



Law Library refurbishments

The Beasley Law Library will get a major facelift at the end of this year thanks to combined funding from the University's Student Experience Fund, the Law Society Public Purposes Trust, the Law School and the University Library.

The needs of law students have changed dramatically in the last decade. The refurbishments to the Law Library building are designed to provide student-focused facilities and services whilst enhancing the effective use of technology for learning and research.

The overall student experience will be improved by:

- A more open and welcoming entrance
- Increased access to computers
- Dedicated student collaborative working areas
- State of the art computer training facilities
- After hours access to computers
- Enhanced laptop facilities
- Wireless access available throughout the Library
- Better access to high-use collections

We are currently in the planning stages and it is expected that work will begin at the end of the examination period on 19 November. It is anticipated that much of the work will be completed over the Christmas break.



Law Library; early 1980s



The Library is introducing a new service in 2006 which will take the guesswork out of locating the full text you need.

Find it@UWA utilises OpenURL technology to provide you with the most appropriate version of the article you've located via a compatible indexing database or other online resource. In other words, Find it@UWA builds the bridge between a citation to an article and the article itself.

The Find it@UWA button will appear beside an article's citation. Clicking this button will display a menu with all of the options available to you for obtaining the full text. These options include a direct link to the full text if the Library subscribes to it, a link to search the Library catalogue to check if we own the article in print form, or a link to the Library's Document Delivery service if we don't own it at all. You may even see a link to download the citation to your EndNote library! These are just some of the services which will be offered to you from the Find it@UWA menu.

Supersearch: Simultaneous searching!

Anyone who has used online databases for research or study knows that locating a journal article can be a tedious and time consuming process. In order to cover as much of the published literature as possible you may need to search a number of resources, each with its own idiosyncrasies.

SuperSearch to the rescue!

Early in 2006 we shall be launching SuperSearch, a new way to discover and search information resources. SuperSearch replaces the Information Toolbox, and will be an excellent place to begin your research.

The majority of the Library's online databases will be "meta-searchable". This means that you will be able to select up to ten resources to include in one single simultaneous search. SuperSearch will gather the results and present them to you in a unified list, ranked according to relevance.

SuperSearch does more than just search. You can:

- bookmark your favourite resources
- personalise your resource list into search sets
- save your favourite searches
- set up automatic searches with email alerts

SuperSearch will be available to all UWA staff and students early in the New Year.

Xreferplus: A cornucopia of online dictionaries

UWA staff and students now have access to around 170 cross searchable, cross referenced dictionaries via the Xreferplus online collection. Titles in the collection can be searched individually, as subject clusters ("search Medicine"), or you can search across the whole collection.

Works include:

- Thames & Hudson Dictionary of 20th Century Architecture
- Collins French, German and Italian Dictionaries
- Penguin Business Dictionary
- Wiley's Dictionary of Economics
- Collins Dictionary of Law
- Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary
- Harvard Dictionary of Music
- Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy
- Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology
- Blackwell Dictionary of Sociology

plus many many more...

Access to Xreferplus is either via the UWA Library catalogue or through the Information Toolbox via CygNET Online:

<http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/go.asp?id=27146>

Library Crows for Ruth

The Library congratulates Ruth Crow, Library Officer in the Law Library, on being awarded a \$250 prize from the Equity and Diversity Office at UWA. Ruth won the award for an essay for the unit Work, Power and Society 203. The award has recently been presented to her at the annual Business School award ceremony.

Your Reference Librarian team!

Some new faces and some old, here's the team of people who will help you with any reference questions you have. To contact our reference librarians use the *Ask a Librarian* link on CygNET.

HSS Library

Kate Croker x8780
Jenny Golding x2088
Graeme Rymill x2524

Law Library

Marilyn Boyle x3517
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Carol Hicks x3517
Carol Stribling x3493

Biological Sciences Library

Kael Driscoll x2350
Philomena Humphries x2350

Business Library

Will Hamilton x7056
Michelle Mahoney x1589

EDFAA Library

Felicity Renner x1101
Dorota Zielonka x1962

Maths and Physical Sciences Library

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CygNET takes flight – new look website on the way!

