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In my role as Associate University Librarian (Information Access and Delivery) at AUT I am expected to provide leadership in the overall management of the Library with special responsibility for planning and managing Access and Delivery Services, including responsibility for the Library's IT environment.

Karen Major Liaison Librarian I am the Liaison Librarian for the Business Faculty in Law, Economics, and Computer and Information Science. While studying for my final year of a BA in Politics at Victoria and dabbling in a vast array of other areas I acquired by chance a position at the Alexander Turnbull Library in the printed and pictorial collections. This led me to study and complete a Masters in Library and Information Science.

After graduating, my first role was with Pacific Business Trust (a NZ Crown Entity in Business Development) working alongside the business advisors in a sole information and research role. This was followed up with a stint in the UK beginning with several contracts including: the Arts Council of England Library and Information Service and a records and archival project for a gas company. The remaining time was spent working for a London Borough Library in Reference and Collection Development. I returned to NZ mid-2003 and began working for AUT soon thereafter.

Catherine Hutcheson Library Assistant - Delivery I have a History degree from the University of Canterbury. I spent my OE years working in London and travelling round Europe and Africa. Prior to joining AUT I worked for the Auckland Regional Council in their Corporate Library. At AUT, I am part of the Lending Services Team involved in interloans and flexible delivery.

Anitha Pondicherry Library Assistant - Delivery I've been an educator for over 5 years and have also worked in libraries. Prior to joining AUT Library I worked for AUT Disability Resource Centre. At AUT library, I am part of the Lending Services Team.

Michelle D'Souza Administrative Assistant/Receptionist This is my first job in an educational environment. Previously I worked as a Secretary for Corporate Businesses like Ruhr Kohl AG and DuPont USA in India.

Melanie Shepherd Liaison Librarian I have recently been appointed as the Liaison Librarian for Accounting and Finance, Integrated Business and Marketing and Advertising.

My previous position was at the Auckland Public Libraries as a Reference Librarian. Prior to that, I was employed at the Unitec Library for seven years. I was the Liaison Librarian for the School of Computing and was also responsible for Interloans.

I have spent much of my working life in libraries and have particularly enjoyed working in academic libraries. I hope to stay here at AUT for quite some time. My BA degree major was in Education and I studied for my Library qualifications soon after.

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WELCOME to 2004

We begin this year with a new mission and vision for the AUT Library. Our redefined focus is based on a very real shift from our past as a traditional book-based library to one that is predominantly digital.

Our vision is that **AUT Library will be recognised as a leader in fostering the advancement of knowledge.** Our mission is to work as an integral, creative and responsive partner with staff and students in teaching, learning and research by:

- acquiring, organising and enabling access to recorded knowledge
- conserving and communicating existing knowledge for the development of new knowledge
- empowering the AUT community to be independent lifelong learners.



The image chosen by Library staff for orientation this year was the iceberg, the bulk of which is below the surface. Unlike more traditional academic libraries with large print collections, most of AUT Library's resources are below the surface, or hidden from view in digital format. We encourage you to delve into our digital resources to see for yourselves just how much the Library has expanded below the surface.

For example, during 2003 we worked to achieve a significant increase in the information resources available to staff and students. The number of digital serial titles (17, 322 titles) is now six times greater than print serial titles. These are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and from wherever you are working. They have the added advantages of being able to be integrated directly into online courses.

The supply of articles from the digital resources also continues to grow and at the end of last year we had had an increase of 72% for delivery of electronic articles compared with the number for the previous twelve months. The online delivery of articles has now overtaken print delivery (loans) signalling that the Library is now being used primarily as a digital information provider.

Furthermore, with more online information available from AUT library for research we have seen a reduction in interloans from other libraries. This is an area where AUT's research activity is increasing.

In this new digital environment, information literacy classes become even more important to both staff and students. In 2003 the number of participants in these classes increased by over 50%.

These trends will continue in 2004 as we realise the challenges expressed in the new vision and mission.

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Better Access to Information for Researchers

From 2004 all the universities and Crown Research Institutes will have electronic access to a core collection of the key international information resources required to support research. Funding approved from the Tertiary Education Commission's Innovation and Development Fund will enable a consortium subscription to Web of Science and Science Direct to be purchased. In addition, three polytechnics will have access to a subset of Science Direct.

