



THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA LIBRARY

LIBRARY news

Digital theses

The Library has just launched a new service that aims to promote the research activity of the University to both the national and international community.

The UWA Digital Theses Repository will archive the output of the University's postgraduate students, making the work available to their peers via the World Wide Web. Theses will be digitised by the Library, and made available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with a potential world-wide audience. Bound theses will still be available from the Scholars' Centre.

The UWA Digital Theses Repository will be compatible with the Australian Digital Theses programme (ADT), which aims to harvest metadata about theses from participating institutions to create

a national, searchable database. ADT commenced in 1997 and has grown to include the majority of Australian universities. The Australian programme follows the international trend of academic libraries creating local repositories of digital works to disseminate their institution's research information.

The UWA Digital Theses Repository project has involved collaboration between the University Library and the Postgraduate Research School, in particular the Postgraduate Research and Scholarships Office.

More information is available from CygNET Online.

Information about ADT is available at:
<http://adt.caul.edu.au/>

The Library farewells Imogen Garner

Imogen Garner, Associate Librarian, Client Services is leaving the Library to take up the position of University Librarian at Curtin University of Technology from 1 July. Imogen takes with her our thanks and very best wishes for the future.

Imogen joined the Library as Associate Librarian in 1990. During this decade, the Library environment has changed from one of card catalogues to full integration with the internet. Imogen has had significant input and influence on the Library's response to these dynamic changes in resources and activities.

As Acting University Librarian in 1996, Imogen led Library staff through the first strategic planning exercise. This facilitated a shift to client focus, with our staff working together to implement the changes brought about by advances in information technology. Imogen has been proactive in encouraging librarians to play a major role in information skills training programmes for staff and students in all faculties.

Imogen has been active on campus and in the community. She was a member of the Library Committee, the University Teaching and Learning Committee and the Albany Advisory Board as well as Chair for internal reviews of the Office of Development and the Office of Public Relations. She represented the Western Australian university libraries on the National Borrowing Scheme Working Group of the Council of Australian University Librarians.



Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Alan Robson, farewells Imogen Garner.

Imogen is a leader in the Library and Information sector. As a member of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) she has held several major positions and has recently been elected as Vice-President.

Imogen's presence and contributions to the operations of the Library will be greatly missed at UWA but we look forward to working with her in cooperation with our colleagues at Curtin.

Horsfall Memorial Library Fund

The Library is able to supplement its collections in some areas thanks to the generosity of a number of people who have provided bequests or other financial donations.

An example is the Horsfall Memorial Library Fund. A donation of \$10,000 was received in 1995 from Muriel Horsfall, a graduate of the University, in memory of two members of the family. This was invested by the University and the interest used to purchase books, mainly in fine arts and crafts. The titles are chosen by the EDFAA Librarian in consultation with staff of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts.

Some titles bought from the fund in 2003 are:

Marquetry by Pierre Ramond

Missing masterpieces by Gert-Rudolf Flick

The invisible art by Mark Cotta Vaz and Craig Barron

Cabinets of curiosities by Patrick Mauries

Library offers applications software

Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and EndNote will be made available in all subject libraries as from second semester 2003. The provision of applications software on CygNET workstations has been part of our strategic goal to enhance the Library's study facilities.

The untrammelled truth

A Library staff member recently caught one of those tourist trams that go around King's Park and the University. The driver's patter included the fact that the Library had over one million books.

One million books!!!

Can it be true? Well not quite...

By the latest figures there are 854,824 books in the Library.

However if you add to that all our journals, maps, videos, DVDs, CD-ROMS, microfilm, microfiche and sound recordings the million mark is easily exceeded.

Obtaining a definitive total for the collection size is tricky. Take journals as an example: do you count each issue, each volume or do you just count titles? And what about the dramatic increase over recent years of online journals such as the hundreds of journal titles and tens of thousands of journal issues found in JSTOR alone?

So perhaps the best response to the question "How many items does the Library have?" is "How long is a piece of string?"



.... new on CygNET online



SPE eLibrary

The Society of Petroleum Engineers Electronic Library gives UWA staff and students access to:

- ✓ over 35,000 papers covering the full range of exploration and production technology
- ✓ technical papers from SPE meetings
- ✓ peer reviewed journal articles from *SPE Journal*, *SPE Drilling and Completion*, *SPE Production and Facilities* and *SPE Reservoir Evaluation and Engineering*.

To access SPE eLibrary: Information Toolbox – keyword search for Society of Petroleum Engineers.

If you have any queries about SPE eLibrary or would like a demonstration of its features contact the Mathematics and Physical Sciences Reference Librarians:

Phone: 9380 7039/3494 or
email: mpsl-ref@library.uwa.edu.au

Petroleum Abstracts

The Library is supporting Western Australia's \$10 billion petroleum industry by providing staff and students with access to the Petroleum Abstracts database.

Petroleum Abstracts is an excellent source of information on the offshore and petroleum engineering industries. The database contains references with abstracts to journal articles, conferences, patents and government reports. Subject areas covered include geosciences, drilling, reservoir and production engineering, shipping and storage and other technologies. The database coverage is from 1993 and features full text linking to certain subscribed electronic journals.

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Funding for expensive items

Now is the time to make your recommendations for purchases from the Expensive Items Fund. Each year the Library reserves a small part of its budget for the purchase of resources which cannot be easily funded from its faculty allocations. Such items may be large sets of books, reference works or research collections, with a cost of more than \$1,000. These special funds cannot normally be used for new journal subscriptions.

Recommendations accompanied by a brief statement explaining how the title can support the research priorities of the University should be sent to Anne Evans, Coordinator, Budget and Planning, Information Resources Access Management, by 31 July 2003.

