



# LIBRARY news

## *Joint operation: Medical and Dental Libraries come together*

Only two months to go until the Medical and Dental Libraries finally move to their new home.

Travelling along Monash Avenue this year you will have noticed the construction of two buildings: the Medical Library and the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia. Both are situated with a delightful outlook onto a small area of reserved banksia woodland.

The new library has double the floor space of the present Medical Library. This allows us to draw together the Dental Library collection plus all the



medical and dental journals currently housed, for lack of space, in off-site facilities. A large installation of compact shelving on the top floor will hold the back-runs of journals.

The new Medical Library will provide state-of-the-art facilities for library patrons:

- An on-line teaching room with 16 workstations.
- 63 study desks wired to allow access to the Campus LAN for students with their own laptops.
- A 32 seat seminar room, two group study rooms, and a study room, all with cable access.
- A large open reserve collection with study seats and three CygNET workstations.
- A self-check machine for speedy loans.



Facilities in the current Medical and Dental Libraries have been inadequate for many years. Collections in the present libraries overflowed in 1986 and medical students have suffered from increasingly cramped conditions.

Over the long medical course many students come to regard the Med Library as their home and the library staff as surrogate family. The new family home will enjoy more spacious and elegant surroundings.

***To facilitate the move, the Medical Library will be closed for up to a week in early December. Library staff will be able to provide some services during this time if the need is urgent.***

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# .... new on CygNET online ....



## JSTOR: Unlocking the journal archives

Like any major research library, we have back runs of thousands of volumes from the world's leading journals. They contain the most important research and scholarship published over the last 450 years.

Electronic access to the contents of many of these back runs is now available through a remarkable Web service known as JSTOR.

JSTOR stands for "Journal Storage". It is run as a not-for-profit US company and has more than 1,100 libraries worldwide as subscribers.

JSTOR provides electronic versions of the complete back sets of 169 major journal titles in a range of disciplines. A further 80 titles will be added over the next twelve months.

JSTOR's scale is already vast. It currently contains:

- about 53,000 issues
- more than 1.3 million articles
- almost 8 million pages

A few of the major journal titles covered are:

American Journal of Mathematics	1878+
Mind	1876+
Royal Society of London titles:	
· Philosophical Transactions	1665+
· Proceedings	1800+
Science	1880+
Speculum: Journal of Medieval Studies	1926+

The articles in JSTOR are available 24 hours a day from your laptop or office. No more problems with missing volumes, volumes in remote storage, or titles scattered across several subject libraries!

But JSTOR is more than just a collection of digital images of journal pages. The actual text of all the articles can be searched for specific words or phrases. This is a tool of revolutionary importance for getting the most from these back sets – instead of relying on citations and bibliographies, you can use an index to every word in the text. Researchers have already used it to discover references to terms like "solar energy" which are much earlier than the earliest reference in the OED.

For help with using JSTOR, or more information, contact the reference staff in your subject library.

For access to JSTOR, go to:

<http://www.jstor.org>

## MCB titles available on Proquest 5000

93 MCB University Press titles are being added to ABI/Inform on Proquest 5000

New journal titles include:

- Employee Relations
- Journal Of Economic Studies
- Journal Of Product And Brand Management

An additional 30 MCB titles will be added to other Proquest databases and include various titles across a range of subjects.

Proquest 5000 can be accessed from the Information Toolbox on CygNET online at:

<http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/>

## Rare East Indies map acquired

An outstanding recent acquisition to the Library collection is a 1680 Dutch map of the East Indies and Australia engraved by Frederik de Wit. Valuable for its depiction of the Australian coastline, as known to the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Dutch explorers, this map is also beautifully decorated with colourful scenes of the exotic Orient.

It makes a fine addition to our existing holdings of East Indies material – books, maps, manuscripts – particularly in the Erulkar Collection in the Scholars' Centre.

This map was acquired through the generosity of the Friends of the University Library.

Wit, Frederik de. *Orientaliora Indiarum Orientalium cum insulis adjacentibus a promontorio C. Comorin ad Iapan.* (SCHOLARS' Rare 912.94 1680 ORI)

## Friends of the Library

The next presentation by the Friends of the Library will be on Wednesday 24 October at 7.30 for 8pm. Professor Miranda Grounds will speak on *SymbioticA: a new venture for collaborative art and science.* Venue: Room 1.81, first floor Department of Anatomy and Human Biology.

The Christmas party will be held on 21 November.

For more information on these events phone 9380 2356

## SNAP launched

The Student Network Access Project (SNAP), launched in September, is designed to give students better access to online resources on campus and the Internet.

