



UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA LIBRARY

LIBRARY news

Going Dutch

The University of Western Australia Library, together with the other Group of Eight (Go8) University libraries, have used their combined buying power to purchase online access to academic journals from the Dutch publisher Kluwer. The landmark deal gives students and staff in the Go8 universities instant access to more than 750 international journals through the internet. Previously UWA had subscriptions to only 80 print titles. The consortia approach has proven successful in stretching tight university budgets. All eight universities are paying similar amounts individually to what they paid before, yet access is now available to the full suite of journals.

The deal reverses the trend of journal cuts in universities due to funding pressures, journal price rises and the poor purchasing power of the Australian dollar. The deal runs for three years and has an annual 5% price cap over the period of the agreement. The Library's Information Resources and Access Management section is working on adding links to each title from the catalogue.

Kluwer publish across a range of disciplines, including medicine and health, social and physical sciences, engineering and computing.



Kluwer Online Journals provide electronic access to a vast and growing collection of the most respected scholarship in the world.

- ✓ Archive access is available as far back as 1997
- ✓ Complete tables of content, abstracts and full-text articles
- ✓ Over 50,000 new articles published each year in HTML abstract or PDF, including all figures, tables and high-resolution images
- ✓ Seamless access via IP authentication for subscriptions - no login or password required

STOP PRESS

More 'Web of Science'

Researchers at UWA will have access to the Web of Science files dating from 1987 onwards.

The University Library is to gain access to an additional five years' backfile of the *Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) Web of Science* database. The Federal Government has committed \$3.5 million as a strategic investment to provide Australian researchers with additional access to this powerful web based research tool.

The funding is for the first of 12 projects under a Commonwealth initiative worth up to \$22 million over the next two years. This will strengthen the information infrastructure needs of higher education institutions.

Student Internet Support Office

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The popular Student Internet Support Office

ANTLER Branching Out

The Anthropology Teaching and Learning with Electronic Resources (ANTLER) project (*Library News, Issue 105, October 2002*) began as an investigation into adapting a traditional classroom course into one which offers a significant proportion of its studies online.

ANTLER is bringing together academic and Library staff to collaborate on a project which could have long-term repercussions for the use of Web-based courseware for teaching at UWA.

Anthropology and Sociology 101 students have been using a WebCT-based course which allows them to access:

- √ Lecture titles for the semester
- √ Lecture notes in advance
- √ Essential information for tutorial preparation, questions and activities
- √ Links to electronic copies of essential readings

- √ Quizzes that test students' understanding of the week's materials
- √ Information and reminders about tutorial assignments
- √ Links to online tutorial assignments and information resources
- √ Guidance about researching and writing the unit's major essay, including links to relevant modules of the Library's InfoPathways information literacy course
- √ Tips for exam preparation

The Library has played a major role in designing and building a system which uses data extracted from the Student Records System to enrol students in the appropriate WebCT courses. By offering training sessions many common problems – such as misunderstanding the difference between the login ID and password, or not grasping the notion of a case sensitive password – were resolved.



.... new on CygNET online



Westlaw

Westlaw is a searchable database of full-text legal materials including case law, legislation and journal articles for the US, UK, EU, Canada and other international jurisdictions. It is an excellent resource for any international or comparative legal research. Westlaw contains a small amount of Australian material.

CCH Library

CCH Library contains the full-text of Australian CCH loose-leaf services and law reporters. Coverage includes a selection of legal-related subject areas including torts, contract, employment, corporations, industrial and intellectual property and tax. UWA Library does not subscribe to all titles in the CCH collection and you may encounter an "Access denied" when trying to view contents of a title which is not included in our subscription.

Another seat for SciFinder Scholar

Since the beginning of 2003 the Library has paid for access to a second 'seat' for SciFinder Scholar. This allows two people to simultaneously access this powerful resource. SciFinder Scholar is the search interface for databases from the Chemical Abstracts Service and covers a wide spectrum of science-related information, including chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering and other related sciences.

SciFinder Scholar can be accessed in the Biological Sciences Library, Mathematics & Physical Sciences Library and Medical & Dental Library. Access from a personal computer on the UWA campus is also available to UWA staff and students. This requires the installation of client software which can be reached via the catalogue entry for SciFinder Scholar or by contacting the Biological Sciences Reference Librarians on extension 2350.

Library Survey Results 2002

Nearly 150 staff and postgraduate students and 200 undergraduate students responded to the Library's survey in September 2002 to find out which library services should be improved. 96% of all respondents had used the Library during the year and nearly 40% had accessed the Library remotely via CygNET Online, the Library's web site.

Respondents appreciated the availability of Library self-service facilities such as 3M self-check machines, the ability to renew loans online or by phone, and the online document delivery request form.

Staff and students answering the survey felt that there were not enough electronic journals, although the Library has over 9,000 electronic serial titles. The Library acknowledges that these resources need to be promoted more widely. Other suggested improvements included the need for more discussion rooms and CygNET workstations.

