ou Histoire de Melusine](#), Bibliothèque municipale de Valenciennes. Manuscrit. 461 (425) and [Histoire de Mélusine](#), Bibliothèque nationale de France. Manuscrit. Arsenal, Fol. BL 955.

## Donations

We would like to express our gratitude towards ANU staff and students and the broader community who have generously donated 3,633 replacement items since the flooding incident. All the books have been catalogued and are available for borrowing from the JB Chifley branch.

The Library is always seeking donations to replace resources lost in the flood. We continue to work with donors and the [list of Chifley flood-affected titles](#) remains online for consultation.

## Requesting flood replacement material

If you require any material that was lost in the flood and has not yet replaced please do not hesitate to contact the Library or submit your request online via the [Suggest a Library purchase](#) form. We will prioritise your request. We will also see if we can locate a copy to be used in the interim until we find a replacement.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during a very challenging time for all of us.