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New Services and Facilities

Online reference in real time

Following a successful trial in 2003, the Library's online enquiry service, *Research Help Chat*, will reopen on 22 March with extended hours of operation. *Research Help Chat* allows the librarian and client to text chat back and forth, providing help in real time with finding journal articles and other research resources. The librarian can open web pages on the user's computer and, at the end of the chat session, clients can receive a transcript of the session via email including live links to all web pages visited.

Research Help Chat complements other types of reference services offered by the Library: in-person, telephone and email. It is independent of place and time and has great potential for clients based outside the Library, including staff and students at satellite campuses.

Hours of operation: 8.00am – 12.00 midday and 2.00pm – 3.00pm Monday to Friday during Autumn and Spring sessions. To try the service (available from 22 March), visit: www.library.uow.edu.au/helptraining/askus.html



Research Space for Academic Staff

Would you like to get away from it all and spend time on personal research in a quiet area? A new Library facility for academic staff may be the place for you!

Early in Autumn session, an academic research space will be available on the ground floor of the Library near the Law Collection. Networked computers and comfortable chairs within a dedicated academic area will provide a welcome retreat for University teaching and research staff. More details to follow on email and the Library website.

A reminder that the Collaborative Learning Space (previously known as CODA) is available on the first floor of the Library for work on online teaching and development issues. Teaching staff can use this space with their Library, CEDIR or Learning Development representatives. To book the Collaborative Learning Space, contact your faculty librarian or phone ext. 3548.



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New Electronic Resources

Due to an improved economic climate and successful consortial negotiations by the Council of Australian University Librarians, the Library has greatly increased the number of information resources for 2004. New resources include publisher sets, individual journal titles, electronic reference works and databases.

[Publisher sets – Access from the Databases page on the Library website](#)

Annual Reviews

Access to the entire range of Annual Review titles including anthropology, astronomy, biochemistry, ecology, genetics, medicine, physical chemistry and psychology. Our subscription includes archival access to the entire backset of each title. Browse by individual title or use advanced search to search across the entire collection or within a particular title. Registration at the site allows the individual user to personalise access to view favourite titles only and to receive email alerts.



Cambridge Journals Online

Access to the complete suite of over one hundred Cambridge University Press sciences, social sciences and humanities journals. Browse by individual journal name or search across the entire collection using quick search or advanced search options. Clients can also register to receive articles of interest or table of contents information from their favourite journals.

Kluwer Online

Following a successful trial in 2003, Kluwer Online is now available for 2004. Access to over 700 journals in most disciplines and includes an alerting service for journal table of contents.

Oxford Journals

This publisher set includes some of the world's most highly cited and prestigious journals covering a broad range of subject disciplines. Features include a table of contents alert service.



SpringerLink

A leading publisher of scientific, technical, and medical books and journals, SpringerLink allows the user to customise the Springer homepage with links to their favourite Springer journals and to register for alert services. Following a successful trial in 2003 the Library now provides access to over 500 fully peer reviewed Springer journals.

[Individual Journals – Access from *Find Journal* Titles on the homepage](#)

Science

Online access to the web version of the journal *Science* will enable all our locations to benefit from early access to this prestigious journal. The web version includes additional features such as a daily news service (ScienceNOW) and professional development tools such as ScienceCareers. An email alerting service is also available.



The Library has increased its Nature online subscriptions to include *Nature Biotechnology* (backfile to Volume 17, 1999) and *Nature Materials* (backfile to Volume 1, 2002). Benefits of the online version include access to Advance Online Publication

(research papers brought to you ahead of print publication), searching across the online content of the journal and registration for email alert services.



EMBO Journal and EMBO Reports published by European Molecular Biology Organization provide access to research papers and reports on molecular biology and related areas (backfile access to Volume 16, 1997 for EMBO Journal and Volume 1, 2000 for EMBO Reports).

Electronic Reference Works – access from the Catalogue

Encyclopedia of Desalination and Water Resources

An extensive work covering the science, technology, methodologies, experience and management of this diverse and important subject. Science and engineering students and staff will welcome the addition of this important resource available by title search on the Library's Catalogue.

Oxford Reference Online Premium

The Library's subscription to Oxford Reference Online has been upgraded to the Premium Collection giving clients access to more detailed information from a broad range of titles in the *Oxford Companions Series*. The *Oxford Companion to Australian History* and the *Oxford Companion to the Earth* are among titles available. Oxford Reference Online brings together a broad range of reference works in a single cross-searchable resource. The Core Collection contains approximately 100 dictionary, language reference and subject reference works.



