

Welcome to the Learning Commons 2008

Over the summer break work has been ongoing to create a Learning Commons which is scheduled to be completed in early March.

In the meantime the Library remains open and operational, but disruptions and restrictions apply. A large section of the Ground Floor is sealed off, the makeshift service desk has moved up next to the front entrance, some collections have been temporarily moved and a limited number of public computers are available with some on the upper floors.

The public lift is slated for replacement from February through March and will be out of operation from the 18th February.

The refurbishment is to create a Commonwealth-funded Learning Commons, a place combining several academic services for easier student access. Features of the Learning Commons include:

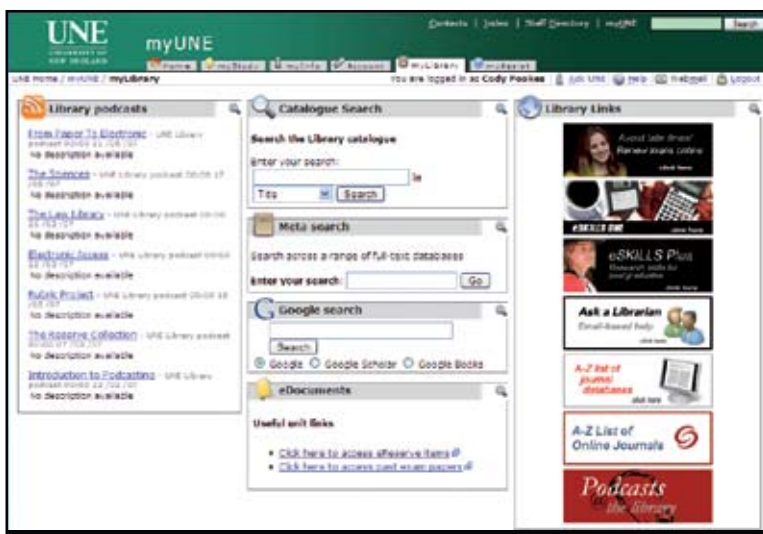
- an integrated service desk for Reference services, loans and ITD queries;
- an open reserve area for high use materials to complement the growth of eReserve and use of self-check for loans;
- more network connections and wireless access;
- more flexibility in printing/scanning and copying;
- problem-based learning (PBL) rooms and a Medical Reserve to support the Joint Medical Program;
- space for the Academic Skills Office, Student Assist, and ITD help desk;
- bookable consulting and study rooms which will serve for other purposes such as group discussion, video viewing, or podcast/sound recording;
- and improved social spaces including a coffee and snack area.

We apologise for all inconveniences during building, but can look forward to a modern, functional, attractive and welcoming 'Commons' area, with access to a wider range of services for students and library users.



myLibrary and myAssist

O-Week 2008 saw the release of the myLibrary portal, part of myUNE. The new portal provides students with direct access to a range of library services and electronic resources. The myLibrary portal was designed by staff at the University Library and ITD.



The myLibrary portal is a response to the growing complexity of the UNE information environment. Using the super search tools in myLibrary, students can search millions of full-text pages in a few seconds, and retrieve articles and ebooks for printing from their desktop.

As myLibrary develops, students will be able to personalise the portal space. Future upgrades will make it possible for students to create their own sets of favourite resources, save "canned" searches and customise the appearance of the portal.

Another new addition to the myUNE portal is myAssist, which provides an online access point for student support services.

Both myLibrary and myAssist are part of the Learning Commons project at the University.

Library countdown to School of Rural Medicine

Over the last year the Library has been working steadily to ensure resources for 2008's first intake of Rural Medical School students under the Joint Medical Program (JMP) with the University of Newcastle.

The UNE cohort will be taught on campus in the first two years, using the Newcastle curriculum and 'Problem-based' learning in study groups. The Learning Commons renovations on Dixon's ground floor include two bookable multimedia rooms, as well as a large Medical Reserve collection which will bring together texts recommended throughout the BMed program and curriculum materials such as radiographs, pathology photographs, and videos together with any equipment required for their use.