The full report from the Library Survey is available on CygNET Online

http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/surveys/Library_Survey_2002.pdf

Our sunshine: Ned Kelly

What's the link between Heath Ledger, Robert Drewe and the Scholars' Centre?

Our Sunshine, Robert Drewe's acclaimed literary interpretation of the Kelly legend, has been adapted for a new feature film, *Ned Kelly*, starring West Australian actor Heath Ledger.

The Robert Drewe manuscript, usually housed in the Scholars' Centre, has been loaned to the State Library of Victoria as part of the exhibition *Kelly Culture : Reconstructing Ned Kelly*. The free exhibition runs from 28 February to 25 May 2003.

More SNAP!

SNAP (Student Network Access Project) access has been further improved for this semester by the extension of the service to cover more Subject Libraries.

Thanks to everyone who contributed by completing the SNAP Expansion Survey. The results indicated our libraries are the most popular location for the service. SNAP has expanded into the EDFAA, HSS and MPSL Libraries.

For a full list of SNAP locations see <http://www.snap.uwa.edu.au/locations.html>

Orientation sessions - a winner

All students participating in orientation sessions at Mathematics and Physical Sciences Library and the Undergraduate Physical Sciences Library were entered in a draw to win one of three \$50 Co-op Bookshop vouchers.

Pam Stubbs, Sub-Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics, drew the winning tickets with Ritva Matero, MPSL Librarian. Congratulations to our winners:

Jamie Summerfield, Zulfahmi Fauzan Zulkhepli, and James Cameron.



Ritva Matero and Pam Stubbs

Friends functions

- 16 April: A/Prof Alan Dench talking on *Aboriginal linguistics*
- 14 May: Ms Barbara Main talking on *Spiders*
- 18 June: A/Prof Gail Jones: topic to be announced
- 16 July: A/Prof Loretta Baldassar talking on *Italian immigrants in WA*
- 13 August: A/Prof Chris Wortham talking on *Development of maps in the early modern period*
- 24 Sept: Mr Bob Woolett 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

Farewell John Meyer

Balmy summer days watching cricket and relaxing hours listening to music were the visions John Meyer had before him when he decided to leave the Library in November 2002. But those visions remain on the horizon as John is editing a book on Western Australian music history, due to be launched in May.



John left the Library after 24 years of loyal and committed service. Most recently he was Manager of the Information Resources Budget Management Section but is best remembered as the Manager of the Acquisitions Section. It was John who grappled daily with the challenge of managing shrinking financial resources, escalating subscription costs of journals and fluctuating exchange rates. And it was John who so clearly and patiently explained these facts and the complexities of the Information Resources budget to both academic and Library staff. Perhaps it was not surprising then that he decided it was time to devote more hours to his true loves – music and cricket.

John's field of research in music was the piano concerto; his M.A. and PhD theses and subsequent scholarly journal articles covered the piano concerto from the early classical period to the twentieth century. He was invited to contribute the chapter on the concerto to *The Age of Beethoven*, the 8th volume in the *New Oxford History of Music*. His long and close association with the School of Music was reflected in his compilation of *Touches of Sweet Harmony* the story of music in The University of Western Australia from 1953 to 1998 and he also contributed the article on the late Sir Frank Callaway to the prestigious German publication *Die Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart*. Cricket was not neglected either and in 1979 John published *From the outer: a view of the Ashes series, 1978-79*.

For many years John represented the Library on the board of the Callaway Centre and has been invited to continue as an independent board member. He is currently on the planning committee for the international Blacking Symposium on Music, Culture and Society to be held at UWA in July. His UWA cricketing associations will continue with the University Cricket Club. So although John has left the Library, his commitment to UWA is just as strong as ever and while the cricket season is almost over in Australia there are many more to come.

Student Internet Support Officer

The Reid Library building now houses the Student Internet Support Office. The University Computing Services (UCS) Student Internet Support Officer, Rob Marlow, is now located in an office next to Copying Services on the ground floor of Reid building. Robert provides a number of services:

- √ Support for SNAP
- √ Support for, and provision of, student email (Tartarus) accounts
- √ Receipt of payments for student "Netusage", "Disk Quotas" and College Resident accounts

Students with queries relating to any of the above should see Robert, or go to the UCS web pages for students at <http://www.student.uwa.edu.au/access>

In addition, the SNAP pages on the web provide help for questions relating to this service at <http://www.snap.uwa.edu.au>

UPSL collection move

During the summer vacation a portion of the Undergraduate Physical Sciences Library's (UPSL) collection has been moved to Store to make space for five years' growth. Years ranging between 1961-1971 as well as all UPSL journals contained in the JSTOR electronic collection have been transferred to the McGillivray 1 Store.

The entire print run of the journal *Nature* is held on campus: V. 1- 299; 1869-1982 in UPSL and subsequent issues in the Mathematics and Physical Sciences Library (MPSL) which will also maintain one print copy subscription.

Catalogue locations and holdings will be completed during the year. Contact staff in the MPSL if you have difficulties in locating a volume, on 9380 2352, email: mpsl@library.uwa.edu.au.

Material held in Store can be requested at

<http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/forms/stores.html>

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