LIBRARY news

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA LIBRARY

CygNET Online for the 21st Century

CygNET Online 5, a new version of the Library's website, was launched in January. The new changes represent a total rethink of the way our clients seek information electronically. After a complex review of CygNET Online 4 the new site is more flexible and easier to use, and caters well for the needs of our diverse client base.

The first thing you'll notice is the new look. iNature, a local internet design company, was engaged to develop a new graphical interface. We have achieved a balance between the sometimes mutually opposing goals of retaining a simple, uncluttered interface and the desire to include everyone's most often used resources.

Navigation is streamlined by focussing on four main areas:

- Find information
- Library services
- About the UWA Library
- Develop information skills

Frequently used resources are listed on the homepage within these groups, while all other actions are just a mouse-click away beneath the "More Options" buttons.

Why not send us your feedback? We'd welcome it! Use the feedback link on the bottom of every CygNET Online web page.

"It's an excellent system — user friendly, intuitive, and responsive. This is a professional site that, in my opinion, overshadows most other library web sites, including Harvard, Toronto, U.Pennsylvania that I have used over the past year."
Prof. Steven McShane, Graduate School of Management.

New Resources:

Information toolbox .....

facilitates client access to electronic resources, including online databases and electronic journals. Information toolbox is a limited and introductory selection of resources which can be searched using a variety of methods. All WebSPIRS, Firstsearch and Ovid databases such as Current Contents, can be found here, along with newer resources such as ScienceDirect and IEEE Xplore. Of course, if you know the name of the resource you need, try a title search in the Library catalogue to connect to the site.

MyCygNET .....

takes the tedium out of connecting to frequently used resources by allowing you to bookmark sites and retrieve them through your own MyCygNET account from any computer in the world!

EZProxy .....

simplifies remote access to restricted resources by use of an authentication system that intercepts connections from outside the UWA network. EZProxy requests and verifies details, allowing legitimate use by UWA staff or students.

Inside this issue:

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Hyperlinks to journal texts: a collaborative initiative

CompendexWeb, the major Engineering index, provides links from the article citation to the article text in ScienceDirect and the Institute of Physics journals via crossref.

http://www.crossref.org

ScienceDirect provides links in the bibliography of the articles to the citations from Inspec and Compendex.

http://www.sciencedirect.com

IEEE Xplore links to the full text of some 100,000 articles from the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers via ScienceDirect.

http://www.ieee.org/ieeexplore

Proquest 5000 No longer is Proquest merely a business database. Now there are more than 7,000 titles, some 3,500 in full text which combine international, national and regional newspapers and periodicals to make a core collection covering many subject areas.

Proquest now includes:

- ABI/Inform Global
- Academic Research Library
- ProQuest Computing
- ProQuest Medical Library
- Religious Periodicals
- Social Science Plus (previously Wilson's)

Global market information database (GMID) Contains detailed market size data, country marketing information, marketing forecasts, brand and company information, business information sources, marketing profiles, and full text market analysis on 100 Euromonitor market research reports. This is a unique resource for international marketing.

Business Source Elite This is now the only place where you can get the full text of Harvard Business Review online.

The site provides full text for over 1,000 journals covering business, management, economics, finance, banking, accounting, and abstracting for nearly 1,700 journals in the area of business. Access is also available to over 1.4 million company records from Dun & Bradstreet.

New Grove Dictionary Online

The electronic version of the latest edition of the New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians is now available on CygNET Online.

It combines the best single source of musical information in English with all the convenience associated with a fully searchable electronic version. There are almost 30,000 articles and links to illustrations and related articles contained within the dictionary, as well as sound links and links to external sites. Coverage has also been expanded from earlier editions to include contemporary popular genres. Quarterly updates will be issued so that new information, obituaries, and new external links etc. can be added.

http://www.grovemusic.com/grovemusic/home/index.html

Electronic access to Australia's research

Shirley Oakley, the Library's Associate Librarian for Corporate Services, has recently been appointed to a high-level working group instigated by the AVCC. The aim is to establish a pilot program to create a distributed digital pre- and post-print repository of Australia's research output.

This group will look at how access can be provided to digital research publications, how intellectual property might be managed, and will examine the technical issues involved in setting up a pilot project. In the long run such developments could encourage change in the scholarly information industry by challenging the nexus between the dissemination of research findings and commercial publishing.

These issues are of critical significance to UWA.

The group is due to report in June this year, and we await its conclusions with great interest.

For FIZ read MPSL

FIZ is now MPSL.

The location FIZ in the Library Catalogue has been changed to MPSL: the Mathematics and Physical Sciences Library.

The email for general MPSL enquires is now:

mpsl@library.uwa.edu.au

In celebration of the new millenium, Library staff gathered together for a photograph. As you can see, there are a few more of us now than there were in the staff photograph taken in 1950 (above)

Friends of the Library

18 April:	John Rose, *A fortunate life*
16 May:	Prof David Tunley, *Muskets and magic: the impact of four revolutions and a war on 19th century musical life in Paris*
20 June:	Leslie Marchant, *Blue gums in fields of red*
11 July:	To be confirmed
1 August:	French salon - musical evening and catered supper (to be confirmed)
15 August:	Dr Viv Forbes, *Perceptions and misconceptions as portrayed on 19th century cartography: some examples from Australia and Southern Africa*
19 Sept:	Peter Morgan, *Contemporary European literature*
Oct:	To be confirmed
21 Nov:	Christmas party

Do you know the way to ...

You will now! We have replaced all the signs in Scholars' Centre, Business Library and EDFAA. The signs are simple, easy to read and fewer. We've used common terminology and a consistent style, with international symbols to assist overseas clients.

White letters on a matte background contrast with the surrounds and compliment existing colours. Red, blue, green and black are popular and have proved effective in other libraries, hospitals and airports.

Staff endeavours

The Library congratulates:

Carol Newton-Smith completed her Research masters (M Comm) through the GSM.

Her thesis title: The personal information management behaviour of academics: implications for librarians' support.

Dr Peter Limb has taken up a position as African Studies Bibliographer, Michigan State University.

Peter Sauvage won the Rose and Cecil Owen Bequest for the Best Student in second year units in Classics and Ancient History for 2000.

Conflict and cooperation in managing maritime space in semi-enclosed seas.
(ISBN 9971-69-243-0)

A new book by Dr Vivian Forbes, the Map Librarian, is currently being published by Singapore University Press. The manuscript is a revised and updated version of Viv's 1997 doctoral thesis. The volume is illustrated with 49 maps.

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Building the Medical Library

The new Medical Library is part of a complex under construction on Monash Avenue, scheduled for completion later this year.

The combined Medical and Dental Library will greatly increase the number of study spaces currently available, including desks wired to facilitate the use of the students' own computers.

There will be a large reserve reading area, seminar room and a 16 seat library training facility.

Mobile compact shelving will allow for journals and books to return from offsite storage to the main collection.

Anne Batt, Medical Librarian, on site at the new Medical Library.
Architects: Hames Sharley. Builders: BGC

Weblaw online

The University of Western Australia Law Library is contributing to WebLaw, a subject gateway of internet resources for Australian legal researchers.

Penny Jones, Law Reference Librarian, has prepared the resource material for the subject areas of 'Law of the Sea' and 'Property Law'.

The WebLaw project received a REIFP (Research Equipment and Infrastructure Facilities Program) grant for 2001. These funds will facilitate further development of the national database, provision of a search engine, and employment of a Web Development Coordinator.

WebLaw can be viewed at:
http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/links/weblaw.html