Library Newsletter
4 Local Students

hot off the press

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Welcome to Trimester 2, 2013!

We’re on facebook!

The UNE Library has launched its very own facebook page. ‘Like’ our page to keep up to date with important information for local students, including news on borrowing, services, events, resources, tips from our Librarians, competitions and much more!

https://www.facebook.com/pages/UNE-Library/323948707697244

Students living with a disability

The Library’s policy is to offer equitable access for all students. We provide services appropriate to the needs of students who have permanent or temporary disabilities and/or health conditions.

For more information please contact the Library’s Disability Contact Officer. Contact details can be found on the library website.

Your online library account

Log into your Online Library Account from the Renew your loans icon on the library home page to renew your loans. You can also check to make sure we have received your returns and see the items we have recalled for you.
WHAT’S ON?

**Library classes**

**Endnote (2 hrs)**

EndNote enables you to organise the references you have used for your research into your own library. This class covers basic EndNote skills and is split into two parts.

Part 1 shows you how to create a library, enter new references, download references from online databases and sort your library.

Part 2 teaches you how to create bibliographies and to insert citations into your documents using different referencing styles.

*Please note, EndNote software is free for higher degree, postgraduate and honours students.*

**Dates:**

- **Monday, 19 August,** 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM
- **Tuesday, 27 August,** 10.00 AM to 12 noon
- **Thursday, 19 September,** 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM
- **Wednesday, 16 October,** 9.00 AM to 11.00 AM
- **Friday, 29 November,** 1.00 PM to 3.00 PM

You’ll benefit most by attending the class. For a refresher, or if you are unable to join us, try the [EndNote class handout](#), UNE’s [EndNote FAQs](#), or the [EndNote website training videos](#) (in Windows Media Player or MP4 format).

Click [here](#) to book!

Click [here](#) for more information on Endnote.

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**Exhibitions**

**UNE: Celebrating 75 Years of Excellence (opened 4 April 2013)**

The University of New England is the first regional university in Australia. Established in 1938 as a college of the University of Sydney it gained autonomy in 1954. This exhibition will look at the early years of the New England University College through photographs and documents, objects and stories.

**Dates:**

- **Wednesday, 24 July,** 1.30 PM to 3.00 PM
- **Thursday, 29 August,** 3.00PM to 4.30 PM
- **Friday, 20 September,** 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM
- **Wednesday, 6 November,** 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM

Can’t come to the class? Here’s the class handout and Guide to identifying academic journals.

Click [here](#) to book!
Opening hours

Click each link below to view the current library opening hours.

Dixson Library
Law Library

More computer workstations

You asked and we listened! Four new desks with computer workstations have been added on the second floor of Dixson Library, along with another MFD.

Where can I study?

The Dixson Library has a range of custom-designed spaces for group learning and individual study. These include:

- Group study rooms*
- Problem based learning Rooms (PBL)*
- Media booths*
- Laptop lounge
- Individual study carrels
- Casual seating areas

*Book these spaces via the library website.

The Law Library has a range of individual study carrels, group work and casual seating areas.

Laptops

Dixson Library has wi-fi access and secure lockers for laptop storage. There are also wi-fi equipped laptops for in-library use. To borrow a laptop visit the Library Service Desk.

There is a Laptop Lounge in the south-west corner of the Learning Commons where you can use your laptop whilst looking over the gardens of Booloominbah.

Sun Deck

The sun deck, located on the first floor of Dixson Library, is being spruced up with new pots, plants and an umbrella. Check it out soon!

Food and drinks in the Library

Cold food, fruit, snacks and drinks with covered lids are allowable in most areas of the Dixson and Law Libraries. There are two drink vending machines and one food vending machine in the Vend 4 Yourself area at the front of Dixson Library.
Tell us what you think

Every second year the University Library conducts a Client survey. The purpose of this survey is to identify major improvement opportunities within the library. The survey also helps us to benchmark our performance against many other Australian university libraries.

The next survey is due to commence on 19 August 2013 and will run for 4 weeks. By completing the survey you will not only have the opportunity to let us know what you think but you will also be eligible to win an iPad.

