



Lisa Nixon is our new Associate Librarian

The Library welcomes Lisa Nixon as the Associate Librarian (Reader Services). Lisa is widely known on campus, first as Biological Sciences Librarian from 1994 and more recently as Executive Officer to the Vice Chancellor, a position to which she was seconded for eighteen months before her present appointment.

As Associate Librarian (Reader Services) Lisa is responsible for the work of all the subject libraries, including collection development, reference and lending services, inter-library loan and document delivery services, and information skills training. She, together with Ralph Kiel, the Associate Librarian (Information Systems) and John Arfield, the University Librarian, form the executive leadership of the Library.

Lisa is a graduate of the University, holding a BA with a major in philosophy. She lists her hobbies as farming, travelling, and having fun with family and friends.



InfoPathways – paving the way

InfoPathways, an online teaching resource produced by the UWA Reference Librarians, has recently been accepted into the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Internet Education Project (IEP). The IEP is a peer reviewed resource of instructional materials created by librarians. Currently only 92 projects world-wide have been accepted.

InfoPathways is an introductory level course which takes students through searching, finding, using, evaluating and presenting information in relation to their university studies. There are six self-paced modules, each of which has specific outcomes chosen from our Information Literacy Curriculum Framework. The modules are interactive, with short exercises and self-tests to help students achieve the outcomes for each module. InfoPathways can be used as a stand-alone course for the individual to follow or as a teaching tool for Librarians. Alternatively specific modules can be embedded within subject specific online information literacy courses.

You can access InfoPathways from the CygNET homepage or visit <http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/training/infopathways.html>

To find out more about embedding information literacy into your course or unit contact the Subject Librarian in your Library:

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

CMO on the grow!

With well over 2,600 items already processed for Course Materials Online, students are reaping the benefit of online access to course readings from any location, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To view examples of available material, go to the CygNET Online home page, select the link *Find course materials for your Unit*, and search by either the name of a lecturer or a unit's title. (For example: *Microeconomic Theory 402.*)

For more information, including how to arrange for material to be placed on CMO, please see the *Course materials* link on the CygNET home page:

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



Retooling the Toolbox

The Information Toolbox now has a new more intuitive interface. The design has been streamlined to make searching and browsing for key library resources easier. Features include:

- An easy to browse list of broad subjects and narrower topics
- A “featured resource of the month”
- An “all-in-one” keyword/title search

The Toolbox allows library users to find indexes to scholarly journal articles and to locate full text databases and online documents in their subject areas.

You can search the new Information Toolbox from the CygNET homepage or access:

<http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/toolbox/view.asp>

Australian journal articles at your fingertips

or 47,000 Australian journal articles at your desk top

The Library recently subscribed to Australian Public Affairs - Full Text (APA-FT) currently considered the leading online resource for Australian information.

APA-FT is an online collection of scanned images of articles from more than 300 Australian journals indexed in APAIS, the Australian Public Affairs Information Service produced by the National Library of Australia. The focus is on a variety of subject areas including, social science, education, current affairs, business, economics, humanities, health and law.

APA-FT currently contains over 47,000 full text records from 1995 comprising:

- Copyright cleared journals available as PDF images.
- Links to materials available on the World Wide Web.
- Links to Australian e-journals available in the National Library of Australia's PANDORA Archive and permanent links from other services.
- APA-FT is updated monthly.

For more information please contact your subject library.

Clinical Evidence

The Library has purchased online access to *Clinical Evidence*, a continually updated international source of the best available evidence on the effects of common healthcare interventions. This resource presents concise summaries based on thorough searches and appraisal of the literature.

UWA aims to provide our graduate students with the understanding and skills needed in the professional arena. The Medical and Dental Library has identified *Clinical Evidence* as one of the best sources used by clinical doctors. Our medical students now use *Clinical Evidence* as part of their transition from student to medical practitioner.

To access *Clinical Evidence* from the CygNet homepage: Information Toolbox – Title search for Clinical Evidence.

Colour Printer available in Reid

In response to student demand, a colour printer will be installed near the CygNET Online PCs on the first floor of the Reid Library Building. The installation will occur in April 2004 and will enable students to print illustrations, maps and diagrams in colour from a wide range of electronic resources.

Friends of the Library events 2004

- 14 April: Dr Phil Playford talking on *Dirk Hartog*
- 12 May: Jan Fullerton talking on *Being national – when the national institution (National Library of Australia) is in Canberra*
- 9 June: Dr Jenny Gregory talking on *UWA Press: from wildflowers to encyclopedias*
- 14 July: Bill Bunbury talking on *It's not the money it's the land*
- 11 Aug: Marion Blackwell talking on *Our amazing heritage*
- 15 Sept: Prof Geoffrey London talking on *Architecture policy in Western Australia*
- 13 Oct: Tony Evans talking on *C Y O'Connor*
- TBA: Christmas party

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Farewell Helen – case closed!

Helen Wallace, Business/Law Librarian has left the Library after working here for thirty three years. "It was very much easier in those days, you could just stick a pin in a map and say I want to work there," said Helen, which is just what she did. She wrote to the University Librarian, Leonard Jolley, asking for a job. After some correspondence, he agreed and Helen's first position was as a library assistant in cataloguing. She moved all the way from the Yarra Valley in Victoria to take up the opportunity.

When Helen commenced in 1971, the Reid Library was undergoing a major reconstruction, doubling the size of the building. This is just one of the many transformations that the Library and Helen have undergone. "When I began it was the hippy era and I used to come to work in bare feet, wearing a sarong."

