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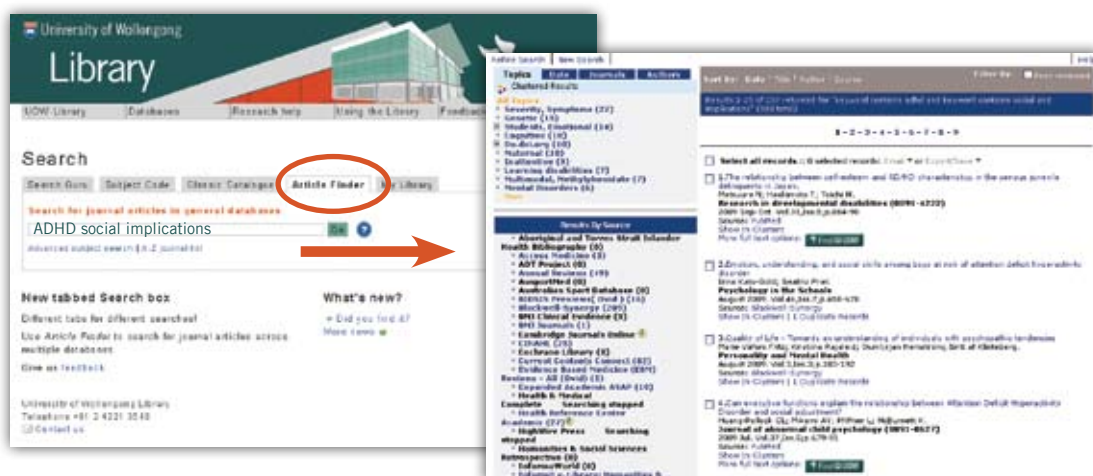# NEWS@LIBRARY

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Article Finder: Search multiple databases simultaneously

With nearly 350 databases and more than 60,000 journals titles to browse, knowing where to start your research can be challenging. The Library's new search engine Article Finder, allows clients to search across a wide range of databases using a simple interface. Over 60 databases have been profiled and categorised into discipline collections. Clients can search across all the databases, by discipline or by selected databases, offering more comprehensive search results.

A significant advantage of Article Finder is that it allows clients to search, retrieve and export records from a single platform.

Accessing Article Finder is easy – go to the Search page or click on the *Databases: journal articles and more* link on the Library homepage

Extended hours for exams

Opening hours were extended on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Weeks 12, 13, Recess and Exam Week 1 in Autumn Session, in response to feedback received in the 2008 Client Survey. The Library was open an additional four hours on Friday evenings and an additional hour on weekend afternoons. Usage data shows clients took advantage of the extended hours, and feedback was positive. Following the success of the trial, similar extended hours will be offered in Spring Session.

Finding the full-text

Sometimes the databases you use may not have access to the full-text of a journal, but another database does. The Library has implemented software that provides a link from a citation you have found in one database, to the full-text version available in another database.

Simply click   Find @ UOW

Library

www.library.uow.edu.au

Do you read me? Loud and clear

A new radio system is being used to improve responsiveness to requests for help, such as:

> Connecting to the wireless network
> Technology trouble-shooting
> Finding resources on the shelves

Staff working on all levels of the Library are connected by a two-way communication system making it easier than ever to find the right person to offer assistance at point of need.

At the Information Desk

Shelver locates a missing item reported at the Information Desk

At the Loans Desk

IT Rover helps student set up Wireless

Research Online reaches 1 million downloads

http://ro.uow.edu.au/

The Emerging Ethics of Humancentric GPS Tracking and Monitoring, a 2006 conference paper by Informatics academics Katina Michael, A. McNamee and M.G. Michael was the 1 millionth item to be downloaded from Research Online since the site went live in January 2006.

This landmark reveals the outstanding success of RO in facilitating access to the university's research output.

Research Online can also host and archive conferences. This feature allows posting of full conference programs, plus the attachment of AV files and proceedings.

The "Ditto" - Images in Print exhibition, featuring staff from the Faculty of Creative Arts, has recently been added to RO. This is the first extensive use of the image galleries feature. **http://ro.uow.edu.au/ditto/**

Over 800 Masters and PhD research theses dating from 1982 are now available on RO as part of the Library's digitisation initiative. **http://ro.uow.edu.au/theses/**

Open Access Week: 19-23 October

The global movement toward Open Access of scholarly research output will be highlighted at the University

during this week. Open access journals, the role of digital repositories and archives, and author copyright retention will be the focus of activities. Check the Library website for more information.

STAFF PROFILE: LISA MCINTOSH

Associate Librarian, Resources
I have been at UOW for 6 months. I have been working in academic libraries for over 12 years, most recently as the Manager for Electronic Resources at UWS. I also worked in medical and public libraries prior to starting in the higher education sector.

In the Library, I am responsible for the overall provision of all information resources including books, journals and databases, access to online course readings as well as the University's research repository, Research Online.

I want to make it as easy as possible for students to find quality information. Instigating the adoption of some easy-to-use digital search tools was a big achievement. Students have access to an incredible amount of information now, the implementation of Article Finder and Search Guru has hopefully made it much easier to discover the information they need.

