LAUNCH OF VOYAGER INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Chancellor, Sir Eric Neal, recently officially launched the new Voyager Information System in the University Library.

The launch was a celebration of the successful implementation of Voyager in the Central, Law, Medical and Sturt Libraries. Voyager underpins all library operations and services. It is a product of Endeavour Systems Inc., a major US information systems company based in Chicago. It is easily accessible through the Internet and is thus an important resource for our off-campus students and staff. In addition to Flinders, Voyager has been installed in a number of prestigious international libraries including Cambridge University, the Library of Congress, Princeton University and Yale University.

Flinders jointly negotiated the selection and purchase of Voyager with Adelaide University and the University of South Australia. All three universities have now implemented Voyager. This greatly facilitates resource sharing and access to the collections of the three libraries by the students and staff of the three universities. This example of library systems collaboration is unique in Australia and unusual throughout the world.

Voyager is cutting edge, internet friendly, library technology. It will be the base from which the

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A VOYAGE INTO THE FUTURE

The launch of the new Voyager Information System marks the beginning of a new era of electronic information delivery at Flinders University. This is a significant event for several reasons.

Firstly, the installation of new library systems does not happen very often. Library systems are expensive but they tend to have a long operational life. Our previous system, Dynix, lasted 10 years. So we expect Voyager to take us well into the next decade.

Secondly, it is a collaborative achievement at a time when there is much talk about collaboration but little result. By working together with Adelaide University and the University of South Australia, Flinders has achieved an outcome that is not only cost effective but also greatly facilitates mutual access to library resources and services across the three universities. For example, Voyager allows simultaneous searching of all three university library catalogues.

Thirdly, Voyager is an innovative system designed for the Internet age. Off-campus students and staff can now easily access the library catalogue, databases, electronic journals and electronic services via the Internet. Entries in the library catalogue are now hot linked to electronic journals and resources available on the library web pages.

Voyager employs familiar windows and web-based user interfaces to provide user-friendly and seamless access to a wide range of library resources. Library users can search local and remote bibliographic and full-text resources through an attractive and intuitive web interface.

Such functions as placing holds on items, checking items on loan, renewing items on loan and checking your own library lending status can be done by library users from within the library or remotely with 24 hour access. Online help is available.

Perhaps the most obvious feature of Voyager is the library catalogue. However, Voyager is much more than a catalogue. It manages many other activities including the lending and circulation of material, reserve collection operations including electronic reserve, book orders, journal subscriptions and maintenance. Most importantly Voyager integrates all elements of the electronic library to provide easy access to meet the growing and varied information needs of the university community.

The successful implementation of all public access modules and many of the library administrative modules is just the beginning of the development of our Voyager system. Library staff are continuing to work on the remaining administrative modules with a scheduled implementation date of January 2003. Other Voyager products which we will be evaluating for future acquisition include:

- ENCompass, which will simplify access to a wide range of electronic resources available through the library such as the online catalogue, databases, electronic reserve, electronic journals and relevant web sites. ENCompass provides searching in a multi-protocol environment to expand single search access to a wide variety of resources. ENCompass also facilitates the creation and management of local digital content.

- LinkFinderPlus, which provides searchers with direct links from citations to the full text of the article, additional articles similar to the current citation, an opportunity to search for more citations by the cited author, and a document delivery option if the article is not available in full text.

Voyager, and its associated products, is a powerful tool which will enable Flinders staff and students to readily identify and access relevant information resources. It will be an essential guide through the electronic information maze resulting from the plethora of available electronic publications, particularly as an even wider range of electronic information resources will become available as we move through the next decade.

Bill Catlons
University Librarian
NEW INFORMATION DESK IN THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

A new Information Desk was built in the Central Library over the summer and commenced operation at the beginning of semester one. The new desk provides an elevated level of service to university staff and students as it brings together a number of services previously distributed within the Central Library. The desk continues to provide information and directional assistance but also provides enhanced services to support the use of IT equipment in the Library and brings such services as the WebCT Student Help Desk out into the public area. Other Library services, such as the production of University ID cards and the maintenance of patron records, have been moved out as well. This co-location will save a lot of frustrating referral between service points.

