A Tribute to Bill Cations

Bill Cations, University Librarian since 1988, retired at the end of September 2008. Bill led the Library through a period of unprecedented change with an unswerving commitment to serving the university community with quality resources and information services.

When Bill was appointed the library had entirely paper collections, a card catalogue and a small reference service. He left a service where the majority of items collected are electronic, with an active team of liaison librarians attuned to the needs of the university’s students and staff and having overseen the implementation of two generations of library management systems. The technological change during this period, the greatest change for libraries since Gutenberg, required strong leadership and advocacy to the university of the continuing role of the library. No better example of the effectiveness of Bill’s leadership and advocacy exists than the northern wing of the Central Library. This university-funded building extension was completed in 1996 at a time when no other major building work was being done in Australian university libraries. The quality accommodation that it provided has supported the provision of services to many thousands of students and staff.

The Sturt and Law Libraries were added to the system during Bill’s term, each contributing to making the library richer and more diverse.

These achievements were facilitated by Bill’s skill as a manager. Library projects came in on time and on budget and, through a period of escalating prices and oscillating exchange rates, the library budget was balanced year after year.

Leading the library staff through an unprecedented period of change was a major theme of Bill’s term. His strategy was flexibility. Staff moved routinely through the library system, developing skills and expanding their comfort zone. This organizational fluidity allowed the library to find the skills to develop new initiatives without displacing staff as processes changed.

To further enrich the library staff, Bill developed an innovative trainee programme. This brought new library graduates onto the staff, gave them well-structured experience, and saw them develop careers in the library. Thanks to this programme the library has a staff with a relatively young age profile.

Building on strong foundations, Bill led change, leaving a modern and vibrant library with collections and services able to meet the present and future information needs of the university community.
In January 2009, Flinders University Library launched its new website. The new homepage has a streamlined and modern appearance and an uncluttered layout. The aim of the redesign was to simplify the homepage and make it easier for the user to navigate around the site. The homepage features a simple “Quick Catalogue Search” box, a dedicated news area for promoting new library resources and information, and a rotating visual display to showcase library collections and services.

The News and Events section feeds directly from the new Library Blog, which you can also subscribe to via RSS feed. The Blog is also open for comments and suggestions from Flinders students and staff and we welcome your feedback.

A New Look for the Sturt Library

This March, students returning to the Sturt Campus had a welcome surprise when they visited the library for the first time. The Sturt Library has undergone a colourful refurbishment over summer and now provides a modern, flexible and vibrant space for student learning.

The Sturt Collaborative Learning Hub follows the successful redesign of similar spaces in the Central and Medical Libraries over the last two years. The emphasis is now on the library as a place for social and individual learning experiences, with spaces supporting a high tech learning environment. These spaces have proved very popular with library users, with student feedback indicating how much they like the comfy chairs, group study facilities and easy access to technology.

We have opened up the space on the entrance level of the library to make the most of the huge windows, natural light and wonderful views over the city and the sea. Comfortable armchairs and coffee tables offer a relaxing spot to rest, study or socialise between lectures. Study tables are scattered throughout the space for either individual or group study purposes. A feature of these tables is that most have power points embedded for easy laptop use, together with the strong wireless internet access throughout the library. There are also plentiful computers available on individual pods or on group workstations.

You may wonder: “Where are all the books?” While the Reference, Audio-Visual and ASMS collections remain on Level 3, the Periodicals collection has been moved downstairs next to the Sturt Books collection on Level 2. Most of our print collection is now located downstairs and also provides an area of quiet individual study space. Recently we have focused on developing the depth and breadth of our book collection and we encourage staff and students to check out some of our new titles in the areas of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Sciences.

We welcome feedback on the new space from all library users, and encourage you to come and visit the new look library the next time you are at the Sturt Campus!

New Library Website: www.flinders.edu.au/library
Legal Database Launched

A new database of full-text early South Australian Statutes covering the period 1837-1880 has been created in a project led by Professor David Clark of the School of Law and Helen Culshaw, the Flinders Law Librarian. The database forms the first module of the SA Legal History Archive which is located on the university’s digital repository, the Flinders Academic Commons.

The Honourable Justice Tom Gray of the Supreme Court of South Australia launched the database in a ceremony at Flinders University Library on 15 October. His Honour congratulated the university on the launch of the database, noting that it would be “a welcomed and valuable resource for judges, practitioners, researchers, students and the general public.”

