

Update on rebuilding the Chifley Library collection

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The ANU Library continues to rebuild our Chifley Library collection following the flooding on Sunday 25th February 2018.

We are grateful to the Academic Advisory Committee and Library Advisory Committee for their advice over this period, which has helped to focus on the areas of importance to the ANU community.

Since the flood, Library staff have worked with the academic community to:

- **Identify and order materials that are required immediately.** So far over \$100,000 has been spent on titles to replace material lost in the flood. Physical copies are stored on Level 3 at Chifley, electronic resources are available through the catalogue. Please contact Meredith Duncan to request any priority replacement titles.
- **Build the collection through donations.** We are extremely grateful to the donors who have identified and are giving over 1,200 titles. We continue to work with donors and the [monograph list remains online for consultation](#).
- **Ensure that materials are made available** through interlibrary loan and Bonus Plus. Undergraduates were given access to BONUS+, which allows the user to request print books from 14 other libraries based in Australia and New Zealand. Overall there has been a 47% increase in the number of BONUS+ requests from ANU between April and August 2018.
- **Download e-books in fields that materials were lost.** More than 8,000 e-books have been downloaded and are now permanently available to the ANU community.
- **Establish a [free shuttle service](#) to the National Library of Australia.** This started in April 2018, and takes ANU staff and students from campus to the NLA.

The University Librarian, Associate Director, Library Services and Chifley Branch Manager are working with Facilities and Services staff and Property Development on the redevelopment of the Level 1 area. At this point in time, it is estimated that the refurbishment of the area into a student study space should be completed by April 2019.

Planning for a new solution for the library is progressing. A report was given to the Campus Planning Committee on 17 September, proposing a new library located where the AD Hope Building is. Approval has been given to prepare design work and investigate options for storage.

Library staff are working with Facilities and Services, the Insurance Assessor and Forensic accountant on the insurance claim. This is a very significant claim, requiring much detailed work, with further research planned.

There is still much work to be done as we acquire replacement materials, work on the insurance claim, develop the proposal for the design of Level 1 of the Chifley Library and services to support the ANU community during this period. We are very grateful to everyone for their assistance and understanding.

ANU Library will continue to provide updates. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any further information at this time.