Lucky iPod Winner From O Week

Matthew Ilsley, a new student enrolled in Biological Sciences, completed the Learning Common quiz to become the lucky winner of an iPod during O Week.

All new students received the Quiz in their Orientation packs and many were seen buzzing around the Learning Common completing their entry for the prize draw.

Questions were designed to be fun, to engage and inform students about the facilities and services in the Learning Common. These include Library lending and research support, Reserve collection, the First Year Coordinator, Student Learning staff, the IT Service Desk, computer laboratories, group and individual study spaces, and a 24x7 area with computer workstations.

George Buick Award

Each year the Library presents the George Buick Award to a staff member or group deemed by their peers as having played an especially significant role in the Library during the year. The award rewards excellent sustained performance, team work, flexibility and initiative, and a commitment to service.

In 2007 the award went to Anne Greenshields, Law Liaison Librarian. Anne is well known for the excellent service she provides to the staff and students of the Law School, and is also known among her colleagues in law libraries in WA and across Australia as someone with extensive knowledge of contemporary legal collections and services.
LEARNING ABOUT LIBRARY 2.0 WITH 23 THINGS

Sixteen Murdoch library staff so far are officially “23 Things” certified. They have completed a 13 week program where they tried out 23 new technological tools. All participants created their own blog and reflexively recorded their learning as they “played, discovered and learned” their way through wikis, RSS, gmail, Flickr, YouTube, Second Life, Twitter and many other new tools.

Kathryn Greenhill, who adapted the existing “Learning 2.0” program which is being used in over 100 libraries worldwide, says that the program was aimed at “hands on” learning.

“Whether or not our students are currently using most of these tools, they will soon be using them or something like them. By trying out these tools, rather than just reading about them, staff learned how new technologies are redefining issues like privacy, plagiarism, business communication, collaboration, scholarship, authority and copyright. They have learned ways to communicate and find information that are beyond being text-based - such as image, video and podcast sites. They understand better ways to safely and sensibly navigate online social networks.”

One of the participants described it as a bit like eating an elephant – you need to do it in bite sized chunks. Only two or three new “Things” were posted to the blog each week, and there were three “catchup” weeks with no new Things. Two workshops were held each week in the library PC lab. Some staff – with varying levels of technical skills - were designated “mentors” and available to help and advise their workmates.

The initial project ran from 16 September 2007 - 12 December 2007. Staff at Rockingham, Peel and in the Teaching and Learning Centre were included. Over 87 people registered, 64 created blogs and several staff are still working their way through and should be finished by mid April.

The list of 23 Things is here: http://mullet23.blogspot.com/2007/08/23-things-list.html
The list of participants blogs is here: http://mullet23.blogspot.com/2007/08/participants-blogs.html
If you would like to find out more about any of the tools from the 23 Things, please contact Kathryn Greenhill (k.greenhill@murdoch.edu.au).

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

The Library and ITS have decided to share the cost of employing a staff member to investigate opportunities for enhancing learning and teaching raised by emerging technologies.

Kathryn Greenhill, who has been playing a similar role within the Library over the past year, has taken on this new role, and reports to the Chair of the Learning Technologies Steering Group. Kathryn is currently investigating how the university might provide access to blogs and wikis for use in learning and teaching. She is also reviewing the use of Live Classroom, used in some pilot projects around the university in 2006/7 and 2008 to enable people to participate in lectures or tutorials from different sites.

Kathryn is available via email: k.greenhill@murdoch.edu.au and tel. 9360 2146

LEARNING COMMON AT PEEL

When the new Murdoch building at Peel was completed in 2007, a new learning space was completed with it. The Learning Common at Peel provides two computer laboratories, study desks, casual seating, and support from Student Learning and Library staff. Library collections are held in the shared campus Library, and support from staff is always available there while the Library is open. Opening hours are available from the Library web site: http://wwwlib.murdoch.edu.au/about/open.html#peel
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD WESTERN AUSTRALIA (DAFWA) JOINS US AS A MILLENIUM PARTNER

The partnership between the libraries of Murdoch University and DAFWA developed even further with the official launch of the University’s Millennium Library system at the Department’s South Perth offices on 12th October 2007.