Justice Gray commented on the relevance of Legal History to judicial decision making, citing as an example the reliance on older statutes and other primary historical resources in one of his own recent judgments, Trevorrow v South Australia, in 2007. This was a landmark case involving a successful claim for compensation of a member of the Stolen Generation.

The project to digitise this block of early legislation and create an online database was commenced in June 2006. It proved to be an exercise in collaboration and community engagement for the library and the university which has resulted in significant research resources being available to scholars in law and social history—even well beyond South Australia.

The impetus for the project came with the inability of Flinders University to obtain a full set of the SA Statutes for its Law Library. A successful application for funding was made to the Law Foundation of South Australia and the Attorney General for SA, The Honourable Michael Atkinson, kindly agreed to waive Crown copyright to allow the project to proceed, subject to the condition that the information be widely and freely available. The University of Adelaide Law Library loaned rare complete volumes of the early Acts for digitising.

The database is freely available through the University’s webpage at http://dspace.flinders.edu.au/dspace/handle/2328/1893.

It may be searched by a key term across the whole collection of the Acts of the period or searches can be made alphabetically by the title of the Act, or chronologically.

Legal practitioners and members of the academic community alike have already voiced their appreciation for the ease of access to archival quality information represented by the database.

The immediate objective of the project team is to continue to digitise the corpus of the SA legislation to 1900.

For further information please contact Helen Culshaw, Law Librarian.

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An Outstanding Contributor to Flinders University

Dr Gillian Dooley, the library’s Special Collections Librarian, is one of six Flinders staff honoured during 2008 with a staff award for outstanding contribution to Flinders University. The Chancellor, Sir Eric Neal, presented the awards at a ceremony on 27 November.

Gillian has developed research collections benefitting not only Flinders scholars but also researchers from throughout Australia and overseas. She further enhances the utility of the collections by leading the high level of service provided by the Special Collections unit.

Gillian successfully manages the library’s public events program of cultural, topical and artistic events. These include the regular Fridays at the Library presentations and special events such as the very successful Memories of Don Dunstan seminar, jointly sponsored by the Dunstan Foundation. Gillian also organised the library’s contribution to the Adelaide Fringe 2008, Jane Austen’s Music.

The library currently holds 48 publications written or edited by Gillian, an active scholar and book reviewer.

Gillian richly deserves her award. She is indeed, as stated in the citation, “an outstanding librarian who has made a significant contribution to the intellectual and cultural life of the university, its engagement with the wider community, and its scholarly profile”.

Library Multimedia Unit

The Library Multimedia Unit offers the following in-house services to university staff:

- Poster printing and laminating to AO (841x1189 mm) size
- Print mounting on to 5 mm thick foam core board
- Scanning

The unit also incorporates the University’s Photographic Service comprised of Ashton Claridge, an experienced and qualified professional photographer, and his assistant Jonathon Guppy. This service specialises in high quality work for advertising and marketing, examples of which feature in various Flinders publications such as Encounter, Our People, and Health Sciences Research Profile. Photos also appear in industry publications and local and national newspapers.

Photo shoots can be either on or off campus or in the Unit’s fully-equipped studio. Images can be provided in either digital form or as prints on archival photographic paper.

The service specialises in: group or portraiture shots; images of campus life (student groups, facilities, architecture); stills of laboratory equipment, products or artwork; and passport and visa photos.

For enquiries or quotes please contact the Unit.

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Below: A selection of images produced by the Library Multimedia Unit for Flinders publications

Jon Guppy (L) and Ashton Claridge (R) of the University’s Photographic Service
LIBRARY PATRON PROFILE

Dr Matthew Fitzpatrick

POSITION: Lecturer in International History in the Department of History, Faculty of Social Sciences.

RESEARCH INTERESTS: My initial research was on liberal imperialism in nineteenth century Germany (between 1848 and 1884 to be exact), but since then I have moved into theoretical questions surrounding comparative imperialism. I’m also interested in pre-Nazi racial theory in Germany, European attitudes towards the Ottoman Empire and genocide studies. I also do a very modest sideline in Roman history.

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Catching up on the newest releases from bands like Mogwai, Shellac and Fugazi. Pretending that I am flying a rocket ship or captaining a submarine with my toddler children. Reading stodgy books from the nineteenth century and endlessly updating my Facebook profile. I also love to watch my beloved Central Coast Mariners dish out a hiding to Adelaide, but sadly that is becoming a less frequent pleasure.

LIBRARY BRANCH MOST COMMONLY USED: Central Library.

FAVOURITE JOURNAL: Journal of Roman Studies for fun, Central European History and German History for work.

