

Update on rebuilding the JB Chifley Library collection

An update from University Librarian Roxanne Missingham

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Collection rebuilding after the flood of the JB Chifley Library remains the ANU Library's highest priority.

Vale Barry Canty

It was with great sadness that we learnt that one of Chifley Library's great supporters Barry Canty, passed away on 11 June. Through the generosity of Trish Canty, we are grateful that we will continue to source replacement items through Barry's Books in Fyshwick.

Collection rebuilding

I am very pleased to advise that so far more than 9,100 titles lost in the flood are available through the Library. Many were donations and we have purchased a great number of titles. We are extremely grateful to those who have donated books. We have been working closely with a number of areas across the University who have made offers to replace flood items from libraries belonging to schools, disciplines and individuals.

Recent donations of material that has replaced material lost in the flood include:

- more than 100 items each from Neville Hicks (including a personalised copy of Whitlam's *Abiding interests*) and the family of Dr Bruce Kent
- more than 80 items from the collection of the late Nancy Keesing, donated by her daughter Margery Hertzberg
- significant donations from Alastair MacLachlan, Thomas Mautner, Knox Peden and Matthew Spriggs.

Library staff have also been working on the extraordinary collection of Australian archaeology belonging to Emerita Professor Isabel McBryde.

Collection relocation

In order to accommodate replacement titles, given that we are no longer able to store material on level 1 of the JB Chifley Library, a major project is being undertaken to relocate collection material from the JB Chifley Library and other branches. The process of backspacing the collection to make space for the rebuilding project is now complete and we are ready to start refilling the shelves. This has been a complex project, but vital to create accommodation for the replacement titles.

Insurance

The work on the insurance claim is progressing steadily and we are deeply appreciative to everyone who has worked so hard on this complex process.

Interested in donating?

If you are interested in donating material that was lost in the flood please note that the list of [Monographs lost in the flood](#) is still available and contains information both of the titles lost and those we have already replaced.

If you would like to make a donation please contact [Meredith Duncan](#), Branch Manager, JB Chifley Library.

If you have material that you are interested in donating that was not lost in the flood, please [Roxanne Missingham](#) and I will pass your information to the relevant Library staff member.

New acquisitions

Some of our new acquisitions include:

[English Historical Documents Online](#) (*most authoritative collection of documents on British history*)

Developed in collaboration with the Institute of Historical Research (IHR) in London, EHD includes primary source documents spanning from 500 A.D. to 1914, along with the previously out-of-print American Colonial Documents. Sources include treaties, statutes, declarations, government and cabinet proceedings, military dispatches, orders, acts, sermons, newspaper articles, pamphlets, personal and official letters, and diaries, covering topics from political and constitutional issues to social, economic, religious and cultural history. Each section of documents and many of the documents themselves are accompanied by editorial commentary.

[The Cambridge World History](#)

A seven volume history of the world in nine books published by Cambridge University Press.

[The Second World War](#)

A seven volume set *edited by Jeremy Black*.

Ordering new material

If you require any material that was lost in the flood please contact the Library.

Ordering is now underway for required and essential readings lost in the flood and needed for 2020 courses. If we have missed any material please don't hesitate to contact us.

Where material is on order and not yet received, the record in the Integrated Library Management System states "# of items on order for [Branch name]".

JB Chifley Library building works

Work is continuing on the renovation of Levels 1 and 2 of the JB Chifley Library. The [new entrance connecting the Library to the Kambri Precinct](#) has opened and has already proven very popular with the students. The next phase of building works to be completed will be the Level 1 student commons area. The former entrance to the library has now been closed so that Phase 2 of the Level 2 building works can commence. Hoarding has been erected around the original library foyer area. This marks the beginning of work on the new staff work area and meeting facilities. You will notice a new layout for the Library entrance and the Library and IT Service desks. It is anticipated that all works in the JB Chifley Library will be completed by October.

Thank you again for your support.