

Embedding libraries in learning and research

“Embedding libraries in learning and research” was the theme of the recent conference of IATUL (International Association of Technological University Libraries) held in Porto, Portugal in May. It affirmed the directions that AUT University Library has been taking and which are reflected in the Library’s mission statement to work “as an integral, creative and responsive partner with staff and students in teaching, learning and research”.

The University of Sheffield Library has developed a ‘new partnership’ with the University – as a partner rather than a support service. They are taking a holistic view of information resource provision, matching information delivery with pedagogy.

Similarly Bournemouth University is placing the Library within the new virtual learning environments and integrating information literacy with course pedagogy. This has a parallel at AUT. In June, Academic Board endorsed the Australian and New Zealand Institute for Information Literacy Standards for the practice and delivery of information literacy principles within AUT University.

Anne Trefethen, Deputy Director of Core (e-Science Programme) in the UK asked the question “What are libraries needed for in the context of e-Science?” E-Science is changing the way research is conducted, allowing remote collaboration by researchers with the resources



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they use such as computers, microscopes, databases, and digital repositories. The eBank project in Europe aims to capture not just the published article as the research output, but the entire “scholarly knowledge cycle”. Libraries are being looked to, for guidance in the digital curation of the research data life cycle.

Another scientist, Teresa Lago, Professor of Astrophysics, University of Porto, asked “What is the current role of libraries for researchers?” Twenty years ago libraries were sanctuaries for information. Now books are being digitised. Just as astronomers no longer have to travel to observatories as data is automatically analysed, nor do they have to travel to libraries for information. Teresa Lago also saw a role for library staff to lead in programmes for digitisation of analogue content, online accessibility to advance the information society and

digital preservation for future generations.

Some answers to these challenges were provided by Herbert van de Sompel, from the Los Alamos National Laboratory. He noted that while the way research is conducted is changing rapidly, scholarly communication has not kept up and is more akin to a “scanned copy of its paper-based predecessor with a thin overlay of interoperability”. There is a need to capture, make accessible, and preserve the digital scholarly record, including learning object repositories. These repositories are not static but part of a global value chain. It is up to libraries to maximize that value.



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Library Visitors

The Library has recently hosted local and overseas visitors interested in learning more about AUT University Library facilities and resources.

On 17 May the University Librarian from the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore and two of his colleagues visited both the Wellesley and Akoranga Libraries as part of their tour of a number of Australasian universities. Their university is planning to renovate one library and build a new one in the near future.

On 18 and 19 May the Vice-President and four colleagues from the Vietnam National University (VNU) in Ho Chi Min City were hosted by Library staff.

They did a tour of both Libraries and spent time with staff from all areas of the Library to learn about all aspects of Library systems and operations.

The VNU comprises a number of libraries operating different systems and they are in the process of rationalising operations. AUT University has a Memorandum of Understanding with VNU.

Human resource management and ethnic minority women

Student works are now being proudly displayed in the Library on Wellesley Campus.

Creations, which are part of the assessment for Master of Business Administration (Human Resource Management) and Bachelor of Business (Issues in Human Resource Management and Training & Development), can be viewed on level 4 of WA Building at the Library entrance.

Works were developed under the guidance of Dr. Edwina Pio from the Faculty of Business.

Students were instructed to create a booklet of inspirational parables on diversity management and training for ethnic minority women in the New Zealand workplace.

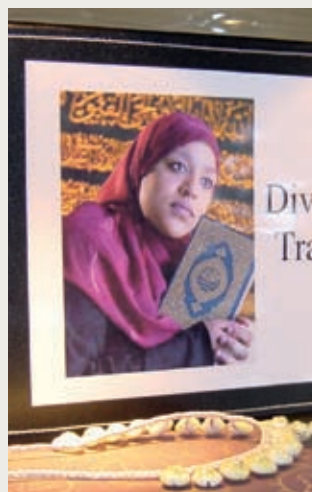
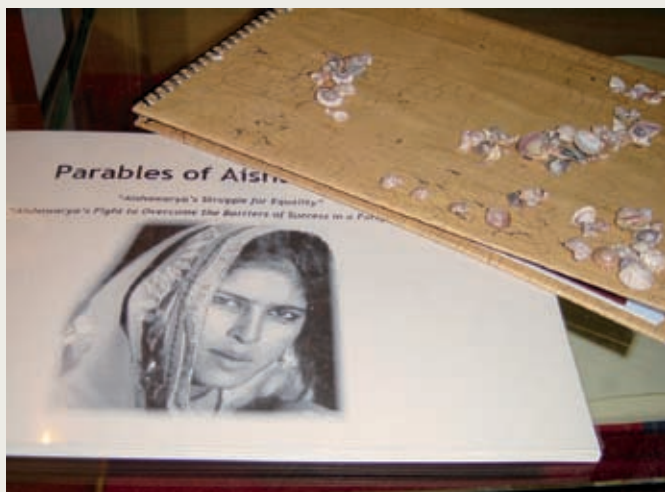
Also displayed in the Library are: rare and pictorial books from AUT University's Archives;