FAVOURITE DATABASE: Historical Abstracts and of course dear old JSTOR.

BEST THING ABOUT THE LIBRARY: Walking in and having a look at the new books that have arrived, to see what’s new. Also, browsing the new journals for an unexpected find.

WORST THING ABOUT THE LIBRARY: That its budget for journals is not more flexible. It would save document delivery a lot of work! But they’re expensive things, I understand.

CURRENT RECREATIONAL READING: I’m currently re-reading Hesse’s The Glass Bead Game with the sneaking suspicion that it’s either about me or aimed at me. I recently gave up reading Roger McDonald’s The Ballad of Desmond Kale. It didn’t work for me the way I’d hoped it would. I’m keen to read Markus Zusak’s The Book Thief.

Senior Staff Changes in the Library’s Learning and Research Services (LARS) Division

Ian McBain has been appointed University Librarian until September 2009 following the retirement of Bill Cations. Ian was formerly the head of the Learning and Research Services (LARS) division of the Library.

Miranda Morfey has taken up the position of Associate Librarian (LARS) until September 2009. Miranda is responsible for managing the LARS division and reports to the University Librarian. Miranda was formerly Medical Librarian.

Jessica Tyndall has taken up the position of Medical Librarian until September 2009 with management responsibility for the Gus Fraenkel Medical Library based at FMC. Jess’s Liaison Librarian responsibilities to the School of Medicine have been taken up by Leonie Garner and Jan Badcock.

Kate Sinclair has been appointed Nursing and Health Librarian and is responsible for the management of the Sturt Library. Prior to this move, Kate was Senior Liaison Librarian and based at the Central Library.

Beth Prior was appointed Senior Liaison Librarian in September of last year. Beth is responsible for coordinating the services of the Liaison Librarian team and overseeing the provision of undergraduate and postgraduate reader education programmes. She also manages the functions of the Lending, Information and FLO Helpdesk service points.
NEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

The Flinders University Library continues to expand its range of electronic resources to support the teaching, learning and research needs of Flinders academic staff and students.

With very few exceptions, these resources are available from the desktop 24/7, from anywhere in the world. The following pages detail a selection of titles—databases, ebooks and digital backfiles—purchased in the second half of 2008.

PRIMARY SOURCE COLLECTIONS

Introducing LawOne: A Comprehensive Legislation Research Tool

LawOne is an ideal resource to use when conducting research into Australian legislation. It provides the full-text of bills, Acts and regulations from throughout Australia, with links to detailed legislative history, proposed amendments, explanatory statements and second reading speeches. A select number of cases are also available in full-text and can be accessed directly from the Act or section that has been judicially considered.

A daily email or RSS alert service allows you to keep up-to-date with any changes to a specific Act or legislation on a general area of law.

The library also provides access to the Corporations Service and GST Service, which enable you to conduct point-in-time research and view comparative tables of current and previous legislation. These services can be accessed separately through the library catalogue or Databases web page.

Literary Manuscripts:

Victorian Manuscripts from the Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of the New York Public Library

The Berg Collection is recognised as one of the finest literary research collections in the world. Literary Manuscripts by Adam Matthew Digital now makes it possible to access the Victorian holdings of this collection, considered to the undisputed jewel in its crown.

Many of the manuscripts are unique and cannot be accessed in any medium elsewhere. They are supplemented by some rare printed materials, including early editions annotated by the authors. Each author collection is included in its entirety, allowing users to browse and search the manuscripts as they would in the Berg Reading Room. Authors represented in this collection include:

- Matthew Arnold
- The Brontës
- Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- Robert Browning
- Wilkie Collins
- Joseph Conrad
- Charles Dickens
- George Eliot
- George Gissing
- Thomas Hardy
- Henry James
- Dante Gabriel Rossetti
- John Ruskin
- Alfred Tennyson
- William Makepeace Thackeray

Unpublished poems, working notebooks, holograph manuscripts and drawings trace the inspiration and genesis behind the period’s greatest works. Researchers and students can trace the close interconnection of these Victorian authors – and subsequently their texts – through the mass of personal correspondence between them, revealing the close circles in which the Victorian literary world moved.
NEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

DIGITAL BACKFILE COLLECTIONS

Nature Archive
Flinders Library has recently purchased the complete Nature Archive online. This complements its current subscription to Nature and means that Flinders researchers and students now have “anytime, anywhere” access to Nature, beginning with issue 1, 1869.