In 1983, Helen became the Loan Services Librarian (Central Services) responsible for loans, photocopying, Interlibrary Loans and the general attendants within the Reid Library. When the Reid was split into the various subject libraries in 1994, Helen became the Law Librarian. In 2002, she was appointed as the Business and Law Librarian and finished her time at the UWA Library back in the Reid Library Building. Helen has filled acting roles throughout the Library system, including Mathematics and Physical Sciences Librarian, Biological Sciences Librarian and on numerous occasions Associate Librarian.

Helen faced many changes throughout her time here, especially adapting to advances in technology. "Computers have brought vast changes to the



profession," Helen said. "Being a librarian these days is much more challenging." She also appreciated the range of opportunities offered to her. "I was very pleased to be able to advance my career in the one organisation over thirty years."

Not content just to work at UWA, Helen successfully completed a Bachelor of Arts in 1976 and in 2000, a Master of Arts in History. Helen is very interested in family history and this was the drive behind her masters. Her thesis tells the history of Mary Wollaston, her great great grandmother and wife to the State's first Anglican Archdeacon. Her interest in family history continues, as she will be spending her time, assisting Prof. Geoffrey Bolton in researching and editing the third volume of the Wollaston Journals, to be published by UWA Press*.

Helen also has a Graduate degree in Business from Curtin.

Helen was on the National Executive of the Australian Law Librarian Group (ALLG). She has particularly fond memories of representing ALLG at an international conference in Cork, Ireland in 2001. Helen was also an editor of the *Australian Law Librarian* journal.

Helen has now returned to Victoria, driving across the Nullabor, and taking 2 weeks to enjoy the wonders of our wide continent.

**The Wollaston journals* may be found in the Library: HSS 283.092 WOL vol 1 & 2

Discounted books negotiated

The WAGUL (West Australian Group of University Librarians) have recently signed a new consortium agreement with Blackwell Book Services (BBS) and DA Information Services.

In July 1998 WAGUL's first consortium agreement for the purchase of monographs and associated cataloguing services came into operation.

In April 2003, a new request for proposal was issued, and sent to major library suppliers seeking a further consortium agreement to replace the existing one. Following analysis of the responses, WAGUL decided to enter into an agreement with DA Information Services Pty Ltd for the supply of monographs from Australasia and Europe, and into an agreement with Blackwell Book Services (BBS) for the supply of monographs from North America.

The consortium agreement signed in November 2003 runs for 3 years and offers significant benefits in terms of discounts on the cost of monographs. Other related services, such as the provision of order and catalogue data which can be loaded into local systems, have improved the overall efficiency of the ordering process.



Seated l to r: Dan Halloran, President and CEO, Blackwell's Book Group, John Arfield, University Librarian

Standing: Carolyn Cohn, ANZ Sales Manager, Blackwell's Book Group, Martha Whittaker, Vice President, Marketing, Sales, Customer Services, Blackwell's Book Group

Jenny Wildy gains UWA diversity award



The Library congratulates Jenny Wildy, Music Librarian, who was recently awarded the 2003 UWA Diversity Award for General Staff. The Diversity Award recognises a general staff member who makes a significant contribution towards the provision of inclusive services to students. Jenny coordinates the Library's services for students with disabilities and medical conditions. The Library works closely with the Disability Officers in Student Support to provide a range of service and facilities to support readers with a wide range of special needs. The Library is committed to raising staff awareness of diversity issues and staff attend training sessions provided by the disability officers.

Details of the services are available at:
<http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/services/inclusivity/disabled.html>.

Rashmi's exciting adventure



Rashmi Madan has bid farewell to the UWA Library, after 4 years working in Reader Services as a Library Officer in the Biological Sciences Library and Scholars' Centre. Rashmi completed her Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies in 2003 and has taken up a position with the National Library of Australia (NLA) in Canberra. Rashmi, one of 450 applicants, sat through 2 interviews in August and October before being accepted into the new graduate programme, which involves working in three sections of the library.

Rashmi would like to utilise her BA in Music to work on the NLA's MusicAustralia, a web-based music service that seeks to provide integrated access to Australian music resources.

Liv leaves the Library



The Library says goodbye to Olivia Herring as she heads off interstate. Olivia will be working at the ABC Head Office in Ultimo, Sydney, as a Trainee Rights Management Officer. Her new position will deal mainly with copyright and blanket rights issues pertaining to material to be published or broadcast. Interviewed and hired within the same week, Olivia was featured in the ABC's latest Indigenous staff newsletter as having given the 'perfect interview'. She looks forward to a week long holiday in Sydney, as well as exploring Newtown, going to Luna Park and of course, shopping!

Melinda Kiss – Iron woman



Melinda Kiss, Library Officer at the Medical and Dental Library, is currently in Forster-Toncurry, New South Wales, competing in the Australian Ironman Triathlon. Melinda is a very keen triathlete and recently took part in the Accenture Series Race (an Olympic pre-selection event). She used the race as an opportunity to train for the national Ironman meet. "It was a good experience to be a part of such a big event ... and the finish chute was great with all those spectators cheering."

Melinda has been with the Library for three and a half years, and has become very adept at balancing exercise and work, with up to 22 hours training per week. She trains before and after work, some days completing a 3 hour ride in the morning and then 2 hours running in the afternoon.

The Ironman event consists of 3.8km swim, 180km cycle and 42.4km run. Competitors have 15 and half hours to complete the course. Melinda will be one of nearly 1,600 competitors ranging in age from 18 to 74. Melinda says she does the event "just for the achievement of finishing and crossing the famous finish line." And she adds "Some big names will be competing this year like Germany's Lothar Ledger and Australia's Chris McCormack. Of course they will be finished before I start the run!"

When asked why she does all this work, Melinda's modest response is "Because I can!"