Reid Makeover

The Reid Library will get a major facelift at the end of this year. Refurbishments to the ground and first floor of the Reid Library building respond to the changing patterns of Library use, and will provide greatly improved facilities. The main changes you will see in the New Year are:

- a more open and welcoming entrance into the building
- 60 public access computers on purpose-built desks
- a new computer training room
- the new books and newspaper reading areas relocated to a new, comfortably-furnished reading area along the southern side of the floor
- a new information services area adjacent to the computers, incorporating a help desk at the Internet Support Office
- the staffed Copying Services area will be provided from a redesigned Administration area.

The needs of people with disabilities have been a focus of the redevelopment. There will be new toilet facilities and improved lift access. An area of the new Inquiry Desk will be at an appropriate height for people in wheelchairs.

Required work to improve fire safety will be done at the same time, including the enclosure of the main stairs, adding fire doors to the stairwells, and installing more fire hose reels.

Work begins at the end of the examination period on 22 November and it is anticipated that much of the work will be completed over the Christmas break. However some disruption and noise will be experienced in the Reid Library Building until late February 2005. When the building re-opens on 10 January 2005, the safety of readers and staff will be paramount and some inconvenience may be experienced as a result. All staff will be available to resolve any problems quickly. (To view the plan see page 3)

Undergraduate Physical Sciences Library – end of semester closure

During the Reid Library building refurbishment Library staff require alternative accommodation in the Undergraduate Physical Sciences Library (UPSL). As a result the UPSL will be closed from 2.30pm Friday 19 November 2004 until Sunday 27 February 2005. UPSL reserve items will be relocated to the Mathematics & Physical Sciences Library (MPSL) during the afternoon of 19 November; study facilities will be available at MPSL and the Humanities and Social Sciences Library (HSS).

Academic staff and postgraduate students will not have key access during this period. Library staff will instead support book and journal requests from the UPSL using a document delivery service. Staff at the MPSL will make requested items available within a 24 hour cycle.

The Library apologises for any inconvenience during this period.

If you have any queries please contact Robert Hymus, Acting Mathematics & Physical Sciences Librarian on x2327 or rhymus@library.uwa.edu.au
I think therefore I am online
The acclaimed print reference work the Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy is now available online. The online version contains the full text of the 10 volume print edition with the addition of new and revised material.

The online version uses the power of the Web to create a fully searchable and extensively cross-referenced database. You can browse the entries from ‘Abacus’ to ‘Zoroastrianism’ or use the subject guides to explore broad subject areas such as aesthetics, feminism or logic and mathematics.

With excellent bibliographies and further readings this is the essential starting point for all philosophy topics.

Access to this marvellous example of an online reference work is either via UWA Library catalogue or through the Information Toolbox via CygNET Online:
http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/go.asp?id=21106

PsycARTICLES – coming to you in 2005
At the beginning of 2005 UWA staff and students will, for the first time, have access to PsycARTICLES the American Psychological Association’s complete range of online journals. The collection covers 53 journal titles with online articles extending back to 1985, giving access to 20 years of key psychological literature.

The 40,000 articles currently in the collection come from such highly respected titles as:

- American Psychologist
- Psychological Bulletin
- Psychological Review
- Psychological Methods
- Journal of Abnormal Psychology
- Journal of Experimental Psychology: General

PsycARTICLES will be accessible from anywhere on campus, home or work. They are also suitable for inclusion in Course Materials Online.

Featured resource for October

Access to Grove Music Online is either via UWA Library catalogue or through the Information Toolbox via CygNET Online:
http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/go.asp?id=3384

Legal-ease
State Law Publisher
State Law Publisher, the official publisher of Western Australian legislation and statutory information, now offers free access to consolidated versions of WA Acts in PDF. You can also access Numbered Acts by year from 1990. State Law Publisher is available via the Information Toolbox or at:

PsycARTICLES will be accessible from anywhere on campus, home or work. They are also suitable for inclusion in Course Materials Online.