With an impact factor of 28.751, Nature is the world’s most highly-cited interdisciplinary science journal (2007 Journal Citation Reports, Science Edition). The online archive includes original reports of some of the most explosive discoveries in modern science—discoveries which often went on to win Nobel Prizes for their authors.

Findings that were first communicated in Nature include:
- Einstein’s special theory of relativity (1905)
- Meitner and Frisch’s discovery of nuclear fission (1939)
- The Big Bang theory for the origin of the Universe (1948)
- Watson and Crick’s double helix structure of DNA (1953)
- The discovery of Pulsars (1968)
- The discovery of the ozone hole (1985)
- The creation of Dolly the Sheep by cloning (1997)

Nature Publishing Group’s website History of the Journal Nature is also accessible from the archive. This website presents the journal’s history with a range of multimedia and interactive timelines and even allows readers to vote and comment on their favourite Nature paper.

The Economist Historical Archive 1843-2003
"The most successful magazine global brand in the world, on and off the web” — Los Angeles Times

The Economist Historical Archive by Gale/Cengage Learning delivers a complete searchable copy of every issue of The Economist from 1843 to 2003. Full-colour images, multiple search indexes, exportable financial tables and a gallery of front covers highlighting a key topic of each week all combine to offer a primary source of research covering the 19th and 20th centuries.

The Economist Historical Archive complements the Times Digital Archive which is also now available through the Flinders University Library.

The Times Digital Archive 1785-1985

The Library is pleased to announce that it can now offer Flinders researchers online access to The Times Digital Archive. This database by the Gale Group is a searchable, full-image archive of every page published by The Times of London over a two hundred year period.

The entire archive is searchable by either keyword or date and, because the pages are displayed as digital images of the original pages, researchers can view all articles, advertisements, illustrations and photographs in their original context.

According to Professor Eric Richards in the Department of History:

These new systems for searching decades of newspapers are a godsend. I’m currently working on connections between Scotland and Australia over the period 1788 to 2010. This digital search facility is magical, especially compared to using hardcopy or the dreaded microfilm.

The significance of this publication cannot be overestimated. It has been referred to as the “world’s newspaper of record” and “the oldest continuously published daily newspaper in the English language” and has covered all major international historical events from the French Revolution and the American Civil War through to two World Wars of the twentieth century. It will be of immense value to researchers tracking political, social and economic change over decades. Furthermore, the presence of the original illustrations makes it a fascinating source of information for researchers in the areas of art, design, fashion and visual culture.
NEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

**eBOOKS**

**PsycBOOKS**

New to the library’s electronic collections is PsycBOOKS, a full-text database of books and chapters from the American Psychological Association.

PsycBOOKS features:
- full text in PDF of 1,662 scholarly books and 25,667 chapters
- 762 books published by APA, including 100 out-of-print books from 1950–2002
- 900 classic resources in psychology
- the Encyclopedia of Psychology (APA/Oxford University Press) containing more than 1,500 authored entries
- browsing by book title (alphabetical), author, table of contents (chapters) or abstract
- precise searching and recall via PsycINFO’s standard abstracting and indexing of books and chapters.

Enter “PsycBOOKS” as a title search on the library catalogue to access the PsycBOOKS database.

**Synthesis Digital Library of Engineering and Computer Science**

*Synthesis Digital Library of Engineering and Computer Science* by Morgan & Claypool Publishers is a series of “Lectures” or electronic books of between 50 to 100 pages that synthesize a research or development topic in engineering or computer science. The synthesis lectures are authored by experts in the field and are organized by “Series”, each with an editor who guides the lecture topic, author selection and peer review.

The lectures will be added to, and existing lectures revised as needed, making a dynamic and current collection of resources in rapidly developing fields of research.

Lecture topics include:
- biomedical engineering
- environmental science and engineering
- mobile & pervasive computing
- computer graphics and animation
- digital circuits and systems
- human language technologies
- information security, privacy and trust
- power electronics
- quantum computing
- signal processing
- energy and the environment, technology, science, and society
- image, video, and multimedia processing
- mathematics and statistics

**UpToDate**

The School of Medicine and the University Library have jointly purchased a site licence for UpToDate—an evidence-based, peer-reviewed clinician’s reference.

UpToDate summarises and synthesises knowledge published in more than 400 journals and is designed to answer clinical questions. It is also comprehensive, covering more than 7,400 topics in 13 medical specialties with links to Medline abstracts and a drug database included. An updated version of UpToDate is released every four months so that new important studies are immediately incorporated into the program. Most importantly, studies are placed in the context of what has already been published in that field.