Chris Braddock's *Suck*, 1997, an installation on temporary loan to the Library courtesy of the artist and the Gow-Langford Gallery; a selection of art from the Wallace Trust Collection; the handcrafted AUT Roll of Honour; and John

Appleby's portrait of Dr John Hinchcliff, former Vice-Chancellor of AUT University.

If staff or students are interested in displaying material in the Library please contact Megan Fowlie extn 8584 or megan.fowlie@aut.ac.nz.



What are "Subject Guides"?

Subject guides, available via "Library Resources" on the Library home page, are there to assist library users who may be working from home, or wanting some basic information

to get started on a topic.

Guides are there to help users to:

- identify subject headings for searching the Library catalogue
- identify relevant electronic databases and e-journals

- identify useful websites, reference and audiovisual resources.

Currently there are 40 guides on various topics including a new guide on Pasifika studies.

For a full list of Subject Guides please visit http://www.aut.ac.nz/library/library_resources/subject_guides/

Timeframe for new serials orders 2006

June 2006 – Library Advisory Committee meeting at which a decision was made on the Serials Sub-Committee membership for the 2006

June 2006 – Reminder sent for any additional requests for new serials to be sent to the Library via Faculty Library Representatives.

Bibliographic Services staff obtained print review copies of serials requested by Academic staff.

July 2006 – Final call for new serials to be sent to the Library by 14th July, 2006. Print serial budget allocations monitored and checked in readiness for August meeting.

July/August 2006 – Serials Sub-committee meets to review and recommend requests within budget allocation. Confirmed requests will be sent to Acquisitions.

August/September 2006 – Quotes requested from serial vendors for new titles to begin as of 1st January 2007. Quotes will be compared and a decision made as to which vendor will get the additional subscriptions.

October 2006 – New subscriptions will be confirmed with the serial vendors at the same time as annual renewal of existing subscriptions. New orders will be placed on the Voyager system.

January 2007 onwards – New subscriptions will begin to arrive.

Serials Sub-Committee 2006

The AUT University Library has over 3,000 subscriptions to print journals placed with agents who act on the Library's behalf with the publishers.

Each year around September, these subscriptions begin their renewal process. The renewal process is geared to be completed by December to ensure that by the beginning of the new year, all journal subscriptions are paid and the Library can ensure continuous supply of these journals. Therefore at AUT our journal subscriptions run on a calendar year basis and the selection of new titles is also an annual activity. Over the years the Library has found this to be the best system, as many of the publishers will not start a subscription part way through a year.

At the mid-year Library Advisory Committee meeting there is an agenda item calling for interested members to serve on the annual Serials Sub-Committee.

For 2006, the Faculty representatives from the Library Advisory Committee will be Professor Jo Ann Walton (Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences) and Mike French (Faculty of Business).

Throughout the year, Liaison Librarians work with Faculty and School/Departmental representatives to collect requests for serial subscriptions. Behind the scenes, Bibliographic Services staff collate the requests and send away to publishers for samples plus any additional information that will add value and help the Sub-Committee members with their decision-making process.

The Sub-Committee will meet on Monday 7th August and review all of the proposed

titles along with possible cancellations, at an all day session. By using this method the members of the Sub-Committee are able to obtain an overview of the types of journals being requested and how each request has the opportunity to help build and enrich the AUT Library collection. The decisions of the Sub-Committee are recorded and reported back to the Library Advisory Committee and then to the Faculties. Quotes are then called for from serial agents to supply the journal titles to the Library. Library Executive decides which quote to accept and the new subscriptions begin the following year.

New serial titles may not be able to be purchased unless some existing titles are cancelled.

