



Reid Re-furbished

a new library service for The University



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alan Robson, opening the Reid refurbishments

A major re-furbishment of the Reid Library building has been undertaken by the University Library in response to student needs. Alan Robson, Vice-Chancellor, officially opened the re-furbishments at a ceremony on 15 March. In his address, the Vice-Chancellor praised the new facilities. He emphasised that the changes support the University's aim to continually improve the quality of the student experience.

Natalie Mast, President of the Postgraduate Student Association, representing the student body, spoke warmly of the "world class facilities". Natalie was particularly impressed with the Reid



Natalie Mast, President of Postgraduate Student Association; John Arfield, University Librarian; Alan Robson, Vice-Chancellor; and Natalie Hepburn, Guild President

Information Centre and the ease of access to the Student Internet Support Office (SISO).

John Arfield, University Librarian, proudly presided over the opening and took the opportunity to thank everyone who had collaborated to make the Reid Library building more welcoming.



The new Inquiry Desk

John said that throughout the planning and renovation the aim was to provide student-focused facilities and services, whilst enhancing the effective use of technology for learning and research. He detailed the improvements which create:

Access to high quality facilities:

- ✓ A more open and welcoming entrance.
- ✓ New areas for individual and group learning, including spacious computer desks for collaborative work.
- ✓ Pleasant reading areas for new books, journals and newspapers with a scenic view of the James Oval.
- ✓ Improvements in access for readers with disabilities, such as appropriately designed service points, improved lift access and new toilet facilities.
- ✓ An improved audiovisual viewing area.
- ✓ A re-designed Copying Services and Library Administration service point.
- ✓ Enhanced standards of safety, including enclosed stairwells and ergonomic work areas.

PCI full text

This database provides online access to the back files of over 300 journals in the humanities and social sciences. It is an important addition to the PCI service which offers indexing for approximately 4,700 journals. Coverage is up to 1995 for most titles.

Access to *PCI full text* is either via UWA Library catalogue or through the Information Toolbox via CygNET Online:
<http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/go.asp?id=22826>

Ei Village Compendex backfile collections and Referex ebook collection

UWA staff and students now have extended search access across all Engineering Index records from 1884 onwards.

Also on the Ei Village platform, UWA staff and students have access to the new full-text e-book collection, Ei Referex Engineering. It is a fully searchable specialised electronic reference product containing over 300 premium engineering titles, arranged into three collections:

- Chemical, Petrochemical and process
- Mechanical and Materials
- Electronics and Electrical

Access to *Ei Referex Engineering* is either via UWA Library catalogue or through the Information Toolbox via CygNET Online:
<http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/toolbox/view.asp>

ScienceDirect backfile collections

UWA staff and students now have extended full text access to ScienceDirect content with complete back access to over 770 titles, meaning online access right back to volume 1. The Library has purchased the following backfile collections:

- Agricultural & Biological Sciences
- Business, Management & Accounting
- Earth & Planetary Sciences
- Engineering & Technology
- Medicine & Dentistry
- Psychology

Access to the various backfiles is either via *ScienceDirect* in the UWA Library catalogue or through the Information Toolbox via CygNET Online:
<http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/go.asp?id=2500>

Education Full Text

This respected WilsonWeb database covers 475 journals in the field of Education from 1983 onwards. Full text is available for approximately 150 journals from 1994.

Access to *Education Full Text* is either via UWA Library catalogue or through the Information Toolbox via CygNET Online:
<http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/go.asp?id=24266>

A+ Education

This unique resource provides full text access to approximately 125 Australian journals from the year 2000. The database includes the Australian Education Index which covers 700 titles back to 1978. In addition to journal articles, coverage includes monographs, research reports, theses, conference papers, legislation, parliamentary debates, newspaper articles, tests and the Web.