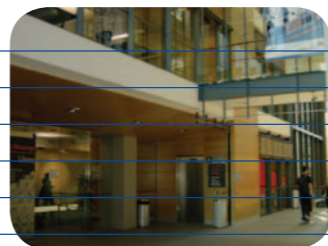
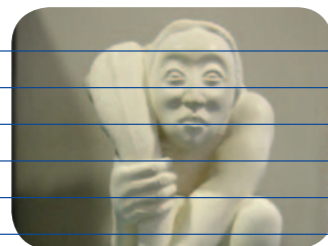
Some of the universities, including AUT, and CRIs already had access to these databases, but with the benefit of the funding from the TEC over two funding years, and the power of consortium purchasing, a common, core level of access to the research literature is now available to the majority of the country's researchers. This will:

- give significantly improved and more widespread access for researchers to the international research literature
- remove barriers of size, geographic location and organisational affiliation
- support collaborative research across organisations, in line with government policy and research trends.

AUT supported this initiative in order to increase the availability of research information across the sector. We receive less benefit than other institutions which had not already acquired access to these databases. AUT Library already subscribes to the Science Direct Freedom Collection and has purchased some Web of Science backfiles. The main benefit to us will be an additional five years of Web of Science backfiles extending five years prior to the start date of our existing subscription.

Akoranga Campus Library

Building work on the Learning Centre upgrade is scheduled to begin soon and should be completed by early 2005. The Library has relocated to temporary premises in AB building and the full range of library services will continue to be offered. Study space will be at a premium during this time and library staff are endeavouring to secure extra study spaces around the campus.



Library Workshops *Megan Sutton*

With the continued increase in new databases, keeping up-to-date with all the new electronic sources of information seems difficult, time-consuming and never-ending.

For the last two years the Library has run a 'Database Week' programme for staff and postgraduate students before the beginning of Semester One. The aim has been to aid teaching and research by giving staff and postgraduates the opportunity to improve their database-searching skills.

This year we focused on some of the databases new to AUT and how researchers can best keep up-to-date with new research publications by using alerting services.

The classes covered:

- Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA) databases
- JSTOR
- Factiva
- Ovid Databases
- Cochrane
- Blackwell-Synergy
- Using database alerting services

We have received very positive feedback from participants and we are now looking at ways to offer these classes to staff and postgraduates on a more regular basis. We will promote these classes later in the year.

The beginning of semester is a very busy time for everyone on campus, including the Library Information and Education Services Team, involved with teaching new students how to successfully find information for academic purposes. In addition to the 40 classes the Library offers as part of the AUT 'Getting Started' programme, before semester started, bookings were made for more than 180 classes to be taught library skills within weeks 1 to 6.

New Library Databases

- all now available through the e-Library

Mark Simmonds and Claudia Adams

Academic Search Premier provides the full text for nearly 4,000 publications, of which over 3100 are peer-reviewed. Coverage is retrospective to 1975 and multi disciplinary i.e. social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, physics, chemistry, language and linguistics, arts and literature, medical sciences, ethnic studies and more.

Annual Reviews covers 29 focused disciplines in the Biomedical, Physical and Social Sciences. Scholarly editorial committees select review topics, and the recognised experts write the reviews.

"Annual Reviews publications are among the highest cited publications by impact factor according to the Institute for Scientific Information® (ISI)." http://www.annualreviews.org/help/course_reader.asp

Content and coverage: Full text, volume 1 issue 1 onwards for all titles

BMJ Publishing Group Collection covers a broad range of medical specialties that consist of 25 BMJ Journal titles and 3 BMJ Journal supplements, as well as access to the Paediatric Asthma Virtual Journal and Quality and Safety in Health Care web sites. Prestigious titles such as "Evidence-Based Nursing", "British Journal of Sports Medicine" and "Heart" are found in this resource.

Content and coverage: Full text, all available backfiles.

Communication Studies: A Sage Full Text Collection is a publisher collection comprising of full-text of 16 journals some as far back as 20 years. The 4,200 articles cover subjects such as Journalism, Public Opinion, Political Communication, Mass Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Cultural Studies/Intercultural Communication, Television/Film Studies, Media Studies, Business Communication, Organizational/Management Communication, Written Communication, Rhetoric, and Literacy Studies.

