



THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA LIBRARY

LIBRARY news

Course reading revolutionised

The University Library is undertaking a project which will revolutionise the way course reading material is delivered online at UWA.

The forthcoming *Course Materials Online* service, due to arrive in time for first semester 2004, will offer the University many benefits. For academic staff, it will take the hassle out of digitising and mounting recommended readings online. The Library will undertake to locate, digitise, and mount reading material within the two week target as stated in our Service Charter.

Students will find the *Course Materials Online* service offers a new degree of flexibility in the way they access their reading lists. In the past, many of these have been offered as photocopies in the Library Reserve. Students could only use this material during Library opening hours, with restricted borrowing time. *Course Materials Online* will enable UWA students to access their readings from anywhere: from home, office, or any computer on campus, in Perth or overseas. Readings will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and in colour if necessary. There will be no need to

“borrow” material, and a reading will always be available; there is no chance of an item being out on loan, or “missing”. Documents will be as pristine at the end of semester as they were at the beginning. No more torn pages and scribble in the margins!

We are investigating the best methods possible to create digital documents which are of the highest quality, whilst maintaining the smallest possible file size. Our goal is for documents to be equally readable on-screen, as well as when printed, and to download in the shortest possible time over a standard modem.

In carrying out this process, the Library will ensure that copying and offering this reading material online will not breach the various limits imposed by the Federal *Digital Agenda* amendments to the Copyright Act and will comply fully with all copyright obligations.

More information on the *Course Materials Online* service will become available towards the end of the year.

Western Australian writing: an on-line anthology

A major new anthology of *Western Australian Writing* was launched recently by the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alan Robson. Published by The University of Western Australia Library, the *Anthology* uses web-power to bring Western Australian writing to a global audience.

The *Anthology* is remarkably wide-ranging, with more than 300 extracts from the works of nearly 200 authors. These include fiction, poetry, drama and essays, originally published between 1703 and the present day. Major authors represented in the *Anthology* include Tim Winton, Elizabeth Jolley, Dorothy Hewett and Peter Cowan.



Alan Robson, John Kinsella,
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The editor of the *Anthology* is John Kinsella, the distinguished Western Australian poet and novelist, who is a Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, Professor of English at Kenyon College (Ohio), and an Adjunct Professor at Edith Cowan University.

Development of the *Anthology* was funded by AustLit: Australian Literature Gateway. You can find the *Anthology* at: <http://wawriting.library.uwa.edu.au>



. . . New on CygNET . . .



Who's Who in Australia

We have recently obtained access to the well known publication *Who's Who in Australia* in its newly released electronic format.

This useful and easy to use resource provides brief biographical information on the careers of notable living men and women of Australia such as:

MELDRUM (Molly) Ian Alexander AM

Occupation: Rock Music Personality, Music Journalist and Record Producer

Career: Host Channel V Foxtel, 'House of Hits' Ten Network 2000, former segment 'Hey Hey It's Saturday' Nine Network, Host 'Countdown' ABC TV 1974-87

Birth Details: Jan. 29, 1946, Melb.

Clubs: St Kilda FC

Who's Who in Australia can be accessed simply by searching the Library catalogue at:

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

Contact the Reference Librarians in your Subject Library for the password.

Fin Analysis

A 12-year history of detailed financial information for all companies listed on ASX. More than 400 data items are provided and the data is entered and audited by financial analysts. Innovative web-based research functions help make using, searching and interpreting the data as easy and efficient as possible.

EFTPOS improves service to readers

Readers wishing to make payments to the Library now have the convenience of the EFTPOS facilities available during Library opening hours.

The Library's EFTPOS facilities are located at the Medical and Dental Library, the Biological Sciences Library, and the Humanities and Social Sciences Library. Payments may be made in person or over the phone. This is particularly useful for remote and isolated students, and for readers who visit the campus infrequently.

The provision of the service is an example of the close co-operation between staff from the Library and Financial Services.

DatAnalysis

DatAnalysis provides comprehensive data for all listed companies on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX). These reports are updated daily from relevant ASX announcements. You can conduct powerful searches across all sections of the DatAnalysis database to provide a list of companies that match your selected criteria. Within the search tool it is also possible to search all Signal G text announcements since 1989 and all Image Signal announcements in PDF format since September 1999.

L'Année philologique

Since 1942 the print edition of *L'Année philologique* has been the standard bibliography for classical studies. 1500 journal titles, conference papers and articles are indexed in the collections. There are 375,000 bibliographic records for the years 1969 to 2001, with 12,500 new records added each year.

Searches can be limited by year of publication or by a range of years, and also by modern language (French, English, German, Italian and Spanish).

Keywords: sophistication AND flexibility

Advanced Keyword Searching was installed in the Library catalogue in July 2003, allowing for more sophisticated and flexible search strategies. The new functionality includes:

- ✓ Automatic phrase searching
- ✓ Combining single keywords with phrases using search operators (and, or, and not)
- ✓ Proximity searching
- ✓ Word truncation and wildcards
- ✓ Specifying which fields to search as keywords (author, title, subject and notes)
- ✓ Search pre-limits (material type, language and year of publication)
- ✓ Sorting the search results by title, date of publication or relevance

Unlike the old keyword searching, if you don't wish to search on words as a phrase, then single keywords should be separated by the search operator "AND".

For more detailed search instructions, please go to:

http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/guides/catalogue/search_by_keywords.html

Peter Cowan collection comes to UWA

The UWA Library will be the repository for the important collection of Australian literature assembled by the late Peter Cowan.