Some computers have been installed adjacent to the Information Desk. In this area library staff can provide intensive assistance for staff and students as they make use of the electronic journals and other new information resources that are now such an important part of the Library's collections.

When there are reduced staffing levels after-hours the clustering of services and facilities that has been achieved with the new desk will allow the Information desk librarian to stay accessible, in the vicinity of the desk, and reduce the amount of time spent moving around the building.

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMIC RESEARCH LIBRARY NETWORK (AARLIN)

AARLIN is an ARC funded project which aims to provide integrated access to information resources for researchers in higher education. The Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) has recognised the importance of this development, which is a priority project in its Strategic Plan for 1999 to 2005.

In January 2002, up to 20 Flinders academic staff and postgraduate students from the Engineering, Health Sciences and Humanities faculties started testing the facility with their research. The main objective is to maximise/facilitate the most appropriate access to the most appropriate information resources for any specific end-user. More specifically the project aims to use the key portal functionality of authentication, customisation and personalisation in conjunction with "push" technologies, whereby, through the authentication system, a profile of end users is obtained and information which would be of general interest is "pushed" to them. It also employs user "pull" technology, ie the end user is able to personalise his or her preferred access to the resources that they are interested in.

In addition, it aims to provide a simultaneous searching function, targeting OPACs, citation and fulltext databases, KINETICA, subject gateways, and other search engines.

The AARLIN portal will also improve access to fulltext data by deep-linking to electronic resources or facilitating document delivery requests where appropriate, and otherwise increasing awareness of accessibility/availability of resources.

For further information please contact the Library co-ordinator, John Banbury, email John.Banbury@flinders.edu.au
FLINDERS AMONG TOP 10 CONTRIBUTORS TO KINETICA

For the second year in a row the Flinders Library has been named one of the top ten contributors of original cataloguing records and holdings data to the National Bibliographic Database, Kinetica. Based at the National Library of Australia, Kinetica is an internet-based service providing access to a number of Australian and international databases. It is used by over 1500 Australian libraries to locate material for their users, to provide cataloguing records for local databases and to assist in effective resource sharing Australia wide. It is the linchpin of Document Delivery services in Australian libraries.

Flinders was one of only three university libraries listed in the top ten contributors of original cataloguing records after the University of New South Wales and the University of Newcastle. The other libraries listed were the National Library itself, several state libraries and two large consortia. Flinders came in as the number four contributor of holdings data to Kinetica. This is quite an achievement for a Library the size of Flinders and demonstrates our strong commitment to resource sharing and support for academic research in Australia.

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University Library will develop the new generation of library electronic services during the next decade.

The successful implementation was the culmination of 18 months of exacting work by the library staff. It was a large project which encompassed:

- the updating and transfer of 2.5 million records from the Dynix System to Voyager.

- the installation and configuration of 4 servers and 200 workstations.

- the comprehensive training of all library staff in Voyager applications.

The successful Installation of Voyager was a truly team effort as all library staff were involved in the project in some way. The Chancellor commended the library staff for their fine achievement, and made particular mention of Ian Brown, Project Manager, and Lynda Clarke, Project Officer for their outstanding contribution to the project. The University Librarian also acknowledged the assistance provided by other university staff, particularly Paul Gardner – Stephen and Murray Rogers in the Faculty of Science and Engineering, and staff in the Information Services Division.

If you would like a demonstration of the capabilities of the Voyager system please contact your Liaison Librarian.
The University Photographic Service, located in the Central Library's Multimedia Unit has recently purchased a high resolution digital camera. The unit can now offer digital capture as well as film and slide scanning and CD burning in addition to the regular film based and colour copying services already provided.

The new camera, which is compatible with the Unit's existing range of lenses and accessories, enables the photographers to offer digital capture in areas such as equipment and product photography, close-up, portraiture and event coverage. Images are kept on file with copies burnt onto CD or e-mailed to the customer, depending on their needs.