Encyclopedia of Nanoscience & Nanotechnology (expected early 2004)

The world's first encyclopedia in this area provides an ideal introduction and overview of recent advances and emerging new aspects of nanoscience and nanotechnology. Written for a broad audience, it allows non-scientists to understand nanotechnology while providing up-to-date information to active scientists and research experts in the field.



Other electronic reference works

Access other reference works electronically by using the Title search on the Catalogue:

Encyclopedia of Life Sciences (from Nature)

Encyclopedia of Materials: Science and Technology (from Elsevier)

Encyclopaedia Britannica Online

New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians

Grove Dictionary of Art

More Database News

Factiva replaces Lexis Nexis

Factiva, an interdisciplinary news, current affairs and research database, has replaced the Library's subscription to Lexis Nexis. Factiva provides access to nearly 8000 publications, including local and international newspapers, newswires, magazines and journal sources. On screen help is available by following the SUPPORT link. Factiva requires the use of Microsoft Internet Explorer.



Econlit moves to Ovid

Undergraduate students can now access Econlit following a new subscription via the Ovid platform. The Library previously provided access via FirstSearch to postgraduates and academic staff only. EconLit is produced by the American Economic Association and indexes and abstracts the contents of over 500 journals as well as essays, research papers, books, dissertations, book reviews, and working papers.

Biosis Previews – upgrade of Biological Abstracts

It is now possible to access original research reports and reviews in biological and biomedical areas following an upgrade of the Library's Biological Abstracts subscription to Biosis Previews. Available on the Ovid platform, Biosis Previews includes the contents of Biological Abstracts (1969 +), Biological Abstracts/RRM (1980 +) and BioResearch Index (1969 to 1979).

Besides traditional areas of biology, the database covers related and interdisciplinary fields such as biomedical, agriculture, pharmacology, ecology, medicine, biochemistry, biophysics, bioengineering and biotechnology. Citations are taken from more than 5,000 international journals as well as conference and meeting reports, books and patents.

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Library website under review

Work on revising and rebuilding the Library website using the University's new colour scheme, layout and navigation templates is continuing. Following the launch of the Library's new homepage at the end of 2003, changes to the site will continue to be introduced as subpages are altered to fit the look of the homepage.

The Library has taken the opportunity to enhance the site's usability and friendliness by introducing changes based on feedback you have given us. If you have difficulty in finding any of our pages while redesign is under way, please use the Site Search function or contact us for help. We appreciate your patience and feedback.

New online learning resources — * Finding Journal Articles * Legal Research

Two new web resources to assist staff and students with finding journal articles and conducting legal research are the latest online tutorials to have been developed by Library staff.

Finding Journal Articles is a valuable addition to the Library's popular and expanding suite of online tutorials and was developed by Beth Peisley, Irene Mar and Chris Brewer. It is a self-paced learning alternative to the face-to-face workshop of the same name. The tutorial covers strategies for planning and searching databases and ways to determine whether a journal is academic or scholarly. The tutorial can be accessed at: www.library.uow.edu.au/helptraining/tutorials/fja/

Legal Research: an introduction was written and developed by staff from Information and Research Services with production support from CEDIR.

View the full range of online tutorials by visiting: www.library.uow.edu.au/helptraining/tutorials/index.html

For details of the Library's range of face-to-face workshops, pick up a brochure from the Library or go to: www.library.uow.edu.au/helptraining/workshops/index.html.

By recommending this tutorial to students, academic staff will find that their students really can tell a scholarly journal from a popular one and understand the concept of refereed and peer reviewed!



The Great Australian Stroll - \$43,000 raised

Rodney Horan has managed to raise \$43,000 for cancer research after walking across Australia. Leaving behind his Lending Services position in July to go on the road, Rodney took 166 days and 4,350 kilometres to achieve the walk, one of his personal goals since childhood. With the support of sponsors, Rodney flew to Perth to begin his trek, returning to Wollongong in December proud of his work in improving awareness of cancer research. The \$43,000 has been raised for the David Morris Liver Cancer Fund and was boosted by a \$2,000 contribution from the University of Wollongong as well as several gifts from Library teams and individual staff.



Rodney is now settling back to life at work and the comforts of living within four walls. Commenting on what he had learned from the experience, he said, "I feel that there's nothing you cannot do, it's a matter of whether you're prepared to make the sacrifices to reach your goals".

Rodney walked his way through six pairs of shoes and averaged 28.5 kilometres per day. The longest distance he covered in one day was a huge 69 kilometres between Iron Knob and Port Augusta.

"The money raised by Rod Horan's inspiring walk across Australia ensures that Professor Morris and his researchers can continue to enhance the quality of the lives of people with cancer".

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