Web of Science: a seamless interface

The Web of Science is a database that covers over 8,500 prestigious high impact research journals from a broad range of disciplines.

The AVCC and the database publishers, the Institute for Scientific Information, have agreed in principle to allow access to the database file from 1992 onwards.

Web of Science is made up of three sub-databases:

• the Science Citation Index
• Social Sciences Citation Index
• Arts and Humanities Citation Index.

Regular users of citation databases may recognise these titles as the Library has previously held them in print and CD-ROM. The Web of Science brings them all together under one seamless web interface allowing you to perform simultaneous searches.

In addition to traditional search methods by author, subject or keywords, researchers will be able to ‘harness the power of citation searching’. This allows you to quickly identify who has cited a particular article since its publication. This is an excellent way to follow the full range of scholarly discussion generated in academic literature. Citation searching uncovers articles that would normally be overlooked by traditional methods.

Watch the News and Events section on CygNET for further developments.

In the interim, trial access is available via CygNET:

• Search the Information Toolbox
• Keyword search using Web of Science

Frank Broeze Memorial Library

The personal library of late Professor Frank Broeze, a leading international scholar in the field of maritime history, has been acquired by the Library.

University Librarian, John Arfield, described Professor Broeze as a dedicated teacher who inspired generations of students with his enthusiastic approach to modern history.

He said Professor Broeze’s personal library contained a wide range of books, journals and papers relating to maritime history and shipping, as well as more general books on modern political and economic history. A particularly important aspect of the collection is its considerable amount of Dutch and German material, including books on early Dutch commerce and the port of Hamburg.

He said the Library has a special interest in developing its strong collections on the maritime and commercial history of the Indian Ocean region.

“This is a significant acquisition which is a major addition to our research collections and will be of great value to researchers. It will also provide a most fitting memorial to an outstanding scholar”

The new acquisition – to be known as the Frank Broeze Memorial Library – will be housed in the Scholars’ Centre, where it will complement the Erulkar Collection, which contains rare books and manuscripts relating to Indian Ocean commerce in the colonial period.
Achieving excellence through diversity

The Library is a strong participant in the University’s Workforce Diversity Strategy 2001 – 2003 which aims to create a UWA workforce that reflects the diversity of the Western Australian community. Involvement has been in two areas: recruitment from the Diversity Job Bank and participation in the National Indigenous Cadetship Project.

The Diversity Job Bank was established by the Equity Office to allow appropriate vacancies to be matched with suitable applicants from the three priority areas identified in the strategy: Indigenous Australians, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and people with disabilities.

The Library maintains a “pool” of potential Library Officers to enable rapid filling of staff vacancies. In 2001, fourteen candidates were drawn exclusively from the Diversity Job Bank. Six appointments have been made, with one candidate transferring to the National Indigenous Cadetship Project.

The National Indigenous Cadetship Project provides opportunities for Indigenous Australians to gain qualifications needed for a range of professions in both the public and private sectors. Employers are assisted financially, including the payment of a study allowance. Cadets are released to full time university study and employed in the long vacation.

Stephen Gilchrist undertook a cadetship with the Library in 2001. He has now completed the requirements of his BA with Honours in French and has taken up a position in the Education, Fine Arts and Architecture Library.

Paul Sorenson, a former pool candidate, has taken up a Cadetship with the Library in 2002. Paul is enrolled in a Bachelor of Commerce course.

Early English Books Online

Early English Books Online brings to the desktop the printed record of the English-speaking world in the early modern era. With over 125,000 titles and more than 22.5 million pages, it provides a remarkable new tool for research into this crucial period in English history.

The titles cover the whole range of human knowledge and culture, including art, law, literature, medicine, music, philosophy, religion, and science.

You can see the first book printed in English by William Caxton, the early editions of Shakespeare, the first translations of Galileo’s works, and the music of Henry Purcell. Among the thousands of other authors featured are Malory, Bacon, More, Erasmus, Boyle, and Newton. There are also many anonymous works: almanacs, calendars, prayer books, pamphlets and broadsides.

Access is available via CygNET:

- Search the information toolbox
- Keyword search using EEBO

AustLit: Australian Literature Gateway

The launch of AustLit: Australian Literature Gateway marks a new era for research and discovery in Australian literary studies. The University of Western Australia is one of the partners in AustLit, with the Library and the Department of English collaborating to provide information and electronic texts for this database.

AustLit offers libraries and researchers a single entry point to authoritative information on more than 40,000 Australian authors and more than 360,000 works of Australian creative and critical literature. Users can search across the entire database or within specialist subsets including Drama, Multicultural and Indigenous Literatures, and Western Australian Literature.

Access is available via CygNET:

- Search the information toolbox
- Keyword search using AustLit
Library Organisational Chart 2002

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Corporate Services

Anne Kealley
Manager, Administration

Stephen Trefry
Manager, Information Technology

Lisa Nixon
Biological Sciences Librarian

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Corporate Services Reorganisation

A major reorganisation recently took place in the Corporate Services Division of the Library.

On 7 January, the former Acquisitions and Cataloguing Sections were replaced by two new sections: Information Resources Access Management (IRAM), and Information Resources Budget Management (IRBM).

The IRAM Section, managed by Jane Leahy, is responsible for the acquisition and bibliographic control of information resources in all formats held locally or accessed remotely. IRAM’s work includes the full range of activities from acquisition and bibliographic control through to the physical preparation of materials for the collection. The section comprises two units: Serials and Electronic Resources (SER), and Database Standards and Quality Control (DSQC).

The SER team, coordinated by Scott Nicholls, is responsible for the acquisition, bibliographic control and processing of all serials and electronic resources.

The DSQC team, coordinated by Monika Szunejko, is responsible for the acquisition and bibliographic control of monographs and nonbook materials, and the creation and maintenance of all inhouse databases, including the catalogue.

The Information Resources Budget Management section, managed by Dr John Meyer, is responsible for all aspects of the management of the Library’s information resources budget. Amongst its key roles, the section assists subject librarians and academic departments in negotiating the most cost effective price for resources, particularly electronic. It also manages access to online selection services provided by the Library’s major book suppliers.

Jane Long – Business Librarian

Jane Long has recently been appointed as the Business Librarian.

Coming from a varied background with qualifications in science, health and librarianship, Jane has worked at James Cook University Library in Queensland and Curtin University Library & Information Service.

Jane has recently completed a Masters in Information Management where she investigated the congruence between organisational and personal values.

Jane said she is very much looking forward to meeting staff and students. Please feel free to contact her at jlong@library.uwa.edu.au or on extension 3659.

Friends of the Library

10 April: Eve Akerman
New Guinea 1947-1951

8 May: Prof Anne Pauwels
Is language change inevitable? Can or should we curb language change?

19 June: Prof Tom Stannage
The future of humanities in universities

24 July: Prof Brian Bosworth
Neither unspeakable nor uneatable: some aspects of hunting in antiquity

21 August: Alex Reid
If the Library was a natural consequence of the printing revolution, what will be the consequence of the internet revolution

18 September: Emeritus Prof John Pate
Australian rushes – a case study of preparation and editorship of a multiauthor botanical monograph

16 October: Dr Michael McCarthy
Archaeology and exploration: an illustrated lecture encompassing the visits of French and British explorers to these shores, including Flinders, Dampier, St Alouarn Baudin and de Freycinetts, based on the archaeological remains

27 November Christmas party