THE TIMES DIGITAL ARCHIVE : 1785-1985

A ‘dream of a database’ is how the recently purchased The Times Digital Archive has been described.

Researchers now have an unparalleled opportunity to search and view the best-known and most cited newspaper in the world – online in fully searchable digital facsimile images. The most authoritative single resource for current affairs political, legal, business and social news of the last two hundred years, *The Times (London)* is known for its in-depth award-winning news coverage, political reporting and a unique view of history from the major reporters and editors of the period.

With precise full-text searching and hit-term highlighting, researchers can quickly and successfully retrieve the full-text image of a specific article, or the entire page on which it appears, and have results printed on a single screen. Browse by issue date, story headline, subject and other key search words. In addition the results list includes thumbnail images of the page with the article outlined, allowing users to weigh the importance of search results.

The archive is available both on and off campus. You can access the *Times Digital Archive* from the Library Catalogue, the Databases page, or from Newspapers under the Find drop-down menu.

CHANGES TO AUTHENTICATION

Confusing university passwords and library PIN numbers is a thing of the past for Murdoch students and staff, who are now able to use their Murdoch User Name and Password to access My Library and ECMS, to request books, and to connect to databases and ejournals from off campus. These services previously required students and staff to set up a Library PIN. Community borrowers and reciprocal students will still need to set up a Library PIN.

NEW LOOK FOR THE LIBRARY CATALOGUE

The Library Catalogue has undergone a transformation over the Summer break. New features mean you can now limit your search to the Murdoch, Peel, or Rockingham Regional Campus libraries before searching the catalogue by title, author, subject or keyword. You can also limit your search results to available items only.

As you browse through the catalogue, you will notice book cover images for some titles. We have also added a selection of book cover images to the Catalogue homepage from our new books display.
**GEORGE BUICK AWARD WINNER**

Ross O’Neil, the Cataloguing Quality Control Librarian has won the George Buick Library Achievement Award for 2005. The award is based on a number of criteria including standard of job performance, demonstrated initiative and effective team behavior.

Ross, who was nominated for the award by his peers, started in the Library in 1977, in the days of catalogue cards and has seen much change in cataloguing methodologies. Today our catalogue records appear on Libraries Australia and Murdoch’s catalogue can be accessed globally.

Quality control in this automated environment is critical, errors in headings may result in non-retrieval of records and Murdoch is proud of Ross’s dedication to ensure Murdoch catalogue records are consistent with international standards. Ross contributes to many Library projects where his knowledge of data organization is invaluable.

Ross accepts award from Margaret Jones

The library has a strong partnership with the City of Rockingham libraries and Ross has been instrumental in training and assisting the City staff to master the complexities of the Library’s Millennium system.

Ross was asked for his thoughts on the award. “The existence of the George Buick Award has a positive effect on morale which can sometimes be affected by the day to day grind of doing a good job under demanding circumstances”. Staff members that make a special or sustained contribution to the library can aspire to this recognition of their work.

**OPENING HOURS**

The main Library at South Street is changing its semester opening hours in 2006 following an extended trial of late opening in 2005.

- Extended weekend opening hours during semester (10.00am – 5.00pm Saturday and Sunday) will continue as in 2005, but evening hours have been reduced by half an hour, now closing at 10.30pm Mon – Thurs.
- Late opening until 11.00pm prior to semester exams will continue.

Opening hours are available on the Library’s web site:
http://wwwlib.murdoch.edu.au/about/open.html

**INSTITUTIONAL DIGITAL REPOSITORIES: THE RUBRIC PROJECT**

The Library is part of the DEST/SII sponsored RUBRIC Project, which aims to develop sustainable infrastructure for the management and dissemination of institutional digital resources. RUBRIC is managed by the University of Southern Queensland, and Murdoch participates as a member of IRUA (Innovative Research Universities Australia) together with Newcastle, Macquarie and Flinders Universities. Other partners are the University of New England, the University of the Sunshine Coast, and Massey University in New Zealand.

As part of the project the Library will:

- investigate the suitability of a range of software options for managing digital resources such as eprints, theses and dissertations, and other digital research materials;
- begin building a repository using existing available digital resources;
- in discussion with the University community, develop guidelines for its development.

More information will become available from the Library’s web site as work on the project commences. Examples of existing institutional repositories may be found at:

http://eprints.usq.edu.au/

http://eprint.monash.edu.au/

http://eprints.qut.edu.au/

http://espace.lis.curtin.edu.au/

Sit-Ling Tull is the local project coordinator, and can be contacted at:
Phone: (08) 9360 6008   E-mail: S.Tull@murdoch.edu.au
**Defining Gender - 1450 - 1910:**
**Five Centuries of Advice Literature Online**

Murdoch staff and students now have online access to a huge body of literature relating to Gender Studies from the late medieval period to the onset of World War One. Encompassing over 60,000 images of original manuscript and printed material, Defining Gender addresses the following themes:

- Conduct and Politeness
- Domesticity and the Family
- Consumption and Leisure
- Education and Sensibility (due for completion Summer 2006)
- The Body (due for completion Summer 2007).