Access to *A+ Education* is either via UWA Library catalogue or through the Information Toolbox via CygNET Online:
<http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/go.asp?id=20418&sid=1>

JSTOR - Arts & Sciences Collection III, IV and Complement

These new collections will add approximately 260 titles to the ever growing number of journals available online in JSTOR:

- Arts & Sciences Collection III focuses on art and humanities.
- Arts & Sciences Collection IV focuses on law, psychology, public policy and administration.
- Arts & Sciences Complement Collection aims to capture journals that cross discipline boundaries.-

Access to the various collections is via *JSTOR* in the UWA Library catalogue or through the Information Toolbox via CygNET Online:
<http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/go.asp?id=5464>

PsycArticles

This valuable collection of full-text articles from journals published by the American Psychological Association and related publishers is available via *ScienceDirect*.

Access to *PsycArticles* is either via *ScienceDirect* in the UWA Library catalogue or through the Information Toolbox via CygNET Online:
<http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/go.asp?id=2500>

Justis for the Law Library

Justis is an electronic version of the English Reports that includes the full text of all the important English case reports from 1220 to 1873.

These early cases played an important role in formulating the basis of common law as we know it today and are relied upon to enforce laws or pronounce legal judgements worldwide by lawyers and academics.

With over 100,000 cases available in full-text, students now have 24/7 access to the original printed version in PDF format. Library readers will appreciate the convenience of the online version when they realise that locating a case this old in print involves a visit to the library, the use of two indexes, a wall chart and finding the correct volume of the Reports!

For further information about access to *Justis* contact the Law Library Reference Librarians:
law-ref@library.uwa.edu.au

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Access to experts:

The **Reid Information Centre** was developed in partnership with University Communications Services to provide integrated learning support.



Reid Information Centre

Library staff provide reference services, teach information literacy, and offer assistance with software applications.

The Student Information Support Office has been relocated to the Reid Information Centre to offer computing support services from a highly visible service area.

Access to high quality information and study tools:

- ✓ 82 CygNET PCs are now available on the first floor, allowing easier access to the Library's extensive range of electronic resources, including Course Materials Online, the Internet, email, and University information.
- ✓ Application software is loaded on these computers to support student study, including Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Publisher and EndNote.
- ✓ Laser printers, a colour printer, and a scanner have been installed.
- ✓ Students can use USB storage devices.
- ✓ Lockers for the storage of their laptop computers are available on the ground floor.

Access to skills development opportunities:

- ✓ A new training room with state-of-the-art facilities was created for our expanding information skills programme.
- ✓ Students who want to develop their Library research skills can do so through individual, group or self paced instruction.



Mauve eye for the library guy

A mix-up in communication during the Reid re-development resulted in an unexpected outcome. A request was made that the male toilets on the ground floor be painted Orchard Haze (off-white). When the paint job was finished the site supervisor expressed amazement that we would have chosen mauve for the male toilets. It seems that someone thought that 'orchard' was spelt 'orchid'!

Libraries Australia - unlocking Australia's library collections

Libraries Australia is a national database of material held in Australian libraries. All the major Australian academic libraries, State Libraries, government departmental libraries and research libraries (such as the CSIRO) contribute their holdings to this unique database. Many public libraries have also contributed. Users have a choice of a simple Google-like search interface or more advanced search options.

Access for UWA staff and students is via *Search catalogues at other libraries* on the CygNET home page or directly via: <http://eserv.library.uwa.edu.au/go.asp?ID=23786>

Log in, Log off & Log out!

Storage devices

In response to student demand for improved online facilities the Library has upgraded its CygNET PCs to enable the use of high-capacity storage devices, such as USB drives. At the same time we have updated the range of applications software, including Word, Excel, Publisher, Powerpoint, EndNote7 and SciFinder Scholar.

Authentication

This new ability to use high-capacity storage devices carries with it increased risks of copyright infringement and of large uncontrolled internet traffic costs. In order to manage these risks we have introduced the requirement that all readers must authenticate by logging on to CygNET machines. This brings us into line with the recommendations in the AVCC's paper *Content, university IT systems and the internet*.