The Library website is undergoing significant changes - due to be unveiled at the beginning of Semester 1 2006.

Our new look Library website will be branded so that it is more consistent with other University websites, whilst maintaining a unique identity for the Library. The new look will tie in with the Library's logo and print publications. The CygNET Online brand will be retired.

Russian gospels on display

Russia: Land of the steppes and Tsars was a stimulating exhibition of antiquarian and modern books on Russian tradition, culture and rich history held at The State Library. The oldest book in the exhibition was a Russian Bible from our Rare Book collection.

Evangelie uchitel'noe voskresnoe is a volume of Russian gospels printed in 1762. Bound in calf, over oak boards, the book is published with Cyrillic script printed in black and red with woodcuts. It is thought to be the oldest printed Russian book in a public collection in Western Australia. To prepare the badly damaged book for exhibition, the State Library conducted extensive repairs.

SNAP access expansion

The Library has embarked on a project to increase access to the UWA SNAP network. Additional wireless access points will be installed to provide students with coverage throughout our Libraries. The number of cabled SNAP ports and power points will also be increased.

The expansion project is expected to be completed by the end of October 2005.

CMO to benefit with move to Learning Resources System

The University has been engaged in the Learning Resources System (LRS) project to select, purchase and implement a robust, scalable and flexible learning content management system. As the University's use of online learning grows, the management of digital course materials is becoming increasingly important. Digital teaching and learning resources must be captured, stored, shared and made available for reuse. It is also necessary to ensure that the obligations imposed on the University by copyright legislation can be met.

The first University system to benefit from the introduction of the LRS will be the Library's Course Materials Online (CMO) service. In 2006 CMO will migrate into the LRS, bringing a much-improved experience both for staff submitting items and for students viewing them online. We expect to be able to make course readings available more quickly and to enable teaching staff to control the display of the items in their CMO lists. Students will find the CMO lists easier to use and read.

John Arfield, University Librarian, says "We see the Learning Resources System as integral to the University's role of advancing and sustaining knowledge. We can now use technology to transform and extend the ways in which our students learn."

In July 2005 it was announced that, following a rigorous selection process, HarvestRoad's learning content management system Hive had been selected as the Learning Resources System. Developed here in Perth, Hive is rapidly becoming a leader in the digital repository marketplace. It is designed to store and manage a wide variety of digital objects and allow them to be described using international standards. Hive has also been designed to accommodate the complexities of Australia's copyright law. It will assist University staff to manage materials stored in Hive in a way which meets the conditions imposed by the Commonwealth Copyright Act. Hive also conforms to key international technical standards which will allow digital materials to be stored in Hive and shared easily between courses in WebCT.

More information about the forthcoming changes to CMO will be announced via our website early in the New Year.

Learning, Language & Research Skills success

A great deal of interest was generated by a visit from the Learning, Language & Research Skills (LL&RS) unit from Student Services. The staff from the LL&RS set up a consultation area in the foyer of Reid Library building as part of an informal trial offering visible assistance to students. Students accessed information and support on a wide variety of topics such as study skills and essay writing. The Library proved to be a popular venue and the LL&RS visits will continue.



Staff from the Learning, Language and Research Skills Unit in the Reid Library building

EDFAA dividers unite

There are hundreds of exceptionally large and heavy art and architecture books in the Education, Fine Arts and Architecture (EDFAA) Library collection which tended to fall over when somebody took a nearby book off the shelf.

Straightening the shelves was becoming a problem and causing physical pain to Library staff. The problem has been an ongoing one and current and past EDFAA Library Officers have tried to find a solution.

A new style of shelf dividers to support heavy art books in the EDFAA Library has at last been developed. The Library, the Safety and Health Office, occupational therapist, Averil Riley, staff at Facilities Management, welding expert and sculptor, Len Zuks, and Peter Norgard from the electrical engineering workshop, collaborated to develop the new design.

Judy Smith, Supervisor Reader Services, explained that "while most library books weigh about 500 grams, EDFAA's big books



can weigh up to four kilos!" Staff were suffering repetitive use strain from sorting the oversized books.