UpToDate was trialled last year at the same time as two other similar resources and the feedback received from academic staff, doctors and consultants was strongly positive.

“*One of the strengths of UpToDate is getting evidence based practice and knowledge to point of care in hospitals and in a well delivered and convenient fashion.*”

“We use it a lot in Paeds and find it extremely useful and easy to access.”

“Enormous benefit to me clinically.”

“Brilliant for clinicians … been using it in Darwin for the past year and I can’t recommend it too highly.”

“I use it frequently to answer diagnostic and management questions.”

UpToDate can be accessed on any computer within the Flinders University IP range. To access simply go to http://www.uptodate.com.

If your computer is on the Flinders Medical Centre network you will have access through the hospital, which has a separate subscription. You can access this by going to the Southern Health Intranet and clicking on Links for FMC Staff then UpToDate.

Please note that UpToDate is not available off-campus.
NEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATABASE

Scopus

Flinders Library, in partnership with the Office of Research, is pleased to make Scopus available to Flinders staff and students. Scopus is an abstract and citation database of research literature published in traditional scholarly sources and on the web.

It provides information about subscription and open access journal articles, conference papers, trade publications, and book series, as well as research web pages. Coverage spans scientific, technical, medical, and social sciences literature with more than half the content originating from outside the United States, including an increasing number from Australia. References go back to 1996, with abstracts available in most records going back to 1823.

Scopus provides citation data that can be manipulated to identify:

• who is citing your articles
• how many citations an article has received
• how many citations an author has received
• how many citations a journal has received
• new research trends
• potential research collaborators.

Scopus will provide a useful enhancement to our citation information services, especially when used in conjunction with Web of Knowledge (incorporating Arts & Humanities Citation Index, Social Sciences Citation Index, Science Citation Index, and Journal Citation Reports), also available from the library databases page.

The next time you are using Web of Knowledge, make a note to run the same searches in Scopus.

For assistance or more information about Scopus, please contact your Liaison Librarian or see staff at the Information Desk.

LIBRARY STAFF PROFILE

Maggie Cooke

POSITION: Law Library Assistant

ROLE IN THE LIBRARY: Providing customer service to students and staff while working on the Law/ Special Collections service point. I also file legislation updates, arrange for binding of law reports and journals, and maintain the display of new publications in the Law Library.

BEST PART OF YOUR JOB: I would have to say assisting students. I enjoy my shifts at the service point and I work with a great team. I love the variety in my role as I also get to work for Special Collections one afternoon a week.

MAJOR CHALLENGES OF THE JOB: To assist promptly with enquiries in a busy environment as well as keeping up with those darned loose leaf and legislation updates.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: I am a member of the library’s Staff Development Committee and have served on the Christmas party committee two years running. I have made a major decision this year to return to TAFE to complete my Library Technician’s Diploma course, which I started in 2002.

CURRENT RECREATIONAL READING: Scandal of the Season by Sophie Gee. This fictional story has elements of the history of Great Britain and the Stuarts from 1603-1714 and depicts life in 18th century London.

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Walking my dog Willow, decorating my house in French provincial décor, searching for that special little knickknack that will add to the style I am creating, caring for my brand new garden, and generally enjoying life to the full.
Heidi Ing is the new Reference Librarian in the Gus Fraenkel Medical Library.

Heidi is a Flinders graduate with an Honours degree in Education (UP/LS). She has a strong background in Education, having tutored children in foster care with Families SA, run Adult Literacy and Numeracy, ESL and computing courses in a Community Centre, and taught ICT in schools. She has also conducted teacher training in multimedia and managed a Kumon franchise. She is currently working to complete the thesis component of a Masters of Arts (Information Studies).

As an aspiring historian, Heidi was thrilled to return to Flinders University in 2007 to work in Special Collections on the Borrow Collection. She also worked on data compilation for RQF (now ERA) and the Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC).

Heidi hopes that through her new position she will be able to contribute to the Medical Library team and provide information support to the staff and students who operate out of the FMC campus.

Peter Mason has recently joined Flinders Central Library in the position of Lending Services Librarian.

He has most recently been engaged with TAFE SA, Port Adelaide Campus, and the State Library of South Australia. At TAFE SA Peter supervised the small team of six responsible for provision of library services to the campus of 2,500 students.

Peter is most looking to working with the circulation team and in particular working with the many and varied client groups of Flinders University. “I’m sure it will be a shock when semester begins with the sheer volume of loans in and out, not to mention the quantity of reshelving compared with a small TAFE library”.