Foreign currency fluctuations are making it uncertain for the Library to predict the amount of New Zealand dollars required to pay for existing print serial subscriptions. We therefore ask that Faculties advise whether there are any current titles that can be considered for cancellation in order to fund more important new titles. By identifying titles that could be cancelled at this stage, the Serials Sub-Committee will be able to take an overview of these titles and prioritise them if this is required when the renewal invoices for 2007 arrive in September/October.

Library policy is to acquire serials in electronic rather than print format unless the serial title has an embargo on its content, is not reproduced cover to cover or the graphics cannot be reproduced correctly on screen and in printed format.

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ScholarlyCommons @ AUT

The AUT University Library has established an institutional repository for digital research objects called ScholarlyCommons@AUT.

The aim of the repository is to provide a central archive for the long-term preservation of the University's research and scholarly output. Items in the repository will be available on open access which means they can be retrieved via web search engines such as Google. Special thanks are extended to the staff working on this project including Robyn van Ee (Project Leader), Daniel Booth and Renee Tanner.

Stage 1

Stage 1 is nearing completion and by July 2006 AUT PhD and Masters theses already deposited with the Library on CD-ROM will be available through the repository. AUT staff and students will have online access to the full text of the theses. However, non-AUT users will only have online access to the abstract, title page and contents list of theses. Library staff are retrospectively seeking permission from authors in order to make the full text versions more widely available.

From 2007 onwards, this permission will be sought at the time of deposit.

Stage 2

Stage 2 will begin in July 2006. The Library wishes to partner with interested academic staff or researchers who would like to use the repository as a central archive for their digital research outputs. Our aim is to trial author submission direct into the repository and to develop a suitable policy framework for the future management of the repository. Throughout Stage 2 the Library will be working closely with other key stakeholders such as the Research Committee of Academic Board (RCAB), the Research Office and the University Postgraduate Office.

If you are the author of an AUT thesis, if you wish to participate in Stage 2 of this project, or you simply want to find out more about Scholarly Commons @ AUT please contact Lorraine Shepherd (extn 8588) or Robyn van Ee (extn 8844).

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AUT UNIVERSITY LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Wellesley and Akoranga

Monday-Friday 8am-10pm

Saturday-Sunday 10am-6pm

Opening hours vary during exam periods,
semester breaks and public holidays.

See the Library webpage: www.aut.ac.nz/library/

Official opening of the AUT University Library, Akoranga

The Hon Michael Cullen, Minister of Tertiary Education, officially opened the Akoranga Library in February.

The ceremony was attended by a number of distinguished guests including two Members of Parliament for the North Shore; the National Librarian, Penny Carnaby; representatives from JASMAX; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof Philip Sallis; the Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean of the Faculty of Health and

Environmental Sciences, Prof Max Abbott and the University Librarian and Director of Knowledge Management, Ainslie Dewe.

The architects, JASMAX, were awarded a New Zealand Institute of Architects Resene Local Award for the building last year. The building is also featured in the 2006 Library and Information Association of New Zealand/Aotearoa calendar which highlights library buildings around New Zealand.



ABOVE: HONORABLE MINISTER OF FINANCE, MICHAEL CULLEN WITH PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR MAX ABBOTT, UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN AINSLIE DEWE AND DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR PHILIP SALLIS. BELOW LEFT: THE MINISTER ADDRESSES AUT STAFF AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. BELOW RIGHT: THE AWARD-WINNING BUILDING DESIGNED BY JASMAX.



New Library staff

Planning and Quality Co-ordinator

The implementation of a Quality Assurance Framework has been identified as essential to maintain and improve the standards and quality of Library services. This has been confirmed by AUT University Library's participation in the LATN (Librarians of the Australian Technology Network) Quality Assurance Benchmarking project.

This new position was created to co-ordinate the Library's planning and quality

processes and ensure that the Library moves forward in its planning activities to support the University's teaching, learning and research focus. The position will also support the University-wide knowledge management initiatives.

Dr Eamon Wright was appointed to the position at the end of March. He comes to AUT with a wealth of experience having worked in the Teaching Quality Assurance and Review Office at the London School of Economics before coming to New Zealand.

Library Assistant, Digital Services

The Library is undertaking a major project in 2006 to establish an institutional repository for digital research outputs.

Digital copies of theses deposited with the Library will be the first research outputs added to the repository. Permission from authors is required before the theses can be made available on open

access via the Internet.

Renee Tanner has been appointed to the new fixed term position which has been created to assist Digital Services Team members who are working on this project. Renee's background in art curatorship, the cataloguing of an art collection and English teaching in Australia, New Zealand and Taipei will be valuable to the Library in this project.