The unit can provide a wide range of still photographic services and encourages potential users to phone the photographers, Ashton Claridge or Iain Willoughby, on either 12584 or 15215 to discuss their requirements.

Fridays at the Library

FASCINATING TALKS IN SECOND SEMESTER 2001

The highly successful Fridays at the Library series has been running for more than a year now in the Noel Stockdale Room, Central Library. In second semester 2001 we were treated to fascinating talks by two remarkable people. Firstly, in August, SA Museum Director and author Professor Tim Flannery (shown here with Associate Librarian Kaye Baudinette) spoke on some of the eyewitness accounts of early Australian history which he has recently edited for publication. Secondly, our retiring Chancellor Sister Deirdre Jordan talked about the role of books in her life, especially in the studies she is planning to pursue in the USA. We have often heard her speaking at ceremonial occasions and launching other people's books, so it was particularly gratifying to hear about her own fascinating work in the sociology of education.

Professor Tim Flannery
and Kaye Baudinette
INSPIRED BY FLINDERS

The tradition continued this year with three events in first semester. For the first, on 15th March, our theme was 'Inspired by Flinders'.

Over the years, many poets have felt inspired by Matthew Flinders’ life and work and some of the resulting literary gems were read for us by senior Flinders drama students James Aubrey, Sonia Kerr, and Reuben McNamara. The audience was thrilled and uplifted by William Beard’s 1958 epic ‘Navigator Immortal’, touched to the core by Bernard Ingleby’s ‘The Death of Flinders’ (1913) read by James in the most affecting style and amused by Peter Manthorpe’s 1998 poem ‘To the Statue of Matthew Flinders on North Terrace’.

In addition to the poetry readings, a flute duo from the Elder Conservatorium, Michelle Vivian and Kristie Wilson, presented some of the music.

The next event in the series is Bloomsday, our annual celebration of James Joyce’s Ulysses, which will take place on Friday 14th June.

All are welcome to attend this free event in the Noel Stockdale Room, Flinders University Central Library. There will be readings from the novel, songs, and appropriate light refreshments.

For enquiries, or to be placed on the Fridays at the Library mailing list, please contact Gillian Dooley on 8201 5238 email gillian.dooley@flinders.edu.au

THE AUSTRALIAN WOMAN'S WEEKLY AND ITS PLACE IN AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL HISTORY

The series continued on Friday 12th April, when Susan Sheridan, Professor of Women’s Studies at Flinders, spoke about her recent book Who Was That Woman? (UNSW Press, 2001) and the social history of Australian women as portrayed in the Australian Women’s Weekly in the post-war years. The audience was treated to a lunch of cocktail sausage rolls, lamingtons and butterfly cakes, and a lively discussion of the place of the Weekly in Australian family life continued for some time after the close of formal proceedings.
Special Collections

THE FLINDERS COLLECTION

The Flinders Collection has been part of Special Collections for many years. We have always aimed to purchase all publications by or about Matthew Flinders, his associates and other Australian maritime explorers for the Collection, but in addition the Special Collections librarians over the years have assiduously collected every scrap of information or memorabilia on Flinders that has come their way. A list of these items previously appeared on the Special Collections website, but a current ongoing project is to provide subject access to these items through our library catalogue. Each item is being catalogued and assigned a number prefixed with ‘EPH’. All the material in the Flinders Collection is available for consultation in the Special Collections Reading Room.

This collection of ephemera may have little monetary value, and the rarity of its individual elements certainly does not rival other treasures we hold such as the original manuscript letter from Flinders to his wife, the original Ann Flinders flower paintings (now available as greeting cards from the Flinders Art Museum), and the first edition of the Voyage to Terra Australia. However, the Collection’s value lies in its collocation of many bits and pieces from two centuries of academic and journalistic interest in Flinders.

The Collection includes newspaper and journal articles, unpublished papers, photographs, posters, memorabilia of various kinds – souvenir tea-towels, commemorative wine goblets and Australian first-day covers. A selection of this memorabilia has been exhibited in the Noel Stockdale Room since March to coincide with the Fridays at the Library series on the theme ‘Inspired by Flinders’.