For more information visit the library website.


Dixson Library

The Library is looking forward to providing new and improved facilities as a result of the following projects that will commence during August 2013:

- Creation of an Informal Learning Space on the Ground Floor (see proposal here). To make space for this Informal Learning Space the microfilm collection and microfilm readers will be relocated to the Lower Ground Floor.

- Construction of a new office for the UNE Security/ID Card Office on the Ground Floor. Academic Skills Office (ASO) and IT Help will also be relocated so that all help services will be found in the one location.

These projects form part of the first stages of the Dixson Library Master Plan which can be found at:


From August through to November there may be some disruption in the Dixson Library, however all library services will continue to operate as normal. Signage and notices will be placed around the building to advise patrons of the work as it is in progress and the library will attempt to keep all disruptions to a minimum.
Subject Guides

The new subject guides offer support in identifying library resources, instruction on how to use them and in some cases targeted support for specific assignments.

Check out your subject in the on the library homepage. The Subject Guides are constantly being improved, so keep checking for updates!


Australian Newspapers

Newsbank is the best source for recent Australian newspaper articles in full-text.


Trove provides the full-text of older Australian newspapers, beginning with the Sydney Gazette in 1803.


eBooks

We know being a distance student can make borrowing books hard, so we are doing our best to purchase our resources in electronic formats. We have access to over 300,000 eBooks that you can download onto your computer or mobile device.

If you’re looking for a specific eBook title try using the Summon Search on the Find eBooks page which is limited to eBooks only.

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What is your role in the Library?
I am the Faculty Librarian for Arts and Sciences. I work at a planning and strategic level within Learning and Research Services, and support the subject librarians who work with their academic and student communities. I came to UNE in June this year from the University of the South Pacific, based in Suva, Fiji. I was a lecturer there in Library Studies for five years, and I have been teaching on library programmes in four different institutions for the last eighteen years - so this was a big change for me.

What do you like most about your job?
I learn new things every day, and it is very rewarding to be involved in process improvement to help our users achieve better outcomes in their study and research. It is great to work with a range of people who are all equally committed to making the library's resources as accessible and relevant as possible.

Why did you choose your current career path?
I started as a librarian quite a few years ago, but was diverted into teaching. Recently I decided that a break from marking assignments would be a really good idea, so I am now back working directly in libraries. I am enjoying being back in the library environment - I like library work very much as I have an enquiring mind and enjoy helping others find the information they seek.

Are you currently studying?
Not right now, but I have been working on a PhD proposal on the information seeking behaviour of government employees in developing countries, and the impact that this has on their decision-making. Now that I have more time in the evenings I may start that next year.

What book would you recommend others to read and why?
I wish I could give something very high level, but I actually like Fantasy, thrillers and spy novels. I recently started reading the James Bond books by Ian Fleming and wonder why I have never done that before. Casino Royale is a very good place to start.

Pam Bidwell
Faculty Librarian & Team Leader (Arts & Sciences)

What is your favourite place in the world and why?
My favourite place in the world is a small island called Angaur, which is one of 300 islands in the Republic of Palau in Micronesia. Fewer than 200 people live on Angaur, and it is only accessible by a small open boat through rough open seas, so you have to hope for good weather. On a good day it takes about four hours from the main island of Koror (which is where I lived and worked for two years), and it is common to spot dolphins and flying fish on the way. Angaur only has an area of 8 km² - it takes less than three hours to cycle around the entire island (bringing your own bike on the boat).

The network of coral paths are shaded by many mature trees, so it is pleasant even on the hottest day. As well as having beautiful views and historic artefacts from World War II, Angaur also has several troops of Macaques monkeys. If you are very quiet and patient you can watch the monkey families at work and play high up in the trees.

What’s something about yourself that most others wouldn’t know?
I collect plastic wind-up toys. As well as the chattering teeth which many may know, I have a man on a Penny Farthing bicycle (sadly now broken), walking caterpillars, a fire-shooting Godzilla and quite a few more… I am always looking for new items.

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