I really enjoy interacting with a diverse range of people in my job. Staff, researchers and publishers make each day interesting.

My biggest challenge this year is ensuring we continue to meet our clients' information needs in the current economic climate; given that the majority of our resources are sourced from international suppliers and publishers.

Making people aware of the extent of resources the Library provides is also a big challenge.

I would struggle to keep up to date without my RSS feeds. They deliver information according to my specific search criteria that I wouldn't have time to look at otherwise. They save me so much time and cover a wide range of topics.

Right now I'm reading The Slap by Christos Tsiolkas. I watch anything that is on ABC2 and I find United States of Tara very funny.

Since moving to Wollongong I have been working on my photography, taking some brilliant shots of the beautiful beaches in the area.

If I had unlimited budget and resources, there are a few things I would change. I would invest in virtual "new resource screens" so that our clients could easily browse newly purchased items and journal issues. I would also keep the Library open 24 hours a day, and build a new level so that I could put in more desks and computers for our students to use.

IMPROVED ACCESS THROUGH DIGITISATION

Using the University's print publications and archival material generally requires a visit to the Wollongong Campus Library to request and view a volume placing unnecessary restrictions on items in terms of exposure and discoverability. To overcome these obstacles, a large scale digitisation program has commenced. The initial focus is on frequently requested materials and resources used for assignments.

Four sets of publications have already been digitised and are available on the Library's website:

> UOW Calendars/Handbooks (from 1965)
> UOW Annual Reports (from 1975)
> UOW Research Reports (from 1962)
> UOW Statistics (from 1975).

Available soon:
> UOW Graduate Gazette (1983 – 2001)
> Wollongong Teachers College/Institute of Education Calendars (1963 – 1984)

Locating and reading the digitised collections is simply a matter of selecting the required links from the Digital Archives webpage (www.library.uow.edu.au > Information about > UOW libraries > Digital Archive) or viewing results from searching the Classic Catalogue. Other Archival material suitable for digitisation is being identified, such as manuscripts and sound recordings.

Since 2002, theses have been received in an electronic format and loaded into a database called the Australasian Digital Theses Program (ADT). A recent transfer of digital UOW theses from Australian Digital Theses (ADT) database to Research Online means that all UOW theses will now be available in the one online location, retrievable using any internet search engine.

A project targeting the retrospective digitisation of UOW print theses received before 2002 is underway.

Above: CAVAL's Kirtas 2400 Book Scanner

Greetings from Wollongong

An award winning dramatised documentary *Greetings from Wollongong* (1982) has been added to the collection in DVD format. To source this important local addition to the Library collection, staff worked with a specialist library supplier, as well as Mary Callaghan the director, to receive permission to replicate the original 35mm film held in the National Film and Sound Archive. The film captures a day in the life of four unemployed adolescents in the *steel city*.

Vice-Chancellors Awards

Beth Peisley, Faculty Librarian for the Faculty of Science received a Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service for General Staff for her work in coordinating the implementation of the improved Resources for Assignments pages using a new web 2.0 content management and library knowledge sharing system. The system allows staff to use sophisticated web tools to make targeted information available to clients.

Pictured: Beth Peisley (centre) with Jen Lyons, Jeanetta Kettle, Alison Pepper, Lesley Smith, Bernie Carr, Susan Jones, Lynda Cooper and Helen Mandl

Think Tank: Global Economic Crisis

In August, Lisa McIntosh, Associate Librarian Resources attended a Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) Industry Think Tank, organised around the theme of **"Global Economic Crisis: Library Consortia, Publishers and Content Providers Working Together"**.

The two day event was held to discuss perceptions of, and reactions to, the global economic crisis, and share publishers and libraries' forward thinking on effective strategies for the next three years. The main area of focus was the Australian environment and the forces driving universities and authors to seek alternate publishing and distribution models, including adopting open access models of disseminating research outputs.

Attendees included Library Directors from Australian and New Zealand, representatives from major publishers, academics, and Higher Education bodies such as CAUDIT and Universities Australia.

Associate Librarian attends esteemed leadership program

From its beginnings in 2000, the Frye Leadership Institute, based in the United States and sponsored by EDUCAUSE, CLIR (Council on Library and Information Resources) and Emory University, has sought to provide a challenging professional program targeting the next generation of higher education leaders emerging from IT and library backgrounds. Margie Jantti, Associate Librarian Planning and Human Resources, is now an alumnus of the 2009 class.

Margie Jantti, Associate Librarian, Planning and Human Resources

The Frye Leadership Institute was selected for its recognition as a pinnacle professional program focussing on developing effective leadership and management of professional units in a global higher education setting. Participation in the Institute afforded considerable insight to the challenges and opportunities faced by executive leaders within the contemporary higher education sector, as well as providing personal strategies for networking, communicating effectively with diverse communities, understanding academic values and building strong relationships with key decision makers.

Upcoming exhibitions

9 September – 18 September	Uberveillance: Reinventing the Shadow	Faculty of Informatics
26 September – 3 October	Voices of Children Exhibition: India	Faculty of Education
19 October – 30 October	Digital Natives	Faculty of Creative Arts

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