New material is continually being added to the collection. Recent additions include conference papers on Flinders and Baudin given at the CRNLE’s recent ‘Encounters 2007’ Conference on Kangaroo Island, and transcripts of family letters written by Ann Flinders in the years after her husband’s death, given to the University by Mrs Jayne Salmon, a descendent of Flinders’ sister Susannah, on her visit in August last year. Mrs Salmon is shown here with her husband Jim and Special Collections Librarian Gillian Dooley viewing the first edition of Flinders’ Voyage to Terra Australia in the Special Collections Reading Room.

For more information, please contact Gillian Dooley, Special Collections Librarian, on 8207 5238 email gillian.dooley@flinders.edu.au

Mrs Jayne Salmon with her husband Jim and Gillian Dooley
In Brief

Job Rotation Scheme
The Director of the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency has congratulated the University on three initiatives, which were discussed in its recent report to the Agency. One of those three initiatives was the job rotation scheme for general staff in the library. For some years now the library has had a job rotation policy where staff are offered the chance of working in other areas of the library. There is also a formal trainee librarian programme where staff are guaranteed experience in a variety of positions.

Foreign Webpages
A global welcome to the Library. Recent users of the Library's website may have found themselves needing to brush up on their Norwegian! Two Norwegian language pages have been created to showcase the features of the Library and provide links to useful sites and resources. The pages provide a friendly introduction to the Library, with a particular focus on the Sturt Library, the home library for Norwegian nursing program students. The pages can be found at the following urls:
http://www.lib.flinders.edu.au/lang/no/ (general page)

Victorian Naturalist
The library recently received a significant donation from Mr Noel Lothian, former director of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. The donation comprises a complete run of the scientific bimonthly journal Victorian Naturalist. This has been published by the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria since 1884 and accepts articles on natural history relevant to Victoria and Australia. All articles are refereed, and the aim is to have a mixture of scientific research reports, naturalist notes and articles suitable for a wide audience. Mr Lothian is a life member of the Field Naturalists Club and has generously advised the library that he will continue to donate bound copies of the later issues.

Examination Papers Wanted
The Library makes past exam papers available to students through its website but is missing a number for Semester 2, 2001. Could academic staff please arrange for any missing papers to be emailed, in Word format, to Tanya Rowe with a file name that contains information about the topic, such as topic code, semester and year, eg, 1203s201. Tanya can be emailed at tanya.rowe@flinders.edu.au

WRITERS AND THEIR WORLDS SEMINAR SERIES
Creative Writing Program
The School of English and Drama in cooperation with the University Library is presenting a series of seminars featuring writers, publishers and editors talking about their work. The programme so far features:
- 2 May  Martin Johnson
- 9 May  Catherine Murphy
- 16 May  Darrel Guntzberg
- 23 May  John Fletcher
- 30 May  Andrew Bovell

Noel Stockdale Room in the Library
Thursdays at 12:00

Electronic Resources

New resources

Pscyoriaries
Pscyoriaries, the full-text collection of the American Psychological Association & Canadian Psychological Association, is now available. Holdings of many titles in the collection cover the period 1988 to the present, with earlier years in production. The collection of 42 titles may be accessed at:
http://www.lib.flinders.edu.au/resources/pscyoriaries/ For further information please contact Tony Giorgio, email tony.giorgio@flinders.edu.au

Leisurertourism.com
The Leisurertourism.com database is aimed at researchers, teachers, consultants and key decision-makers in the leisure, tourist, recreation and cultural industries. At the heart of Leisurertourism.com is a fully searchable database, initially comprising a 10-year archive. The database will expand soon after launch to include over 25 years of information taken from International research literature. An important feature of the resource is that database records are linked to the full text articles available within the ingenta Journals system, enabling the user to have fast access.
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to original research articles from the desktop. It also includes weekly news updates, reviews, a calendar of events, access to the CABi Publishing range of tourism and leisure book titles, and job listings.
To access LeisureTourism.com, go to:
For further information please contact Jan Baskerville,
email jan.baskerville@flinders.edu.au

