

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.

Donations

I am very pleased to advise that we have replaced more than 3,000 titles so far, through donations and purchasing. We are extremely grateful to those who have donated books – recent donations of material that has replaced material lost in the flood include:

- From the collection of author Nancy Keesing AM – 154 items
- From the collection of Australian archaeologist Professor Isabel McBryde, AO – 180 items (This collection is still being worked on)
- From the collection of Dr Bruce Kent – 117 items (Thanks to his family for this donation)
- From China in the World Library – 41 flood replacements
- From Prof Matthew Spriggs – 41 flood replacements and 61 titles never held

Thank you also to Barry from Barry's Bookshop in Fyshwick for the marvellous titles we are continuing to acquire from his bookshop.

Collection relocation

In order to accommodate replacement titles, given that we are unable 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. We are approximately 30% of the way through this project. While this is occurring, replacement material is being stored in level 3 of the JB Chifley Library. This is a very complex project, but is vital for the replacement titles to be accommodated.

Insurance

We continue to work on the insurance claim.

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 [contact me](#) and I will pass your information to the relevant Library staff member.

New acquisition: British Library newspaper

Sadly we lost a number of British newspaper microforms in the flood.

I am very pleased to announce that we are purchasing the [British Library Newspapers](#) which has 369 British newspapers from the 1700s, 1800s and 1900s in a five part set. It is an extraordinarily rich resource and will be available shortly through our catalogue and list of full text resources.

Ordering new material

If you require any material that was lost in the flood please contact the [Meredith Duncan](#) at the JB Chifley Library.

We have ordered every title that both academic and Library staff have identified as required or essential reading for this year's programs, that were previously unavailable because of the flood. 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. We have been promised that it will be completed by the end of July.

We have prepared a set of principles for the new Library building which has been endorsed by the Library Advisory Committee.

We have also prepared a collection storage framework to assist in planning a new single storage solution to replace the various storage we have around the campus and offsite at the ANU Print Repository at Hume. This has also been endorsed by the Library Advisory Committee.

Academic Working Group

I am pleased to announce that Dr Robert Cribb of the College of Asia & the Pacific has joined the Academic Group advising the Library on this matter.

Thank you again for your support.