

Library Services

Academic Division

NEWSLETTER

Long Weekend Storm Damage Report From the University Librarian

Long Weekend Storm Damages the University Libraries

The storm which beached the Pasha Bulker also created havoc for the University library service with water damage to all four libraries. At approximately 2pm on Friday 8th June, muddy water poured into the Technical Services area in the Auchmuty Library. Staff responded quickly, moving library materials above the water which eventually reached a depth of 8 cms.



The lower level of the Huxley Library was completely flooded by approximately 5cms of water and although no library materials were lost, the carpet was damaged beyond repair. Water also entered the Ourimbah Library, covering approximately 70% of the floor surface on the lower level. Over 200 CDs were written off when water flooded through a ceiling at the City Precinct Library.

Library and Facilities Management staff worked throughout the weekend to restore library services as a matter of high priority. Library damage was quickly assessed with a view to restore services as soon as possible.

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Storm Damage cont.

Facilities Management enlisted the services of Munters who specialise in library disaster recovery.

Wet carpet and mud were removed from the Callaghan Libraries and large driers and fans were installed at the Ourimbah Library.

By Sunday, 9th June the City Hub and Information Common was re-opened for students who were eager to study for upcoming examinations. On Monday, the Auchmuty Library was re-opened offering a 24/7 service through the Information Common. The Huxley and Ourimbah Libraries were re-opened on Tuesday with restricted access to some areas due to recovery action.

I wish to thank Facilities Management staff and in particular, my colleagues from the Library who worked under difficult circumstances to restore services at a critical time of the academic year.

Greg Anderson

BONUS Plus



BONUS Plus for Students

Four Victorian University libraries will join the University of Technology, Sydney and the University of Newcastle libraries in sharing resources via the BONUS system.

The new libraries are: the University of Ballarat, the University of Melbourne, Deakin University and Victoria University.

BONUS allows students to simultaneously search the catalogues of participating libraries and then request books online. These are quickly

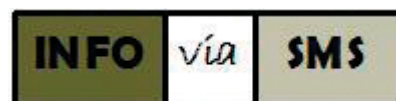
delivered to their own library. Students benefit from a larger pool of available books and the Universities benefit by sharing resources.

Items in high demand at the home library cannot be requested. This means students can always access the resources they need for courses as well as having the advantage of topping up with additional copies and different resources from other universities.

Staff and students at the University of Newcastle are enthusiastic users of the system. Since the beginning of BONUS as a trial in mid 2005, Newcastle staff and students have requested over 8000 books, while library staff have fulfilled more than 3000 requests from other participating libraries.

Four new libraries joining the system means a bigger BONUS and more resources for all. See BONUS online at <http://bonus.newcastle.edu.au>

SMS Info



SMS Information goes 24/7

The Library's SMS information service is now available 24 hours a day.

Since Easter 2007 the Library has been offering staff and students the option to ask questions via SMS – 0429 639 542 – on restricted hours.

The SMS service is intended for quick answer enquiries such as opening hours, what services are available and where to find information on our web pages. It complements our ASAP info service (<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/library/asapinfo/>), the library's Information Desks and the 24x7 service provided at the Auchmuty Information Common.

Alison Rigby, Associate Librarian, Client Services is keen to see how the SMS service will be used by staff and students. "We're always keen to look at ways of using new technology to provide necessary services to the University community."

The SMS service has an information page at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/library/help/sms.html>

Nova Online

Showcasing University Research worldwide and supporting the Research Quality Framework (RQF) and the Research Access Framework (RAF)

NOVA, the University of Newcastle's digital repository is now online. NOVA has been developed and implemented to play a key role in showcasing the research and intellectual output of the university.

The repository will capture, manage, store and expose the University's research to the global research community by providing open access to its resources. In addition, NOVA will also support the upcoming Research Quality Framework (RQF) which is an Australian Government initiative.

Research that is available in the repository will be easily found on the Internet by Google, Google Scholar and other search engines which will provide opportunity for greater exposure. Other benefits include the NOVA has been implemented by the University Library as an initiative in collaboration with Research Services. The University is a partner in the Regional Universities Building Research Infrastructure Collaboratively (RUBRIC) Project which has been funded by DEST to establish institutional repositories in regional and smaller universities, and in support of the Research Accessibility Framework.

NOVA currently holds more than 700 research records including over sixty theses with full-text content. The Library is concentrating on adding full-text content to the repository to ensure its future growth.

In the near future research publication data that has been nominated for the 2008 RQF, and is held in the university's research system, will be migrated to NOVA. The Library will then work towards adding closed access publisher versions of publications and other data as required by the terms of the RQF.

The library will also seek to support the Research Accessibility Framework by providing open access to post-print author versions and maximising exposure via the Internet. A major aim of the Framework is to make publicly funded research publicly available nationally and internationally.

In addition to support for the RQF the Library will assist researchers to deposit their research into the repository. The library will assist with submission of material, providing advice on copyright permissions and assistance with file conversion to appropriate digital formats. NOVA is available from the following URL: <http://nova.newcastle.edu.au>

History Week 17–22 Sept 2007

Cultural Collections, based at the Auchmuty Library, holds thousands of historic photographs from school, industry, home and, of course, the University of Newcastle archives. Our contribution to NSW History Week is an exhibition of some of these wonderful photographs in the foyer outside Cultural Collections and in our reading room. We hope to be able to put names to the faces, with the help of everyone who visits.

The exhibition has already excited a good deal of interest, with folk from the local area, and from overseas, contributing information about the people in the photographs.

Some youthful faces which later became famous have already been identified, and include Justice Michael Kirby, the Hon. John Bannon, later Premier of South Australia, and Sir Geoffrey Robertson, QC. They were spotted in a 1960s photograph of a National Student Representatives conference held in Newcastle.

Everyone is welcome to visit the exhibition, and, if you can't come in person, you can visit online at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/uon/sets/72157600672159851/>



This photo of University of Newcastle's Autonomy Day Parade in 1967 is just one of the photographs on display for History Week 2007.

Huxley Library

Huxley Library has become increasingly busy over the past two years as students needs have changed. Over the Christmas break we relocated the CRMC (Curriculum Resource Media Centre) from the lower level of Huxley library to the main level upstairs. This provided a quiet study and laptop area downstairs with wireless technology. The journal collection was also weeded and relocated downstairs. Benefits include:

- more quiet study area seats and laptop area on lower level
- easier access to CRMC for all students
- group study areas are now available
- staff assistance with CRMC enquiries is more immediate.

We have upgraded our Group Study Rooms as well. HA161B now has a plasma screen. Our other 3 group study rooms now have TV and DVD/video players. Four extra scanners were installed in the labs to ease waiting times for use.

To ensure the Huxley library collection remains up-to-date, relevant and easier to use, all older editions of books were removed from the general shelves. This is an ongoing process which will continue throughout the year.

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New Databases

ACLS Humanities E-Book – an online collection of over 1500 high quality books from 250 publishers in the Humanities. Approximately 300 books are added annually.

Trials

Current Protocols in Stem Biology

Trial available until 31 December 2007

Current Protocols in Stem Cell Biology (CPSC) covers the most fundamental protocols and methods in the rapidly growing field of stem cell biology.

Updated monthly, CPSC will constantly evolve with the latest developments and breakthroughs in the field.

ACS Nano

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ACS Nano is an international forum for the communication of articles on nanoscience and nanotechnology research at the interfaces of chemistry, biology, material science, physics and engineering.

CQ Electronic Library

CQ Electronic Library is a comprehensive reference resource for research in American government, politics, history, public policy and current affairs.