Proquest
All titles from the MCB University Press Emerald collection will be added to Proquest in 2002. The collection's focus is on management, accounting and quality assurance. 43 titles were added in January, with another 49 titles to be added in May. Full-text availability extends back as far as 1988 for many titles to the present (but excluding the last 12 months).
Proquest may be accessed at:
For further information please contact Tony Giorgio,
email tony.giorgio@flinders.edu.au

Journal of the History of Philosophy
The Journal of the History of Philosophy is an international journal that publishes broadly conceived articles, notes, discussions, and reviews about the history of western philosophy. Each issue includes five or six refereed articles on topics ranging from ancient to medieval to nineteenth and twentieth century philosophy. Issues contain approximately fifteen reviews of the most recent books on the history of philosophy. The journal publishes material in English, German, and French.
The Journal of the History of Philosophy is available from the Project Muse database, which is available on and off campus at:
http://www.lib.flinders.edu.au/resources/ej/muse
For further information please contact Jan Baskerville,
email jan.baskerville@flinders.edu.au

Philosophy and Public Affairs
Issues of public concern often have an important philosophical dimension. Philosophy and Public Affairs is founded in the belief that a philosophical examination of these issues can contribute to their clarification and to their resolution. It welcomes philosophical discussions of substantive legal, social, and political problems, as well as discussions of the more abstract questions to which they give rise. In addition, it intends to publish studies of the moral and intellectual history of such problems. Philosophy and Public Affairs is designed to fill the need for a periodical in which philosophers with different viewpoints and philosophically inclined writers from various disciplines—including law, political science, economics, and sociology—can bring their distinctive methods to bear on problems of concern to everyone.
The journal is available from the Project Muse database, which is available on and off campus at:
http://www.lib.flinders.edu.au/resources/ej/muse
For further information please contact Jan Baskerville,
email jan.baskerville@flinders.edu.au

Rural and Remote Health: the international electronic journal of rural and remote health research, education, practice and policy.
Rural and Remote Health is an initiative of the Greater Green Triangle University Department of Rural Health, located in south eastern Australia. It aims to provide an easily accessible, peer-reviewed, international evidence base to inform improvement in health service delivery and health status in rural communities. Articles are published on the same day as editorial approval is given. A highly respected multidisciplinary editorial team has been established from five continents to ensure quality and relevance. This team is organised around the five major thematic areas of the journal: rural health practice; rural health policy; rural health status/research; rural health education; rural indigenous health. A moderated electronic 'letters to the editor' section enables constructive interaction between policy makers, practitioners, educators, researchers, health service managers and rural community members.
There are no subscription fees, and readers can receive immediate email notification of published articles in their field of interest. It is accessible from:
http://mh.deakin.edu.au/home/default.asp
For further information please contact Jessica Tyndall, email jessica.tyndall@flinders.edu.au

Siena Group Meeting
In December 1998, the Australian Bureau of Statistics hosted the Siena Group Meeting in Sydney. The main purpose of the group is the promotion and coordination of international cooperation in the area of social statistics by classifications, as well as analysis of the linkages and framework for integrating social, economic and demographic data for the purposes of
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policy formulation and analysis. There are three volumes:
Volume 1: Families at the end of the 20th Century, which has a record of the proceedings of this meeting and a discussion of the papers presented.
Volume 2: Family Statistics Country Papers, which compares the state of Family statistics across the 15 countries who participated in the Siena Group Meeting.
Volume 3: Future Directions for the Siena Group.
Print copy Central Library 1306.85 5572 1998.
An electronic version is available on the ABS Website at www.abs.gov.au as well as being accessible directly through the Voyager Library Catalogue:
http://voyager.cc.flinders.edu.au
For further information please contact your Liaison Librarian.

