

## NeW in the Library:

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## A Major Refurbishment to Huxley Library's HC118

Huxley Library's best kept secret - HC118 (the area downstairs under the Curriculum Resources Centre) has been transformed with the help of Library, Infrastructure and Facilities, and Information Technology staff, from a dingy underground bunker into - according to the University Librarian, Mr Greg Anderson, "one of the best spaces in the Library".

A new paint job, a well-designed fit out, refurbished group study spaces and 70 new computers have converted the area into a clean, light-filled space providing plenty of room for group and individual study.

"The area was always full, but it used to look like it was left over from the 1950's," said Huxley Team Leader, Leone Clough. "Now I can't wait to show it to students."



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# NewCat+ An expanded Library catalogue



**For years** students have been asking 'Why can't I search the library catalogue for journal articles and books and eResources all in one go?' Well now you can.

NewCat+, the new Library catalogue, makes it easy to search the majority of the Library's vast resources in one place. A search in NewCat+ incorporates all existing catalogue results as well as a large number of the Library's key subject databases.

## SEARCH TIPS

### Searching the Library Catalogue (NewCat+)

#### How do I search for a book/journal article?

**By keyword:**

Enter search terms about the subject -  
Example: convicts australia

**By author/title:**

Enter the author's surname (if you have it) and keywords from the title - Example: shepherd electricity generation

#### How do I search for a specific phrase?

Putting keywords in quotation marks will retrieve results where words appear as a phrase.

Example: "electricity generation using wind power".

#### How do I narrow down my search results?

Use the menu items on the left of the screen to limit results.

For example, use **Library Catalogue** to see only those results held at the library (books, ebooks, DVDs etc). Use **Journal Articles** to see a list of results for online journal articles.

Limit your results further by choosing **Location, format, publication date** etc.

#### How do I sort by date?

Results are automatically sorted by relevance. Click on **Date** in the **Sorted By** section above the results list to sort by most recent publication date.

#### How do I find my course readings?

Enter your course code (e.g. SOCA1020) to retrieve all resources linked to that course.

#### Where is the Advanced Search?

The Advanced Search link is below the Newcat+ search box on the Library's homepage. It will bring up the Advanced Search window so that you can search in the author, title, keyword and subject fields.

**Short Loans has a new name: Course Reserves**

## SEARCH HELP

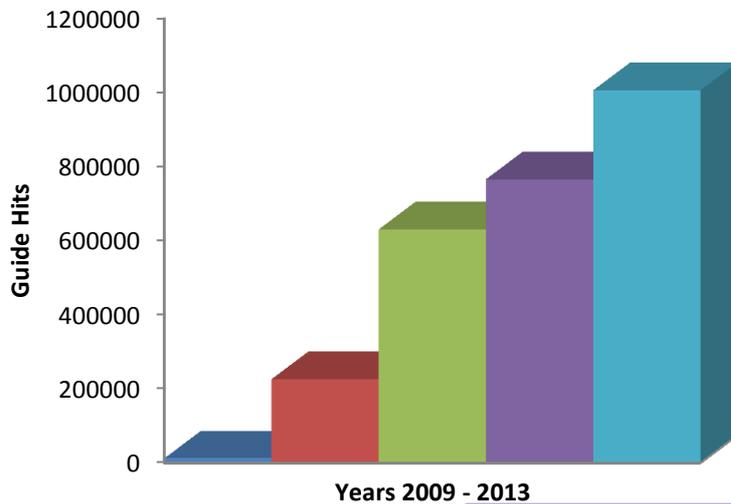
Ask Library staff for more help or visit  
[www.newcastle.edu.au/library/help-and-information](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/library/help-and-information)

# Library Subject Resource Guide usage tops one million hits

The number of times the University Library 'Subject Resource Guides' were accessed in 2013 topped 1 million.

Designed as a "one-stop-shop" to provide easy and quick access to library resources by subject, the guides also emphasise and highlight the large range of online resources available to students and staff of the University.

From humble beginnings in June 2009, the number of guides, the range of subjects and topics covered and the level of usage has grown enormously from 112 guides at the end of 2009 to 191 in 2013. And their popularity continues to grow.