Ephemeral material such as ballads, cartoons and pamphlets is featured alongside diaries, advice literature, medical journals, conduct books and periodicals. Thematic essays by leading scholars add considerable value to the database. The essays introduce students to the material, suggest possible approaches, and place the documents within a broad historical, literary and cultural context.

**Overall, the project offers high quality, meaningful content that can readily be integrated into teaching units.**

Access to Defining Gender is available both on and off campus. From the Library Home Page you can access it from within the Library Catalogue by doing a Title search, or connect from the Databases page.

**Open Universities Australia**

The Library welcomes students from Open Universities Australia (OUA) in 2006. OUA students choose to study in distance mode and are well served by digital library services.

From 2006 the Library supports OUA units taught from Murdoch University. Library staff are working hard to digitize readings for OUA units for Electronic Course Materials Service (ereserve) and these can be accessed from the Library’s website along with the Library’s databases and ejournals.

OUA students may request material using LIDDAS, the Library’s document delivery system, which will deliver copies of chapters and articles to students’ desk tops. Students can also use LIDDAS to request books from the Library’s collection which will be mailed to them.

OUA students requiring more assistance can get help by emailing Ask a Librarian or chatting with Murdoch’s Online Librarian. More details are at:

https://wwwlib.murdoch.edu.au/help/ask/

Check the Library’s website for full details about services for OUA students by using the For drop down menu on the Library Home page.

**MIT - Murdoch Institute of Technology**

MIT commenced teaching university preparation courses at the start of semester 1. Later in the year MIT students will be offered Diploma courses in Business, Multimedia, IT and Science.

Successful students will be fast tracked into university courses, although for these students the university experience has already started.

All MIT students may use university facilities including the Library. MIT Orientation Day saw library tours for nearly 200 incoming MIT students who appeared delighted with the scale of the Library. There was particular interest in the loans SelfCheck machines, with a number of students eager to try them out. MIT teachers were welcomed at a separate Library orientation session.
NEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Murdoch users have access to a much greater breadth and depth of electronic information now that the Library has purchased a number of backfiles and other electronic collections.

Indexes and Abstracts

Web of Science now from 1987 onwards
The Library has added a further five years of data for the Science, Social Sciences and Arts & Humanities Citation Indexes.

CAB Abstracts back to the beginning—1910 onwards
CAB covers biological, biomedical, environmental, and veterinary sciences, as well as in tourism, nursing, and sustainability and technology policy.

Biosis Previews full coverage from 1969
Biological Abstracts from the start – covers biological, biomedical, environmental and veterinary sciences. The Library has purchased an additional twenty-one years of backfiles.

Inspec now from 1898 onwards
Over 100 years of indexing data in the fields of physics, electronics, computing, control engineering and information technology is now available on Engineering Village’s platform.

Journal Citation Reports (JCR)
JCR provides researchers with data on journal performance metrics, including impact factors from over 7,500 scholarly and technical journals in most areas of science, technology, and social sciences.

ARCHIVAL ACCESS TO NATURE AND SCIENCE NOW AVAILABLE

Did you know that you can now access Nature and Science from your desktop? These journals are regarded as among the most prestigious science journals with ISI impact factors of 32.182 (Nature) and 31.853 (Science) compared with 2.618 for the most highly cited Australian journal, Immunology & Cell Biology.

Nature
Archival access to Nature from 1960 to present has at last become a reality here at Murdoch and data back to 1950 is currently being digitized. You can access Nature from the Library’s Title catalogue by typing nature online in the Title Search box. Then select Access full text via Nature Journal Archive to view the journal.

Science
This journal is published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Content from 1880 to 2000 is available via JSTOR General Science Collection. To access it, from the Library’s Title catalogue type science weekly online in the Title Search box. Then select Access full text via JSTOR to search or browse the journal.

For access to more recent articles select the Access full text via Highwire Press link. You can browse the current issue or select key papers from it which are listed on the journal home page. Alternatively you can select Previous Issues to browse articles back to 1995.

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Use the Advanced link at the top right of the screen for more search options.

Oxford Journals Online Archives
Over 165 years of OUP journals in the Oxford Journals Online collection from Volume 1, Issue 1, is now available.