Current subscriptions

SciFinder Scholar - Chemical Abstracts Online
SciFinder Scholar is a tool for chemistry researchers and students to search Chemical Abstracts online. It indexes chemical, biochemical and chemical engineering journals, patents, books, conferences; and dissertations from 1967. SciFinder Scholar is available for use on campus from 9.30 am Monday to 11.30pm Sunday. It is available from the following url:
http://www.lib.flinders.edu.au/resources/databases/cas/ where users must first agree to the terms and conditions and are then given access to the software needed to run the database.
For further information please contact Tom Snook, email tom.snook@flinders.edu.au

EBSCO Online
The Ebsco Online collection contains the full-text of almost 500 journals in most subject areas. It is available on and off campus.
On campus users can connect from:
http://www-ebsco.com/online/
If you are connecting from off campus, you will need a username and password. These may be obtained from:
http://www.lib.flinders.edu.au/resources/remote/
For further information please contact your Liaison Librarian.

Wiley Interscience
Wiley InterScience is the online journals service from John Wiley & Sons. The collection is available on campus, and contains over 300 full-text titles in the Sciences and Social Sciences. From 2002, Wiley journals will be available remotely as well as on campus. Connect to Wiley Interscience at:
http://www.lib.flinders.edu.au/resources/ej/wiley/
For further information please contact your Liaison Librarian.

Trials
The Library participates in many resource trials. These provide an opportunity for you to evaluate resources to which the library does not currently subscribe. We also welcome your feedback on any of the resources offered. The latest is:

Eighty20 Statistics
Eighty20 Statistics is the leading secondary distributor for the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and also obtains information from a number of other reputable data suppliers. All the modules of the Eighty20 software range are integrated so that users can quickly and simply generate reports to suit their exact needs. The Eighty20 Statistics site has been developed from the Eighty20 disk and CD-Rom products that have been widely used by businesses of all types and sizes across Australia. Eighty20 Statistics will continue to expand its range of business solutions based on the needs of clients - and is currently working on a Trends module that will enable users to clearly see how an area has changed over time.
To log onto the site, go to:
For more information please contact your Liaison Librarian.

Oxford Reference Online
The Core Collection, the first database to be available as part of Oxford Reference Online, includes a broad selection of 100 dictionary and reference titles across the full subject spectrum.
Containing over 1.5 million dictionary definitions, facts, figures, people, places, dates, and quotations, Oxford Reference Online: The Core Collection is unique in offering integrated, consistent content from the humanities and social sciences to science and medicine. The trial ends on: 31 May 2002.
To log on, go to:
For more information please contact your Liaison Librarian.
Significant Book Acquisitions

**Central Library**
Gender and development: theoretical, empirical and practical approaches / edited by Lourdes Beneria and Savitri Bisnath.
306.3 G325

International encyclopedia of the social & behavioural sciences.
Central Reference Collection
303 L61.E

**Law Library**
Theobald, Henry Studdy,
Theobald on wills.
16th ed. / by John G. Ross Martyn, Stuart Bridge, Mika Oldham.
KN125 T3851.16

KN127 Y431.29

**Gus Fraenkel Medical Library**
6th ed.
f616.12 H435.6

Infectious diseases of the fetus and newborn infant /
5th ed.
f618.3 I43.5

Mandell, Douglas and Bennett's principles and practice of infectious diseases.
5th ed. / edited by Gerald L. Mandell, John E. Bennett, Raphael Dolin.
f616.9 P957.5

Pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition in clinical practice / edited by Carlos H. Lifschitz.
618.923 L722p

Topley & Wilson's microbiology & microbial infections
Topley, W. W. C. (William Whiteman Carton),
616.01 T675.9

**Sturt Library**
Clinical oncology / [edited by] Martin D. Abeleff ... et al.
2nd ed.
f616.994 C644.A2

Staff Moves

**Medical Librarian – Miranda Morley**
Miranda Morley was recently appointed to the position of Medical Librarian.
Miranda's previous appointment was Science Liaison Librarian in the Flinders University Central Library. In this position Miranda was responsible for planning, preparation and implementation of appropriate information services for the students and staff of the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

She has highly developed electronic information retrieval skills and a particular interest in the effective delivery of electronic information services. She is involved in the use of information technology such as WebCT in an educational and library environment and is particularly interested in the ways in which it can be used to assist library users off campus and out of hours. She would be pleased to meet with staff or students who wish to discuss this.