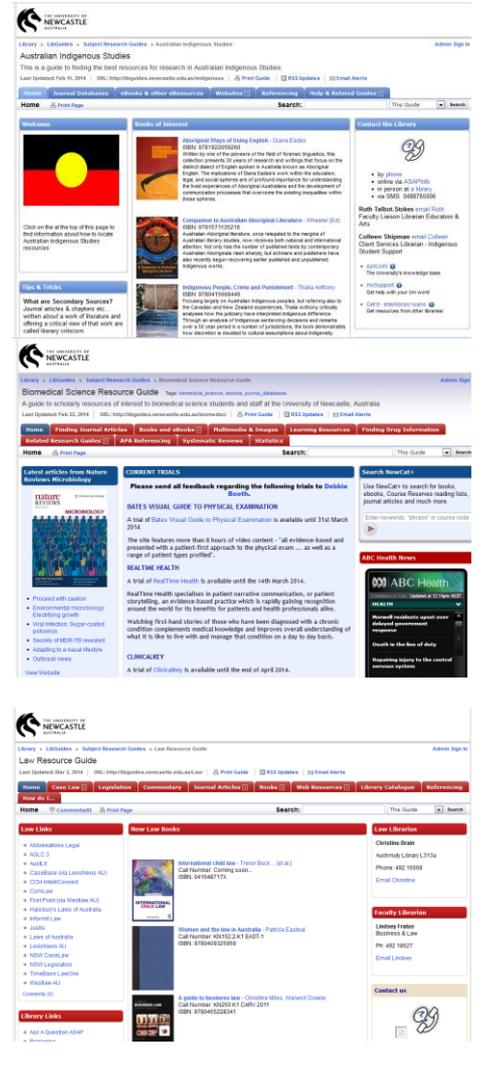
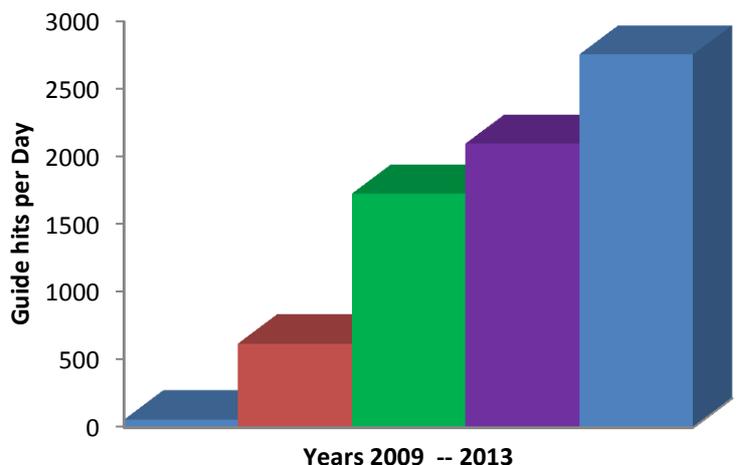


Annual usage has soared from 12,828 in 2009 to 1,006,368 hits in 2013, exceeding **1 Million** for the first time!

Beginning with a mere 60 daily "hits" per guide in 2009, this has grown to 2,757 "hits" per day in 2013 and is still increasing.

Find Guides at:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/library/access/subject-research-guides>



## “Just Accept it! Increasing researcher input into the business of research outputs.”

Library staff, Lisa Ogle and Kai Chen present at the recent VALA conference.

VALA is the largest peer-reviewed library technology conference in Australia.

Kai and Lisa’s paper discusses the recent experience of the University of Newcastle in implementing the NURO research publications management system, using Symplectic Elements software. The new system provides an opportunity to value-add library services for researchers, while meeting the demands from university management for richer publications reporting tools. The paper discusses opportunities for re-engaging researchers in the research publications management process, after many years of the Library doing much of the work on their behalf.

The paper is available at

<http://www.vala.org.au/vala2014-proceedings/vala2014-session-5-ogle>

“By far the best orientation event,” was the way one student summed up Library tours and research classes run as part of the Residential Life Program. The sessions highlighting library services and focussing on the how, what, where and why of research and referencing were conducted in the Auchmuty and Huxley libraries for students from the on campus residences.

Library Staff have been busy with orientation events, beginning in January with tours and classes for Introductory Academic Program International students, and on through trimester and semester orientation sessions, and there is more to come.

If you’re new to the Library and want to get a head start try our New Users web page at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/library/learn/new-users>

There you’ll find information about getting started including links to our Orientation guide and quick-start pamphlet: *5 things to know now*.

Or check out the Library classes and drop in sessions at: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/library/learn/classes>



### Need Help or want to provide feedback?

Contact the Library.

Help is available face-to-face at our Lending and Information desks, and via chat, email and phone.

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/library/help-and-information>

General Inquiries: 4921 5851