Once authenticated University staff have unlimited access to the internet.

University students have unlimited access to material which has been identified as being appropriate for teaching, learning, research and community service. These 'sponsored sites' include all sites available through the Library catalogue, the CygNET Information Toolbox, the Library's Course Materials Online service, all government and education domains, and links on other CygNET web pages.

Students who wish to access other sites must first activate their full UCS internet access account. Use of such sites will draw upon students' University-subsidised internet quota and the normal University net usage guidelines will apply.

Georgiana Ananda retires

Georgiana Ananda, Reader Services Supervisor in the Medical & Dental Library, recently retired after working in the Library for the last 10 years. After a 6 month stint at ECU Mt Lawley, Georgiana began work in the Law Library, moved to HSS, and became the supervisor in Med & Dent in 1995.

The move to the new Medical and Dental Library was a high point in Georgiana's career, as it made "a lovely change to the old Medical Library building".

Georgiana said she looks forward to doing "the many things I didn't have the time, or felt too tired, to do when I was working full-time; coffee mornings, meeting with friends, taking short trips to see the sights of WA, and more travel overseas in the near future".



Georgiana takes with her our thanks and very best wishes for the future.

Courtesy notices via email - information for staff

We send out courtesy notices to all readers via email 2 days before items are due back to remind you to renew your loans or to return items on time. If you have a 3 day loan item you will be notified the day before it should be returned. You will also be notified if your recalled request has been cancelled. Although not a frequent occurrence it can happen, for example, when a book is required for the reserve collection.

How do you, as a staff member, get Library notices sent by email?

The courtesy notices are sent **only** by email. To receive them, staff must have an email address on their record in the Library database.

Now this is where it can be a little confusing.

You may be using email to communicate with colleagues and receive general University notices, but your Library record may not have an email address attached to it. You will need to have an email address on your Human Resources record to receive courtesy notices from us. Unfortunately the Library can't do this for you. To add or change your email address, access the Human Resources employee web self serve function:

http://www.hr.uwa.edu.au/hr/user_support/applications2/web_self_service

If you are not sure if your Library record has an email address, and you want to ensure that you receive all Library notices, just contact your Subject Library staff who will be happy to provide you with the information:

<http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/contact>

and so does Maureen McAllister!

Maureen McAllister, Reader Services Supervisor in the Biological Sciences Library, began her UWA career in March 1986 working part time in the Medical Library. Thus began a varied career in the Library with experience gained in the FAASC Library, where the collections eventually become EDFAA and the Scholars' Centre. She later moved to Serials, Administration and the Zoology Library. Maureen moved back 'over the road' when the zoology collection was absorbed by the new Biol Library in 1993.

Maureen began her library career at the South Hedland public library whilst enrolled in the library technician's course run through Hedland College. She said the highlights of her career have been graduating as a mature age student and working at UWA "where innovative changes are constantly being made".

When asked about retirement, Maureen replied that she is looking forward to more time for reading, gardening and travel, as well as her volunteer work with the Leprosy Mission. The best thing, however, will be "not setting my alarm clock each morning!"

Maureen retires at the end of April and takes with her our thanks and very best wishes for the future.



Friends of the Library - forthcoming events

- 13 April: David Hawkes talking on *The golden age of radio*
- 11 May: Bill Dickenson talking on *Bhutan or the preservation of a culture*
- 15 June: Michael Crouch talking on *T A G Hungerford: a biography*
- 13 July: Des Gurry talking on *The childhood of Kaiser Wilhelm II: from a paediatrician's perspective*
- 10 Aug: Peter Burgis talking on *A time of waste or a waste of time*
- 14 Sept: Fiona Crowe talking on *Forensic archaeology*
- 12 Oct: Monica Anderson talking on *19th century women travellers*
- TBA: Christmas party

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