The collection contains about 1700 volumes and is especially strong in Western Australian literature. It will complement and extend our existing excellent collections of Australian literature and literary manuscripts.

Peter Cowan was one of Western Australia's leading writers of short stories and novels, as well as editor of numerous anthologies. He was educated at UWA,

where he later taught in the Department of English. He was also an editor of *Westerly* between 1966 and 1993.

The collection was donated to the Library by Diana Cowan, Peter Cowan's daughter-in-law. It will be housed in the Scholars' Centre, and will be kept together as "The Peter Cowan Collection of Australian Literature".

For more information, contact Dr Toby Burrows in the Scholars' Centre (tburrows@library.uwa.edu.au) on ext. 2358.

Western Australian Cultural Heritage Portal

Cultural heritage materials relating to Western Australia are housed in a variety of public institutions: libraries, archives, museums and galleries. While many of these have catalogues and databases available on the Web, they must all be searched individually.

A new Western Australian Cultural Heritage Portal will enable researchers to search the contents of a variety of these collections simultaneously. A single search will return results from catalogues such as the UWA Library and the State Library of Western Australia, and databases like those of the National Archives of Australia, the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library, the Berndt Museum of Anthropology, and the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery.

We shall develop the portal in partnership with Curtin University of Technology and the Western Australian Department for Culture and the Arts. Funding will come from the Australian Research Council's Linkage – Infrastructure and Equipment – Fund.

The software used for the portal will be the ZPortal package, from international firm Fretwell Downing Informatics. ZPortal is also being used for the Scholars Portal project of the North American Association of Research Libraries.

The Western Australian Cultural Heritage Portal is expected to be launched in mid 2004. For more information, contact Dr Toby Burrows in the Scholars' Centre (tburrows@library.uwa.edu.au) on ext. 2358.

Recommending materials online

Recommending new materials for the Library is now much easier with the introduction of the new, online recommendation form on CygNET.

Go to: <http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/erfs/erfsAuth.asp> or follow the link to the online recommendation form from:

<http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/collection/acquisitions/recommend.html>

Special features of the online form include:

- ✓ a section to cut and paste information from other online sources
- ✓ immediate submission of your recommendation form to orders@library.uwa.edu.au where forms are processed daily
- ✓ automatic acknowledgement of your recommendation which you can print or save
- ✓ the ability to submit multiple recommendations without having to re-key your details

You will require your UWA staff ID and Library barcode to logon to the online form.

For any questions or comments regarding the use of this form, please contact Monika Szunejko (mszunejko@library.uwa.edu.au) on ext. 1670.

New look for print publications

The Library is introducing a new look for its print publications. John Arfield, Erin Fraser and the Library Publications Team worked with design company Mindfield to produce a new text logo and design.



The new design retains the existing colours yet reflects a modern, innovative style. It will be gradually introduced on all Library print publications. Watch out for the next Library News for the new design.

The name's Macnab, Annie Macnab

The Library welcomes Annie Macnab as the Manager of Administration.



Annie has worked in the public sector in WA and Queensland, and has spent 10 years working for herself as a management consultant. Whilst all of her jobs have been interesting – and mostly very enjoyable – her sentimental favourite is the seven years she spent in the 1970s with Mental Health Services of WA working in the Community Development Centre.

The lure of a wonderful general management position close to home brought Annie back to UWA. Annie has a long association with the University: she and her husband are both UWA graduates who met while Annie was a residential tutor at St Columba College (now Trinity), they were married in the Sunken Garden, their two children are students here, and Annie has tutored in the School of Organisational and Labour Studies.

In the short time that she has been back, Annie has sensed a focus on greater efficiency and accountability across the University. This is likely to change how we do our business and Annie hopes that she can help to maximise the positive aspects. Annie expects to have fun whilst successfully encouraging people to question everything they do as the first step to doing it better.

Family and work take up the majority of Annie's time, but gardening, reading (social history, biography and crime), and cryptic crosswords manage to find a space each week. She also plays Bridge "very badly" and is working with a UK-based cousin to fill in gaps in her family history.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lucy Burrows who has recently graduated from UWA with a BA in Latin and History.

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Anne Evans back from the front



The Library welcomes Anne Evans as the new Information Resources Budget Management Coordinator. Her role is to provide information and advice to academic staff and colleagues in the Library and to assist them in managing their Information Resources budget.

A UWA graduate, Anne comes to us from a strong Reader Services background having worked as a reference librarian in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Medical, and Biological Sciences Libraries. As such she has come to know, and enjoy working with, a wide range of staff. Although she will no longer be in the "front line" she hopes to be able to use her experience in Reader Services to good advantage in working with the information resources budget.

Anne is married to Michael and has two sons, one currently on a working holiday and the other enrolled in Science here at UWA. When she's not wrestling with the budget Anne enjoys reading, camping, travelling and gardening. However Anne admits that even with all the books available to her in the Biological Sciences Library, this last endeavour is not terribly successful!

Relocation of the Chemistry Library

The Chemistry Library will be relocated to the Biological Sciences Library in early 2004 as part of the development of the new Molecular and Chemical Sciences building.

With this relocation, existing Chemistry Library readers can look forward to a greater range and level of services, facilities and opening hours.

Preliminary changes to the Biological Sciences Library have already taken place to accommodate the Chemistry collection, including alterations to the ground floor layout and group discussion rooms.

In November a major re-organisation of the Biological Sciences collection will take place, most noticeably of the periodicals on the second floor. These arrangements will be completed prior to the actual move of the Chemistry collection, ensuring the least disruption for our readers.