Titles ordered in 2002 from the Expensive Items Fund included:

Comprehensive coordination chemistry II - surveys developments since 1980 with more emphasis on current trends in biology, materials science and other areas of scientific interest.

Electronic handbook of optical constants of solids - CD-ROM previously only available in five volumes.

Encyclopedia of ocean sciences - the first resource in over 20 years to cover all aspects of ocean sciences.

Grieg: complete works - authentic editions including results of recent research.

Clarissa

The Library has received an important donation from John Mayes in memory of Emeritus Professor of Psychology Alan Richardson who died in 2002. The gift consists of various volumes from early editions of Samuel Richardson's novel *Clarissa*. They include volumes III to VII of the fourth edition, published in 1751, and volumes I and II of the 1784 edition, as well as a set of fine engravings taken from other eighteenth-century editions of this work. There is also a copy of the *Life of Samuel Richardson* by Mrs Barbauld, published in 1804.

Alan Richardson, came to Perth as a migrant in 1948, and enrolled at the University in literature and psychology. After completing his PhD overseas Alan returned to UWA in 1957 as a senior lecturer in Psychology. He was awarded a Personal Chair, a rare honour as UWA has awarded few Personal Chairs, and only one in Psychology. He was an exceptional teacher, encouraging his students and colleagues to think more broadly and generously. On his retirement in 1988 he was made Emeritus Professor. Alan was a long time member of The Friends of the Library and for a period served as its president.

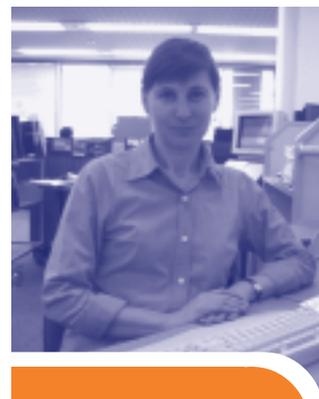
Getting it right

The Library is currently working on a project to improve the quality and consistency of data in the Library catalogue relating to UWA publications, including theses.

The purpose of the project is to ensure that the correct forms of name for UWA faculties, departments, schools and centres are used in the catalogue, making for easier searching and more accurate results.

References will be included in the catalogue to guide users when searching. Of particular value will be links to earlier and later forms of name for departments which have undergone a series of name changes over the years.

Alison Kershaw, a librarian with considerable experience in cataloguing in academic libraries, has been employed to work on the project on a part time basis during 2003. In tracing departmental histories from 1913 to the present, Alison has been trawling through Senate and Academic Council minute books, and has established close contact with the University Archives. Archives staff, Justine McDermott and Mim Congdon, have helped identify sources of information and provided access to the Tabularium database which is an index of University bodies (committees, boards, faculties, etc). It is anticipated that the Library project will make a reciprocal contribution to the level of information stored in this database, as well as enhancing the Library catalogue.



Alison Kershaw

The Law Library launches subscription scheme

The Library Subscription Scheme, an initiative of the Law School Library Committee, was launched in May. The scheme enables families and friends of the Law School to contribute to journal subscriptions for students. The Law School, the Law Library and students of the Blackstone Society arranged a Parents evening for parents and friends of first year Law students. During the evening they had an opportunity to visit the School and Library and meet members of staff.

Robert Kho - Gone Fishin'

The Library is saying farewell to one of its longest serving and most popular Library Officers, Robert Kho.

Rob started working in the Medical Library in 1974 and moved to the Law Library in 1985. For the last 18 years Rob has been a Law School icon, with his sense of humour, generosity and tireless service making him an almost mythical figure amongst the Law students. Rob took the time to get to know every person that came through the Law Library doors, often taking them to tea at the Guild (where he would insist on paying, of course!). Over time, Rob even became a fixture in the orientation tours, as the second years explained his role to the new students: "This is Rob. If you ever need help in the Library, just come and see him!"

Over the years Rob's amazing memory allowed him to negotiate the labyrinth of legal literature, always able to locate missing legislation or an impossible-to-find case. The mantra of staff and students quickly became "When in doubt, ask Rob".

Despite his superstar standing in the Law School, Rob has remained a modest and friendly person. He has been a wonderful asset to UWA, and he will be missed by everyone. We wish him all the best in his quest to catch the perfect fish!



Rob Kho on the end of the line!

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Jessup Moot trophy

In May, the winners of the Jessup International Law mooting competition received their prize from Washington – the Jessup Moot trophy.



This magnificent silver cup has been installed in the foyer of the Law Library until the competition in 2004 when it will be returned to America to be presented to the next successful team. The trophy resides in a glass cabinet provided by the Law School and has attracted considerable attention so far.

Email circulation notices

The Library is now sending recall, overdue and hold notices via email. This new service enables students to get Library notices faster and saves postal costs. The Library is keen to extend this service to all undergraduate and postgraduate students, and will soon be able to offer this service to staff.

In pursuit of trivia

The Library Social Club will be hosting a Quiz Night at Uni House, 7pm on Thursday 21st August. Tickets are \$5 at the door; tables of 6. The bar will be open, bring your own snacks. There will be lots of prizes and fun!!! Contact Amina Wilcox to book a table:

Phone: 9380 2343

email: awilcox@library.uwa.edu.au

Friends events

- 16 July: A/Prof Loretta Baldassar talking on *Long-distance kinwork: the migrant world of phone calls and visits*
- 13 August: A/Prof Chris Wortham talking on *Development of maps in the early modern period*
- 24 Sept: Mr Bob Woollett talking on *Fremantle: a place in literature (a series of readings from Moondyne Joe, D H Lawrence and Tim Winton)*
- 23 Oct: Honourable Justice Michael Kirby: topic to be announced
- 26 Nov: Christmas party