Peter’s office is located near the exit gate on level 1 of the Central Library. You can contact him by phoning 8201 3705 or by emailing peter.mason@flinders.edu.au. He looks forward to meeting with you all.

Jason Chan has commenced as the IT Student Support Assistant at the Central Library’s FLO student helpdesk.

His role involves coordinating the day-to-day operations of the helpdesk and providing support for students using FLO and associated computers and equipment in the Central Library. Jason has worked as Web Assistant in the Library Web Team at the University of South Australia. His most recent project was to develop an online web application for students and staff (on behalf of students) to submit feedback. He enjoys the picturesque views and friendly working environment of Flinders University and is looking forward to provide timely and helpful support to students at the FLO Helpdesk.
Peggy Brooksby is the new Liaison Librarian for Education.

Peggy has worked in the library for 25 years, most recently as the Lending Services Librarian in the Central Library where she managed Circulation, the Central Readings Collection and Patron Records.

Peggy is interested in exploring how information literacy impacts on student learning and research success. She enjoys customer contact and is looking forward to working with the staff and students of the School of Education.

Away from work, Peggy enjoys gardening, reading and catching up with friends when she has time. Coming from a very sports-orientated family, much of her free time revolves around either team managing or sitting on the sidelines of basketball courts and football ovals.

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Naomi Billinghurst is the new Social Science Liaison Librarian for Business, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Ageing Studies and the National Institute of Labour Studies.

Naomi was an After Hours Reference Librarian at Central Library in 2008. She is also an alumna of Flinders University where she majored in American Studies and went on exchange to UC Berkeley where she studied Public Policy topics.

For the last 9 years Naomi has worked in various roles at the State Library of South Australia in their Information and Research Services division.

Naomi’s particular professional interest is how students’ abilities to negotiate the library environment influence their study outcomes. She enjoys the combination of customer contact and research that her new position brings, and is looking forward to working with faculty and students in her subject areas.

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Debbie Wallis has commenced her new position as the Science and Engineering Liaison Librarian.

Her liaison areas include Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Sciences, Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics. Debbie was formerly Reference Librarian at the Medical Library. Prior to this she held various positions in university libraries in Queensland, including that of Liaison Librarian at University of Queensland Rural Clinical School.

Debbie’s professional interests include reference service provision, information literacy and collection development. She enjoys the vibrant and friendly environment of Flinders University and is looking forward to helping Science and Engineering students and staff access library resources. Her interests outside of work include travel, reading historical fiction and bushwalking.

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Staff Exchange Program Success

Since signing a Collaborative Agreement in 2006, Flinders University Library and Hiroshima University Library have sought ways in which to develop a collegiate relationship under the umbrella of the International Network of Universities (INU).

One of the terms of this Agreement is to “provide staff development opportunities for library staff with a staff exchange program”. In 2008, such an opportunity presented itself with the assistance of Elsevier’s International Librarian in Residence program. Chris O’Malley, one of the library’s young and promising trainee librarians, was selected for this program and began a secondment to Hiroshima University Library in August. Originally planned as an 8 week exchange, the success of the program quickly led to a request from the host library for an extension of four weeks.

In Japan, Chris found himself at the centre of a rich exchange of knowledge and ideas. He participated in the INU Student Seminar and was given time to visit other university libraries, such as Osaka and Ritsumeikan, to explore the similarities and differences between university library services in both countries. Chris was also invited to give a series of lectures to library staff from his host University, as well as to librarians from the wider Hiroshima Prefecture library community. His audience was very interested to hear about the Flinders Library Graduate Trainee Program (of which he is a part) and issues facing Australian libraries in general.

Chris was particularly impressed with the work being done at Hiroshima University Library to assist the university’s international students. The library provides collections in multiple languages and ensures its web pages and handouts are bilingual. It also runs language classes for its staff which focus on communicating with students in English. One of Chris’s tasks in the library was to assist staff with the design and presentation of a series of information literacy sessions to be conducted in English.

With his avid interest in other cultures, Chris immediately immersed himself in the Japanese lifestyle, filling his free time with visits to Sake breweries, baseball matches, seeing the “in-the-know” spots of Hiroshima City with locals and being warmly invited into their homes.

The secondment has since been reciprocated, with Hiroko Takahashi, Chief of Reference and Research at Hiroshima University Library, working at Flinders Library last November under the International Network of Universities Administrative Staff Shadowing Program.

A joint presentation made by Chris O’Malley and Hiroko Takahashi to library staff on November 25 was well-attended. The topic Libraries and Universities in Japan with an Emphasis on Hiroshima University Library provided a valuable learning experience to all staff and generated much goodwill.