Medical collections have been developed in consultation with the University of Newcastle library to guarantee that UNE staff and students have similar access to library materials as at Newcastle. Core resources include multiple copies of text books to support problem-based learning and extensive electronic resources (databases, journals, online reference ebooks and ebook packages) that can be accessed by both on-campus and on-placement students.

The Library site <http://www.une.edu.au/library/resources/guides/rms/index.php> gives a broad guide to our Medical resources.

Databases include *Access Medicine*, with *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine* and *Hurst's The Heart*; *Australian Medicines Handbook*; *Cochrane Library*; *Embase.com*; *eTG Complete*; *First Consult*; *images MD*; *Lange Educational Library*; *MD Consult*; *Meditext*; *Medline on PubMed*; *Micromedex*; *Mims Online*; *Proquest (Health Modules)*; *Psychiatry Online*, and *PsycInfo*.

Sylvia Ransom, Faculty Librarian for the Professions, has developed Library instruction programs in line with those offered at Newcastle by Anne Robinson, Auchmuty Library's Faculty Librarian for Health. These emphasize the Library as a learning laboratory in which students can refine and pursue their learning goals using relevant information-seeking skills.

The Library blog at <http://blog.une.edu.au/libraryRMS/> provides RSS feeds relevant to the new program, as well as detailed title information on journals, electronic resources, books and ebooks for the School of Rural Medicine.



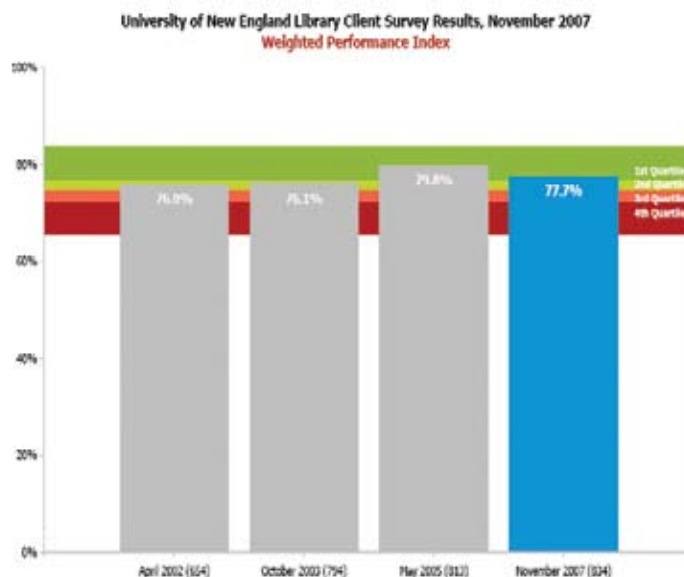
How We Are Performing

The University Library measures the satisfaction of its internal and external library users through the InSync Library Client Survey (previously called Rodski). During 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2007 our results have been benchmarked with over 30 Australian and New Zealand universities who also use the InSync Survey. The 2002 and 2003 surveys showed we performed well at 76%, just into the top quartile. The 2005 result of 80% indicated an improvement in our position in the top quartile. In the 2007 survey UNE maintained its position in the top quartile, although there was a slight drop to 78%.

There have been no statistically significant gaps between our ratings for performance and for the importance of our services to our users over the total group of survey respondents. However, the library has chosen to analyse the results and comments so as to better match our users' needs by taking up suggestions and remedying weaknesses as identified by our many and varied clientele.

Actions taken include:

- additional computers provided in the Dixon and Law libraries;
- improved layout of the web pages for online resources;
- creation of more detailed and database specific templates to use when emailing external students, enabling them to retrieve online full text for themselves;



- revision of library catalogue help screens;
- table of contents information (when available) added to catalogue records for books;
- a project to complete the addition of individual electronic journal titles to the catalogue;
- purchases of additional copies of in-demand titles;
- updating of the Dixon Library Reference Collection.

Need help? Book a drop-in session

Want to talk through any problems you are having using the Library and its resources effectively? Your Liaison Librarian is available for individual or small group appointments.

We'll help you with research queries, from an introduction to the Library and its services, to using the catalogue to find books, right through to developing strategies for searching databases and the internet. If we're not able to help you immediately, we can usually point you in the right direction for the expertise you need.