Averil Riley found a prototype of the design in use at Curtin Library. Len Zuks considered the Curtin model and then improved it by using less material but in a thicker gauge so that the extra strength gave more support. "Len also ensured that the edges weren't sharp and the dividers were set back from the edge of the shelf, so nobody could scratch

or graze themselves on them," said Judy.

600 shelf dividers have been welded into position to divide the shelves into three sections. The Library Officers at EDFAA have worked hard to position the improved shelves and to re-shelve the heavy books.

David Howard – Acting Science Librarian

David Howard is currently acting as the Sciences Librarian managing the Biological Sciences Library, Maths and Physical Sciences Library and the Undergraduate Physical Sciences Library. David joins us on secondment from Curtin as part of an initiative between the local university libraries which aims to increase the opportunities for library staff to move between institutions to gain valuable experience and to share ideas. David says that “this is a great opportunity to experience a different corporate culture, and to see how things are done here at UWA. I hope to gain as much from this role as I hope to bring to it.”

David has worked at Curtin University for the past 5 years, 4 of which have been as the Senior Librarian for Engineering, Science and Computing. Before becoming a librarian David worked in very diverse areas. After graduating with a history degree he served in the Australian Army, before working for the Perth Mint as the vault manager – which was, in his own words, “a fancy name for stacking gold bars.” David then worked for 5 years in Air Traffic Control at Melbourne and Perth Airports, studying librarianship during his night shifts.

David is currently completing a Masters of Science in Project Management where he is investigating project success and the role of benefit management processes within library environments.

His interests include military history, gaming and gardening, and he is the happy father of a 1 year old daughter, with another baby due in November.

David can be reached on extension 2836, or via email: dhoward@library.uwa.edu.au.



Science Library Survey Results

Library readers from Maths and Physical Sciences Library, the Undergraduate Physical Sciences Library and the Biological Sciences Library were recently surveyed about their expectations for the new Science Library, due to be opened first semester 2009. 300 surveys were distributed, with a return rate of 80%.

Some of the more interesting results included:

- 95% of those surveyed wanted the new library to be a place of quiet study and reflection.
- 87% wanted the library to continue to improve support for group study.
- 88% described their ideal seating within the library as a combination of office style furniture, arm chairs and lounge chairs.
- 36% of students planned to spend more than 2 hours in the Library on the day of the survey.

The most polarised responses related to the use of mobile phones in the library with 58% of respondents supporting their use within the library and 42% opposed.

Several focus groups were held to clarify the results of the survey with three key factors coming out of these discussions:

1. Clear delineation of space within the Library. Silent zones, quiet zones and conversation zones should be clearly separated and not on the same floor.
2. Environmental conditions such as lighting, air-conditioning and heating should be closely looked at in the new design to provide the best work environment.
3. Larger desks

The survey and focus groups will be used to assist the design team in delivering an outstanding new library facility to the UWA community.

Some of the more humorous ideas from survey respondents include:

- Hammocks
- Giant sliding ladders & insanely high shelves
- Slides next to each set of stairs so you can slide down instead of the using boring descent method
- A petting zoo or at least some cats to come and keep you company
- A clown in each corner standing next to a pachinko machine
- Fake books to fool people into thinking they're available
- Secret tunnels and passageways
- Themed rooms such as a 'Sherlock Holmes' room
- Little robots that go around untying people's shoelaces

The Friends of the Library musical soiree

*The President and Committee
of The Friends of the University Library*

*Invite Members, their Guests and Visitors To a Musical Soirée and Reception
to be held in the beautiful Eileen Joyce Studio*

*followed by drinks and finger food in the rustic courtyard adjoining the Somerville Auditorium
on Tuesday 1 November 2005 from 6.30 – 8.30 pm A Programme of 18th-Century French Music
(being part of a programme to be recorded next year for ABC Classics)*

*Paul Wright (violin), Suzanne Wijsman (cello) & L. Stuart Smith (harpsichord)
introduced by Emeritus Professor David Tunley*

Members: \$30 Visitors: \$35.

*RSVP Pia Savage by Monday 24 October (psavage@library.uwa.edu.au or telephone 6488 2356)
Please note that seating is limited, so an early reply is strongly recommended*