Flinders Library staff were also glad to have the opportunity to return the hospitality shown to Chris. Hiroko enjoyed visits to wildlife reserves, gardens and beaches, as well as to the homes of staff.

Management of both Flinders and Hiroshima University Libraries have indicated that the recent staff exchanges have been mutually beneficial and look forward to continuing the collegiate relationship.

Top: Chris O’Malley with Tanaka-Sensei, Hiroshima University Library Director
Below Left: Library staff and Chris making the “peace and love” sign typical of Hiroshima
Below: Hiroko Takahashi and Senior Liaison Librarian Beth Prior at Flinders University
Enhancing the Collections through Endowed Funds: The Jim Main Bequest

In 1984, the university received a bequest from the late Mr J.M. Main, Reader in History, who had taught at the university since its foundation. This bequest was specifically for the acquisition of materials relating to Australian history, with items to be deposited in the Flinders Library.

Over the past 25 years, income from the invested bequest amount has been used to build a significant collection of Australian history materials true to the terms of the bequest, yet broad enough in scope to support a wide variety of research projects. Materials purchased include books, periodicals, newspapers (especially in formats other than print), formed collections and AV materials.

Books bought with bequest funds are given a special bookplate acknowledging Mr Main, while items in other formats can be identified as relating to the Main Bequest by the inclusion of a note on the library catalogue record.

The library is extremely appreciative of this generous bequest and the significant enhancement to the Flinders Library collections it has afforded.

If you have any questions about the Main Bequest, or if you are interested in discussing a bequest to the library, please contact Ian McBain, University Librarian.

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A Selection of Titles Purchased with Main Bequest Funds in 2008

Florence Broadhurst: her secret & extraordinary lives
By Helen O’Neill

Rebel journalism: the writings of Wilfred Burchett
Edited by George Burchett and Nick Shimmkin

Stella Miles Franklin: a biography
By Jill Roe

The secret war: a true history of Queensland’s native police
By Jonathan Richards
St Lucia, Qld.: University of Queensland Press, 2008.

Perils of the studio: inside the artistic affairs of bohemian Melbourne
By Alex Taylor

A Selection of Titles Purchased with Main Bequest Funds in 2008

Seminal documentaries chronicling Australia’s social history with a focus on industrial relations, the treatment of Aboriginal Australians, and the status of women.

A microfilm copy of the early Australian journal Theatre: an illustrated monthly devoted to the stage (1904-1912)
History at the Movies:
Australian Historical Films on the Theme of Water

Water has been on everyone’s minds lately, but this is far from a new phenomenon. The problem of water supplies for South Australia and Adelaide has been a matter of vital concern since the 1830s, as we discovered at the second of the Fridays at the Library series for 2008, on Friday 23 May.

As part of History Week 2008, Flinders University Library and History Department presented three short Australian historical films devoted to the theme of water. Drawn from Flinders’ State Film and Video collection, a collection of several thousand historical documentary films, the films were:

- **Inland with Sturt (1951)**, a dramatized documentary of Charles Sturt’s 1830 voyage of exploration down the Murray (starring a very youthful Rod Taylor)
- **Challenge of Water (1961)**, a documentary about irrigation, the Snowy Mountains scheme and the significance of water in Australia’s dry climate
- **Lifeline to Adelaide (1962)**, a documentary about Adelaide’s water supply, concentrating particularly on the pipeline from the Murray.

As a prelude, the 10-minute 1971 film **Central State** was screened. This promotional film for South Australia presents a vivid snapshot of Adelaide in the dynamic early days of the Dunstan Decade. Apart from their primary subject material, the films provided a fascinating glimpse into Adelaide’s past—the streetscapes, the cars, and the fashions.

Along with the screening of these forgotten 16mm classics, four Flinders academics gave a series of short talks putting the films in context. Mike Walsh from Screen and Media introduced the collection and explained how it came to be at Flinders; Peter Monteath from History spoke during the first reel change about the historical content of the films, including some little-known facts about Rod Taylor; and during another reel change Carol Fort from History provided a very concise history of Adelaide’s early water supply.

After the films, Peter Schwerdtfeger, Meteorologist from Airborne Research Australia, gave a brief overview of the current state of Adelaide’s water resources and what is (and isn’t) being done to conserve them, and led the audience in a lively discussion of the science and politics of water.