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New University Curator

Filling the position vacated by Nicole McLennan, Christine Bryan has been appointed as University Curator based at the Heritage Centre on the Newling Campus. The University Curator is responsible for the University's heritage collections, notably the Museum of Education and the regional collection. The University's Art Collection Manager Michelle Arens also reports to the Curator.

Christine worked as a librarian at the Dixon Library in the 1980s and returns to UNE with a wealth of curatorial experience. She has worked as curator of the Liverpool Regional Museum and Collingwood Historic House, Manager of Museum Services at Dubbo City Council (where she had curatorial responsibilities for the Old Dubbo Gaol), and more recently has been archiving pastoral records for the National Parks & Wildlife's newest national park, Yanga Station, at Balranald.

Christine is committed to promoting new educational programs in the Museum of Education and more community involvement as she acquaints herself with the extensive collections of the Heritage Centre.



Christine Bryan - University Curator

e-publications@UNE

Despite the demise of the Research Quality Framework, the Open Access Initiative (OAI) and institutional repositories remain of key importance for universities around the globe. UNE's digital repository e-publications@UNE will continue to be developed.

The advantage of ready and widespread online access to research outputs is being recognised, and substantial funding bodies are beginning to mandate submission of research output to open access repositories.

Based on the initial impetus provided by the RQF and the RUBRIC Project, e-publications@UNE is being extended so that metadata about UNE's research outputs will be made available for "harvesting" by web search engines such as Google.

Items submitted previously for the RQF will be the first to be accessible.

Work is also underway to allow UNE's current higher degree research theses to be added to e-publications@UNE and gain international exposure through the Australasian Digital Theses program (ADT).

What's new in electronic resources . . .

These new ebook and journal packages have been purchased for the new Joint Medical Program which commenced this year. For a complete list of Medical databases go to <http://www.une.edu.au/library/resources/guides/rms/index>.

Access Medicine includes **Harrison's Online** and **Lange Educational Library** - Access Medicine provides critical information for clinical decision making. Harrison's



Online Includes the complete contents of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 16th Edition. The Lange Educational Library provides full text access to a range of texts in pharmacology, microbiology, physiology, epidemiology and pathology.

Australian Medicine Handbook - provides users with an accessible, concise, up-to-date source of independent drug-related information. Contains comprehensive monographs on the drugs available in Australia and includes comparative data, indications, dosage information and adverse effects.



Books@OVID - Lippincott's Clinical Choice (LCC) covers the core foundations of the major specialties and sub-specialties, from general medicine and surgery, to orthopaedics, cardiology and endocrinology.



The Cochrane Library - covers evidence-based medicine and evidence-based health care.



EMBASE.com - covers the latest scientific developments in biomedical and pharmacological information.



eTG Complete - provides online access to twelve Therapeutic Guidelines titles, plus a Developmental Disability title. It provides access to over 3,000 clinical topics with an index of more than 25,000 terms.



First Consult - provides evidence based clinical information. Covers evaluation, diagnosis, clinical management, prognosis, and prevention. Includes videos and animations.



MD Consult - Core Collection provides up-to-date answers to clinical questions and access to the full-text of over 40 medical reference books and over 50 medical journals



The MICROMEDEX - databases provide an authoritative information on chemical, pharmaceutical, and related biological substances used in clinical patient care.



MIMS Online - provides electronic access to the full MIMS database of information on prescription and non-prescription drugs available in Australia.



Psychiatry online - provides full-text of five peer-reviewed journals published by the American Psychiatric Association, the **psychiatryonline.com** newsletter *Psychiatric News*, *DSM-IV-TR*, *DSM-IV-TR® Handbook of Differential Diagnosis*, *DSM-IV-TR® Casebook* and its *Treatment Companion*, and other psychiatric text books produced by the Association.



SMART Imagebase - The Scientific & Medical ART (SMART) Imagebase is a collection of more than 11,000 high quality, full-color medical illustrations and animations depicting human anatomy, physiology, surgery, diseases, conditions, trauma, embryology, histology, and other medical and health-related topics.



Thieme Electric Book Library - provides online access to the Flexibook atlases and textbooks series. This includes pocket guides and colour atlases in anatomy, biochemistry, genetics, immunology, neuroscience.



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