CBCA Education available via Proquest
You can now access information on education, educational administration and educational research in Canada by searching the CBCA (Canadian Business & Current Affairs) Education database via Proquest. The coverage of indexed materials spans back to 1970s. CBCA Education covers 150 Canadian education journals, including:

- Canadian Journal of Education
- The Canadian Journal of Higher Education
- Education Canada
- Canadian Journal of School Psychology

Access to this resource is available via the Information Toolbox:
http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/go.asp?id=21386

Wiley away your time
UWA staff and students now have access to over 350 journals from Wiley. The journals cover 14 subject areas including business, science, law, medicine and social sciences. Notable journals include:

- Hepatology
- Angewandte Chemie
- European Journal of Immunology
- Cancer

Wiley Interscience is available via the Information Toolbox:
Reid Library floor plan – first floor
Simon Lewis: bush librarian

The Medical and Dental Library provides library support to the staff and students of the Rural Clinical School which has its teaching centres outside the Perth metropolitan area. The Rural Clinical School stretches across the state, with sites in Kalgoorlie, Esperance, Geraldton, Broome and Port Hedland.

Simon Lewis, reference librarian at the Medical and Dental Library, visited the Rural Clinical School sites during 2004. The vast distances and the remote nature of Western Australia were an eye opener for Simon. He said that a highlight of the trip was to see how hands on the students are: “Each student I met was so enthusiastic about working as a doctor in a rural setting. They are very busy juggling their clinical and academic work so locating information needs to be precise and fast.” The majority of the students communicate via email and one even wrote that he delivered a baby overnight and needed help finding information for an assignment that was due at the end of the day!

A quarter of the 5th year medical students at The University of Western Australia spend a year living and working in regional areas of Western Australia including remote Aboriginal communities. The students are immersed in the local culture and gain valuable practical experience during their time in the country.

Each of the Rural Clinical School sites house collections of materials that support the teaching and learning initiatives of the School. Carol Newton-Smith, the Medical and Dental Librarian, negotiated access to a number of electronic books when the Rural Clinical School was first formed. The electronic books are very popular as students can access important medical texts via their laptops. There is also access to a large number of electronic journals. A pilot SMS service was conducted during the year, with several students requesting assistance via text messaging.

Simon’s role is to support the staff and students of the Rural Clinical School by supplying library resources and assistance to centres that are thousands of kilometres apart. When information resources are not immediately available in the Rural Clinical Schools and are not available electronically via CygNET, they are sent from the Medical and Dental Library in Perth to the staff and students via express post or fax.

With the Rural Clinical School expanding to Albany, Derby and Karratha in 2005, we look forward to further supporting the information needs of our remote staff and students.

Friends of the Library events 2004

1 Dec: Christmas party

Introducing Jill Benn

Jill Benn has been appointed as the new Associate Law Librarian. She is an extremely skilled legal reference librarian, with a strong talent for developing and delivering information literacy classes.

Responsible for the day to day management of the Law Library, Jill also directs the reference team in continuing to provide an excellent reference service.

Her research interest is in the provision of effective information literacy for legal research, and she is involved with the Australian Law Librarians Group (WA Division Committee).

Jill plays netball twice a week and, more importantly, is a faithful Dockers supporter!

eNotes via eMail: New title alerting service

Blackwell’s Collection Manager has a new title alerting service called eNotes. Using eNotes will stream line and speed up the ordering process by allowing you to select and send recommendations directly to the Library by email.

Library staff can create personalised email alerts for you, tailored to your teaching and research interests. eNotes reports can be delivered directly to your email address weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Recommending items from your eNotes reports for purchase by the Library is easy: simply forward your selections from the email to orders@library.uwa.edu.au. A handy leaflet explaining the steps is available from your subject library.

Interested in finding out more about receiving eNotes reports from Collection Manager? Ask a reference librarian in your subject library or contact Anne Evans in Information Resources Access Management on x2345 or aevans@library.uwa.edu.au

Dr Forbes challenges trans-boundary transgressions

Dr Vivian Forbes, Map Curator, has published a new book entitled Challenging acts of marine trans-boundary transgressions in the Indian Ocean region, Malaysian Institute of Maritime Affairs (MIMA) Issue Paper Volume 1, 2004. The book discusses the problems that plague the seas of Southeast Asia and applaud the actions announced in late July 2004 by the navies of the three States – Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore – to carry out co-ordinated naval patrols in an effort to combat piracy and maritime terrorism.