The films were screened in the time-honoured way, with a projector at the back of the Noel Stockdale Room. A couple of film breakages, rapidly repaired by our valiant projectionists, added to the historical feel of the event. The movie atmosphere was enhanced when the audience was treated to popcorn, fantales and choc-top ice creams during interval.

**Inside Muslim Minds launch**

Riaz Hassan’s book **Inside Muslim Minds** (MUP) was launched by Professor Hugh Stretton at a Fridays at the Library event in June 2008. **Inside Muslim Minds** is a fascinating and broad-ranging study of seven Muslim countries, giving unexpected insights into the attitudes and beliefs of modern Muslims from a range of social and cultural backgrounds. Professors Hassan (R) and Stretton (L) are pictured here with Gillian Dooley, Special Collections Librarian.
UPCOMING EVENTS

On 1 May at 3.30pm, gardening presenter and writer Sophie Thomson will talk about the basics of climate compatible gardening. Sophie has recently published From the Ground Up, a comprehensive guide to gardening in South Australia’s climate for everyone from novices to experts.

On 29 May from 3 to 5pm we will repeat our successful History at the Movies formula for History Week. This year’s event will be Migration in Focus, and will include a series of short films from the library’s historical collection on the theme of Australia’s migration history. Along with the screening of these forgotten 16mm classics, the event will feature discussions led by Flinders academics with an expert knowledge of film and migration history. This event will be co-hosted by the History and Screen Studies Departments.

On 26 June from 3 to 5pm, to end Semester One on a high note, we will present Robert Burns: A Celebration, with songs, readings and talks to celebrate the great Scottish poet’s 250th birthday. The music will be performed in a range of styles, including some of Joseph Haydn’s arrangements for voice and piano trio, traditional folk style and contemporary electro-pop. This event is presented in association with the Music Advisory Committee and ABR.

All events will take place in the Noel Stockdale Room of the Central Library. Light refreshments will be served.

Education Collections Relocated

Over the long break, all Education collections located in the Sturt Library were transferred to the Central Library.

- The Teaching Resources Collection (TRC) is now at the eastern end of Level 2.
- All books in the 370-379 call number range, or those ordered by Education staff within the last decade, are shelved in the main book sequence on Level 2.
- Education periodicals in the 370-379 range have been interfiled with the periodicals on Level 2.
- Readings associated with Education topics have been transferred to the Readings collection at the Lending Services counter on Level 1 (entry level).
- Audiovisual materials in the 370s, or those ordered by Education staff during the last decade, are located in the AV collection on Level 1.

Please contact Peggy Brooksby, Liaison Librarian for Education, if you would like more information about the collections.

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Upgrade to ProQuest Central

The library has upgraded from ProQuest 5000 to ProQuest Central. This database offers the same features that made ProQuest 5000 so popular (multidisciplinary content, full-text articles) plus access to new resources. ProQuest Central is the largest aggregated database in the market today, providing access to more than 11,710 publications with over 8,800 of these in full text.

What’s new? More Australian content.

From ProQuest Central’s ANZ Newstand you can access the full text of major Australian/NZ newspapers. This includes regional radio transcripts and news from current affairs television programs such as the 7.30 Report, Insiders and Lateline.

What else? Over 400 full text international newspapers including the full text of The Wall Street Journal and Los Angeles Times; thousands of dissertations in business, psychology, physical sciences, health, education, and business information from almost 9,000 market reports across 43 industries in 40 countries, including the UK, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Asia Pacific, North America, and Latin America.

Library Notices by SMS

Flinders staff and students can now receive library notices via SMS in addition to email. SMS alerts are sent when items placed on hold become available for pickup and when items borrowed become overdue.

To subscribe to this SMS service, go to the SMS gateway via the library catalogue (as shown) and register using your FAN or barcode with surname. This gateway also allows you to unsubscribe or change your mobile contact number.
Liaison Librarian Services to Academic Staff

Liaison Librarians are able to support the advanced information needs of academic staff. Each discipline within the university is assigned a Liaison Librarian who would be pleased to meet with you to discuss ways in which the library may be of assistance.

Liaison Librarians can provide:

- Advice on resources and tools for tracking research developments
- Support in using higher-level research tools such as Scopus and Web of Science
- Help with purchase requests for the library, whether for teaching or research purposes
- Welcome tours of the library for new staff and students
- Assistance with current awareness services such as CobiAlerts for receiving tailored online alerts of the most recent publications in your area of interest.
- Assistance with topic reading lists and the eReadings collection
- Help with linking to online articles, journals or databases within FLO topics
- Tailored information sessions for students preparing to do a class assignment.

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