JSTOR General Science Collection
This collection includes backfiles of Science, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and publications of the Royal Society of London, extending back to the seventeenth century. In 2006 titles in the health sciences will also be added.

Referex Engineering
Full text of over 300 engineering books is now available on the Engineering Village platform. They include reference, scholarly and handbooks, how-to-guides and titles covering specialised professional information.

More Australian information now available online
The Library has subscribed to all online resources available from Informit. New collections include full text resources Family & Society Plus and Informit e-Library and a large number of indexing databases covering all areas of Australian social, scientific and cultural life.

Tourism, Business, Psychology, Security & Terrorism
Subscriptions include:
- Hospitality & Tourism Index
- Channel View Publications: 5 full text tourism journals
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- Mental Measurements Yearbook online
- Jane’s Defence Magazine Library: 10 full text journals

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Tourism, Business, Psychology, Security & Terrorism
Subscriptions include:
- Hospitality & Tourism Index
- Channel View Publications: 5 full text tourism journals
- Ebsco’s Business Source Premier: index/abstract/full text
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OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND WITHIN A DIVERSE LIBRARY NETWORK

Murdoch University Library has embraced partnerships over the past 10 years with other library services. This provides opportunities for staff to experience a different working environment through short term secondment to the various partner libraries.

Since the establishment of the Rockingham Regional Campus Library a number of Murdoch Campus staff have spent time experiencing a combined TAFE, University and public library. In the last 12 months this movement has expanded to include secondments from and to the City of Rockingham libraries and the Peel Campus library.

Rosita Chan assisted the Rockingham City libraries by assuming the Systems Librarian role from May to November 2005 and now works at the South St campus and one day a week at the Peel Campus library. David Hixson moved to Safety Bay Library from November 2005 until February 2006 and now works at the Peel Campus Library on a full time basis. Jan Rutherford has a substantive position at Safety Bay library and has been working at Rockingham Regional Campus since May 2005. To assist colleagues at the new Peel Campus Library the opportunity of a 3 month contract has given Vicki Reynolds greater experience with the library’s Millenium system.

The knowledge gained from all of these movements is immeasurable in developing an understanding of the diverse work environments in each library and each sector. These staff movements are not just confined to our own partner libraries but also include other University Libraries in Perth. Joanne Richards has recently been seconded to Curtin University Library for 6 months and Carolyn MacDonald has undertaken to commute to Edith Cowan’s Joondalup campus for 6 months.

INFORMATION LITERACY CLASSES

Need to update your library skills? Come along to one of the library’s classes, which run throughout the year. Further information is available at https://wwwlib.murdoch.edu.au/infoskills/classes.html

Bookings are essential. To book a place, contact:
Murdoch Campus classes:
J.pell@murdoch.edu.au

Rockingham Campus classes:
rocquery@murdoch.edu.au or signup outside Student Learning Centre.

An Introduction to Endnote for Windows
Murdoch Campus Library Training Rm 1.015
Monday April 3, 9.30 to 11.30 am
Wednesday April 12, 9.30 to 11.30 am

Databases and Ejournals: An overview
Murdoch Campus Library Training Rm 1.015
Monday April 10, 9.30 to 11.30 am

Introduction to Referencing with Chicago Style
Murdoch Campus Library Training Rm 1.015
Friday April 21, 1.30 to 3.00 pm (Non teaching week)

Introduction to Referencing with APA Style
Murdoch Campus Library Training Rm 1.015
Thursday April 20, 1.30 to 3.00 pm (Non teaching week)

Psychology Workshop
Rockingham Campus Library (ELibrary Level 2):
Friday April 7, 9.00 to 10.00 am
If other classes are required, please contact
rocquery@murdoch.edu.au

GREAT 2002 (Graduate Research Education & Training)
NOTE these classes are for post-graduates only
Bookings are essential. Email great@murdoch.edu.au

An Introduction to Endnote for Windows
Murdoch Campus Library Training Rm 1.015
Tuesday March 28, 9.30 to 11.30 am
Thursday March 30, 1.30 to 3.30pm
Wednesday April 5, 9.30 to 11.30am

Ejournals and Databases
Murdoch Campus Library Training Rm 1.015
Tuesday April 4, 9.30 to 11.30am
In response to continuing demand, and in order to make better use of existing computing facilities, a new eLibrary has been made available in 2006.

The “Old Training Room” on Level 1 South Wing of the main library at South Street is now available for student use when not being used for training. It has the same functionality as eLibrary 2 on Level 3 North Wing, so students using the ten computers available need to log in to the student network.

Printing from this eLibrary is directed to eLibrary 2 and must be collected from there. A booking sheet on the door shows when the room is being used for training, and therefore is not available for individual use.

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