

Update on rebuilding the JB Chifley Library collection

An update from University Librarian Roxanne Missingham

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I am pleased to provide an update on the work that has been occurring as to rebuild the JB Chifley Library collection following the 2018 flood. We are grateful to the continuing support from ANU academics and the ANU community.

Ordering of material for courses

In 2018 we ordered every essential title requested by academics and those identified by library staff. There are also 20 lists of suggested and recommended readings which are being prioritised for ordering this year.

All staff are focused on ordering as the highest priority task so that material can be available for teaching. Works required for Semester 1 will be ordered first.

If you require any material that was lost in the flood please do not hesitate to contact the Library – Meredith.Duncan@anu.edu.au.

Displaying items on order in the catalogue

The display of items ordered to replace those lost in the flood is an issue that we have further investigated. There was a major software update to the Integrated Library Management System in early December. This has given us the capacity to display particular information that we did not have in previous versions. Our system specialist has tested a solution to display the status of an item (e.g. on order) and it is now working after being tested on various fixed desk and mobile devices.

Arrival of materials

We have been reviewing the process for alerting academics when materials ordered have arrived. Unfortunately, this has not worked automatically as the system only uses this function when a new title, not a new item, is ordered. Until a solution is found, the library is providing weekly updates to academics on any replacement orders in course lists, as well as a fortnightly update to relevant Heads of Schools.

Insurance claim

We are still working on the insurance claim and have developed a revised cost model for discussion with the Insurance assessor and Forensic accountant. We have been working on the details closely with Finance and Business Services.

This month we will receive a brief on the internal building project for Chifley. This project will open Level 1 up as a study area and rework Level 2 to allow for direct access into Kambri, which involves moving the service points and staff areas. Our priority is to open up the new student study spaces as soon as possible. We will keep you updated as we find out more.

Thank you again for your support.