The launch was attended by Ian Longson, Director General of the Department of Agriculture, Tony Moran, Director, Information Services as well as staff from Murdoch University Library and the Department.

Deb Hamblin, then Acting Director of Murdoch Library Services, thanked staff from both organizations for their work in ensuring the successful migration of DAFWA data to the Millennium database.

The Implementation involved loading and configuring over 100,000 records and 1300 DAFWA patrons. The new combined Millennium Library System will allow researchers from both institutions access to a wide range of information resources.

Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement
Murdoch University Library has entered into a reciprocal arrangement with DAFWA Library whereby Murdoch staff and students and DAFWA staff may borrow from one another’s collections. This will improve access to resources for both organisations as well as enhance the close working relationship that exists between the libraries. Full details about the reciprocal arrangement are on Murdoch University Library’s website at http://wwwlib.murdoch.edu.au/for/staff/#daf

NEW LOOK FOR THE VETERINARY LIBRARY

The Veterinary Branch Library, located in Veterinary Clinical Sciences, has been given a much needed makeover during the summer break. The rooms have been repainted and blue feature walls have been added to complement the new blue-toned carpet.

The space has been reconfigured to create a “Learning Common” area in line with the reorganisation of the main Library. There is a separate secure section for the collection, allowing different opening times for the computer area. The refurbishment of this part is not yet complete – new furniture and extra workstations are to come – and eventually it is hoped it will be open 24/7.
ROCKINGHAM LIBRARY CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

The Rockingham Regional Campus Community Library opened its doors on 8th February 1998. This year it celebrates its 10th anniversary, serving the educational and recreational needs of Murdoch University, Challenger TAFE and the City of Rockingham. It is internationally recognised as a best practice joint use library and is seen as a benchmark for other joint use libraries.

The Library was described by the late Prof Roger Lethbridge as the “jewel in the crown” of the Rockingham Campus.

Staffing has remained fairly constant in the 10 years of operation with only 2 of the original staff no longer working for the University.

The Library is a fantastic community hub for all its stakeholder groups. The foyer/exhibition area is used for functions by the University, exhibitions by Challenger TAFE and community events for the City of Rockingham.
In the 10 years we have seen courses come and go and have been able to respond to the needs of a range of groups of students.

The Library has played host to a number of celebrity authors including Monica McInerney, Liz Byrski, Debbie Singh and Glyn Parry. It has also seen some wonderful art exhibitions by local art groups with one local group creating and installing a mural representing our aquatic environment on the external wall of the library.

The Rockingham library continues to go from strength to strength responding to the needs of its very diverse user groups.

LITE 2008 - YOUR INFORMATION NAVIGATOR

LITE, the Library’s online information literacy program, has undergone an exciting transformation for 2008. The new look LITE contains more interactive activities for users, as well as demonstrations of the Library catalogue and databases.

LITE is designed to introduce first year students to the Library and to valuable library and web research skills. Most new students will complete LITE as part of their Foundation Units, but the program is available and recommended to all new students, and to any existing students who would like a refresher about the Library, its resources and services.

LITE can be accessed under the MyUnits option from the Murdoch Current Students page at:

http://www.murdoch.edu.au/students/

LITE was successful in achieving a national Carrick Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning in 2007. Student feedback about the program has been positive:

...It's made me feel more confident about using the Murdoch University Library and cleared up any doubts I had about being an external student and accessing it.

This program has given me confidence to use the libraries resources and has taught me how to reference material that I use for my assessments.

I thought the information that was presented as part of the actual tutorials was excellent. Very worth while, and very pertinent for our studies.
Staff Farewells
In the second half of 2007 we farewelled two staff who had worked for the Library for some years.

Lea McKay
Started work at Murdoch in 1996. She worked in the Library's Collection Services area, where she was responsible for cataloguing serials, and also spent a number of years working at the Lending & Enquiry services desk. Lea was well known around campus through her involvement with the CPSU. She was a valued staff member, and we wish her well in her new job.