Content and coverage: Fulltext varies by title, earliest 1982+, updated monthly

Dissertation Abstracts with Digital Dissertations database is the biggest source for information about doctoral dissertations and master's theses. Citations coverage ranges from 1861 to present. From 1997 access to the full text of dissertations is offered, with some selected dissertations from earlier years also available in full text.

Content and Coverage: Significant full text, 1861+, updated daily

Ebsco Megafile Premier is an upgrade from the previous Ebsco MegaFile subscription held at AUT with an increase of an additional 3000+ full text titles. New coverage is mostly in the social sciences and humanities. MegaFile Premier consists of a suite of 24 databases covering a wide variety of subjects. Two thirds of the articles are in full text with 3200 peer-reviewed journals. This resource also includes 900 Country Economic reports and 10000 company profiles from Datamonitor.

Content and coverage: Significant full text, coverage varies by title

Europa World is the online version of the Europa World Year Book. This title was first published in 1926, and is recognised as a leading reference work on worldwide affairs, covering political and economic information in over 250 countries and territories, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

Content: full text

Factiva - Global news and business information provides global content, including Dow Jones and Reuters newswires, The Wall Street Journal, the Far Eastern Economic review and Barron's. It covers 8,000 sources from 118 countries (including some New Zealand sources) in 22 languages, and includes more than 120 continuously updated newswires. Factiva is a valuable resource for company reports locally and abroad.

Content and coverage: Full text, coverage varies by title, updated daily

Health and Psychosocial Instruments

"features material on unpublished information-gathering tools for clinicians that are discussed in journal articles, such as questionnaires, interview schedules, tests, checklists, rating and other scales, coding schemes, and projective techniques. Over 2/3 of the tools are in medical and nursing areas such as pain measurement, quality of life assessment, and drug efficacy evaluation. In addition to medical measurement instruments, HaPI presents tests used in medically related disciplines including psychology, social work, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech & hearing therapy".

<http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/DataBase/866.pdf>

Content and coverage: Index only, 1985+, updated quarterly

Kluwer Journals provide electronic access to a the full text of over 750 scholarly titles and is multi disciplinary in coverage.

Full text, all available backfiles

Lippincott 100 Nursing and Health Science Collection

consists of 100 essential full text nursing and health science journals from Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins. These include the most prestigious titles of the LWW journals held in print by Australian and New Zealand academic libraries.

Content and coverage: fulltext, varies by title, updated weekly

Medical and Pharmaceutical Biotechnology "selects from the literature those findings directly related to medical biotechnology - particularly in the area of new drug development and drug delivery - providing scientists and researchers with a single source for new developments. Coverage focuses on worldwide studies in which biotechnology, molecular biology, or genetics are applied to medicine and pharmaceuticals, human health, or the diagnosis and treatment of disease".

http://www.csa.com/csa/factsheets/medical_pharmaceutical.shtml

Previously available in print at AUT. Content and coverage: index only, 1993 onwards

Mental Measurements Yearbook, from the Buros Institute, contains the most recent descriptive information and critical reviews of new and revised tests from the Buros Institute's 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th Yearbooks. The database covers more than 2,200 commercially available tests in categories such as personality, developmental, behavioural assessment, neuropsychological, achievement, intelligence and aptitude, educational, speech & hearing, and sensory motor.

Content and coverage: 1985+ updated 6 monthly

Oxford University Press Journals (OUP Journals)

is a premier journal publisher covering a multi disciplinary range of topics. AUT now has access to the full text of more than 150 OUP journals.

Content and coverage: fulltext varies by title, updated weekly

Sociology: A Sage Full Text Collection includes the full-text of 28 journals published by SAGE and participating societies, some as far back as 20 years and covering over 10 000 articles on subjects such as Childhood, Contemporary Sociology, Comparative Sociology, Consumer Culture, Classical Sociology, Ethnic Studies, Gender Studies, Leisure Studies, Social Theory, Sociology of Sport, and Sociology of Work and Employment (Labour Studies).

Content and coverage: Fulltext varies by title, earliest 1982+, updated monthly

Springer Journals SpringerLink covers leading scientific, technical, and medical (STM) journals. AUT has access to the full text of almost 500 Springer journals. SpringerLink features include reference linking; free alerts, and OnlineFirst, which allows users to access peer-reviewed articles well before print publication. In addition many titles in SpringerLink offer electronic supplementary materials not available in the print versions, such as colour images, simulations, video and sound.

Content and coverage: Full text, all available backfiles