Network access points have been provided in several libraries and other campus buildings such as Arts and the Guild.

SNAP allows students to use a wired network point or a wireless network card to access email, the world wide web, and other online resources, all using their own laptop computer.

The library currently has 31 wired access points, located in the Business Library, Law Library and Biological Sciences Library. This number will expand further when the new Medical and Dental Library opens later this year. Post-graduate students can also apply for SNAP in the Scholars' Centre. The Reid Library

Building also has a wireless access point, which covers the coffee shop, student terraces, and part of the Great Court. So now you can access the

Library from the other side of the Moat!

Andy Hawkins is the SNAP support officer, and is available to assist students and staff with any problems they may have with getting connected to SNAP. Andy can be contacted via email at [snap@uwa.edu.au](mailto:snap@uwa.edu.au), or in his office in the Business Library.

The SNAP website provides detailed information on how students can connect to SNAP, including registering for a SNAP account, step-by-step configuration guides, access point

location information and a FAQ and support page. The SNAP website is located at:

<http://www.snap.uwa.edu.au>



Andy Hawkins, SNAP Officer

## Poet's manuscripts for UWA

Leading West Australian poet and author John Kinsella has signed a groundbreaking agreement with The University of Western Australia covering his extensive manuscript archive.

The agreement includes the transfer of copyright in a selection of Professor Kinsella's work. It is believed to be the first time that a contemporary Australian author has assigned copyright to a university library in this way. Proceeds from the future publications of this material will be used to



John Kinsella (right) and the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dereyck Schreuder, sign the agreement.

benefit the research collections in the Library.

The agreement also covers manuscript material connected with the environmental poetry prize established by Professor Kinsella in conjunction with 'The West Australian' newspaper.

Professor Kinsella's manuscripts are housed in the Scholars' Centre.

A Web guide is available at:

<http://findaid.library.uwa.edu.au/dynawed/findaid/kinsella3>

## Anne Batt, Medical Librarian Extraordinaire

Anne Batt, UWA's Medical Librarian for the last fourteen years, retires in November. She takes with us, our thanks and our very best wishes. Anne first came to UWA in January 1987 to take up the position of Medical Librarian. She had previously worked as Biomedical Librarian at the University of Tasmania.

Throughout her career in librarianship, Anne has kept pace with the dramatic changes in the delivery of library services. *"In the late '80s,"* says Anne, *"we were measuring the success of our service by the number of searches done on MEDLINE for academics – peaking at nearly 800 in 1989. Now, we measure our success by the number of people we train in how to search MEDLINE and other databases for themselves."*

In 1988, with Anne's leadership and backed by her fundraising capacity, the Medical Library became the first UWA subject library to install computers allowing students and staff access to electronic medical resources.

Anne has remained involved at all levels of information resource provision: vigorously seeking to maximise electronic access to medical and dental journals; evaluating new books; negotiating database licences; and introducing electronic systems for ordering and delivering documents directly to clients.

As Anne says, *"The electronic revolution has enabled us to provide a really meaningful service to all those medical departments and research centres not located with us at QEII. It also means that our reference librarians are able to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in information management, and negate that old image of being guardians of some dusty collection."*

More recently, Anne has worked with academic staff to highlight the importance of information literacy skills for students as taught by librarians. Anne worked alongside academics in the early stages of the design of the new medical curriculum to ensure that information literacy skills were appropriately embedded. The Medical Faculty recognised the importance of this role by funding a half-time position of curriculum liaison librarian in the Medical Library.



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Anne Batt, UWA Medical Librarian

Outside the Library, Anne has been a tireless community volunteer for Oxfam Community Aid Abroad (OCAA), where she has been on the Board of Directors since 1992. Anne has also been active in the Australian Library and Information Association in the Health Libraries Section, as an office bearer on both state and national committees, as well as being the principal trustee of the Anne Harrison Award Trust for ALIA Health Libraries.

We'll let Anne have the last word:

*"I have chosen to retire now as I feel that the new building marks a new stage in the history of the Medical Library. The next Medical Librarian will bring fresh insights and vitality to a new library service."*

*"The best thing about being a librarian is that we can help people by sharing our knowledge and skills. We do this by helping people directly on a one to one basis, by ensuring that the right services are provided by the library, and that the right resources are available through the library's collections."*

*"A library manager also gets the additional thrill of seeing their staff members develop their skills, grow in confidence, and enjoy their opportunities to provide high quality services and help to library clients."*