Margaret Bruce
Came to the Library in 1999 from the Library at ECU. She was appointed as the Document Acquisition and Supply Librarian, moved to become Enquiry and Lending Services Librarian, and then became coordinator of Reference services. She was also responsible for selecting materials for the IT collection, and supporting staff and students in that area. Margaret also played an active role in the local Academic and Research Libraries section of the Australian Library and Information Association. We wish Margaret well during her retirement.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS BY LIBRARY STAFF

Publications


Presentations


Anne Greenshields and Leanne Whykes (Minter Ellison Lawyers) "How to source FREE legal information online". Presentation to members of the WA Law Society in August 2007 discussing the relevance of free technologies such as RSS feeds, wikis and blogs for legal practice.
NEW AND UPDATED RESOURCES

NANOnetBase

A collection of more than 50 reference works on nanoscience and nanotechnology including the 5-volume Dekker Encyclopedia of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology and the 2nd edition of Handbook of Nanoscience Engineering and Technology, the definitive reference for nanoresearchers around the world.

Links to each book appear in the Library Title Catalogue and all can be searched collectively through NANOnetBase. Search results are displayed as chapter headings with direct linking to full text, which can be printed or saved.

Annual Reviews

The Annual Reviews journals cover a wide range of disciplines in biomedical, physical and social science. Comprehensive reviews of the research literature are written by acknowledged experts and provide an effective way to update knowledge of many research topics.

Review articles can also be used to enhance student online course readers. Articles from Annual Reviews are highly cited and the journals have high impact factors.

Statesman's Yearbook now online

The Library now subscribes to the online version of Statesman's Yearbook (SYB), a title that has been published continuously since 1864, originally in print format, and more recently in electronic format.

SBY contains profiles of every country in the world. It covers topics such as economics, trade, infrastructure, history and politics for each country and includes lists of resources that provide further information, and web links for further research.

It is a valuable reference resource for those interested in international affairs. Access Statesman’s Yearbook via the Library’s web pages.

Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy (REP Online)

This title, previously available to Murdoch users in print and on CDROM, is now available online. When first published in 1998 it was the first multi-volume encyclopaedia of philosophy to be published in over thirty years. It is now regarded as the definitive resource in the field. It features 2,000 original entries from a team of over 1,300 of the world’s most respected scholars and philosophers.

New content such as commissioned entries by leading scholars is added each year. There are also editorially reviewed links to other sites and resources on the web, plus revisions and updates of key entries, and periodic upgrades of the user environment. Access REP Online via the Library’s web pages.

GMID (Global Market Information Database)

We now have access to Euromonitor’s GMID, an extensive source of information on markets around the world. Included are over 4 million statistics on industries, countries and consumers. It is a valuable resource in areas such as business, marketing, management, economics, international relations and tourism. Users doing research projects such as market entry case studies, country, company and customer profiling, business and marketing planning, and forecasting will find GMID a useful source.

Access GMID via the Library’s web pages.
**MURDOCH LIBRARY BECOMES A PORTICO ARCHIVE FOUNDER**

The Library recently became a supporter of Portico, the electronic archiving service. Portico's mission is to “preserve scholarly literature published in electronic form and to ensure that these materials remain accessible to future scholars, researchers, and students” ([http://www.portico.org/about/](http://www.portico.org/about/)). Libraries that became Portico supporters in 2006 and 2007 are designated Portico Archival Founders.

More and more publishers are working with Portico to ensure that their electronic content is preserved and will continue to be available to subscribing libraries. Unlike archives such as JSTOR, Portico is a “dark” archive, with content only accessible once a trigger event occurs. These trigger events may include a publisher ceasing operations or ceasing to publish a title; or a publisher who is no longer able to offer access to back issues; or a publisher whose delivery platform fails and cannot be restored.

The Library’s support of Portico helps to ensure that Murdoch users will continue to have access to relevant electronic resources now and in the future. This is increasingly important as more resources are available in electronic format only, and an increasing proportion of the Library’s budget is spent on these resources.

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**Statistical Snapshot of the Library 2007**

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