Miranda can be contacted on 8204 5462, or by email at Miranda.Morley@flinders.edu.au
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Sturt Librarian – Margaret Apsey
Margaret Apsey was recently appointed to the position of Sturt Librarian.

Margaret's previous appointment was Senior Liaison Librarian in the Flinders University Central Library. In this position Margaret was responsible for managing the group of liaison librarians located in the Central Library and for coordinating liaison librarian's programmes across the Central, Law, Medical and Sturt libraries. She is committed to the provision of a high level of library service to the university community both in terms of on campus services but also in the development of electronic services to students and staff in rural and remote areas. She is particularly interested in issues of information literacy and ensuring Flinders students are equipped to find and use information as they need it.

Margaret can be contacted on 8201 3290 or by email at Margaret.Apsey@flinders.edu.au

Science Liaison Librarian – Tom Snook
Tom Snook was recently appointed to the position of Science Liaison Librarian, responsible for coordinating the provision of library services to the Flinders University Central Library. Tom has an excellent understanding of the scope and depth of the library collections and is particularly interested in ensuring that the collections, both print and electronic, continue to be relevant to the needs of the Faculty of Science and Engineering.
Tom can be contacted on 8201 2517 or by email at Tom.Snook@flinders.edu.au

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WOMEN'S STUDIES

Women's Studies Liaison Librarian - Craig Brittain
In First Semester Craig attends introductory lectures to explain his role as Women's Studies librarian. And he runs sessions on reference materials and electronic resources for individuals and groups throughout the year. He can be contacted at craig.brittain@flinders.edu.au or on the phone at 82012202.

Women's Studies can cover a large range of topics. Any activity that women are involved in, or from which they are, or have been, excluded - business, work, politics, the professions, media, sport, film, literature.... The achievements, the failures, the struggles. So, the range of reference works and electronic resources of potential use to academics and students of the subject is vast.

Databases and Full Text Electronic Resources can be accessed from the library's homepage www.lib.flinders.edu.au (to be found under the main heading "Information Resources")

Main databases are:

APAS: Australian Public Affairs Information Service (available on AustROM)
Australian Public Affairs Information Service, is a bibliographic database that indexes articles from a wide range of periodicals, newspapers, scholarly journals, conference papers and books in the social sciences and humanities. Emphasis is given to current articles on Australian political, economic, legal, social and cultural affairs.
Subject coverage includes articles on current affairs, economics, humanities, law, literature, politics and social sciences.

APAS comprehensively indexes approximately 250 journals. Overseas sources are also scanned for material on Australian subject matter. APAS also indexes very selectively from many other Australian journals and conference proceedings, as well as from overseas journals carrying articles with an Australian content. Time span: 1978+

AustROM
Thirteen Australian databases, mostly bibliographic, including indexes to journals, books, newspaper...
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articles, reports, theses and manuscripts, conference proceedings and audio-visual material.
Subjects covered include law, criminology, education, architecture, sport, leisure, recreation, psychology, economics and health issues relating particularly to Australia.

Contemporary Women's Issues (available on First Search)
CWI focuses on timely and relevant topics and meaningful issues for women, such as health, human rights, development, the workplace and legal status. It covers over 600 sources, both periodical and nonperiodical, published by more than 100 organizations from around the world—research reports from nonprofit organizations, nongovernment organizations, international agencies and governments, which are often unavailable in libraries; journals and newsletters, including the alternative press; proceedings; pamphlets; fact sheets; media reviews; and legislative actions. Full text is available for over 98 percent of the materials. Coverage dates from 1992 to the present.

FAMILY: Australian Family & Society Abstracts
Family is available on the Austron disk and is produced by the Australian Institute of Family Studies. Family is a bibliographic database that indexes and abstracts articles on research, policy and practice issues of relevance to, Australian families. Subjects covered include children and child development; adolescence and youth; the aged; marriage and divorce; adoption and foster care; child abuse and domestic violence; child care; family economics; counselling and therapy; employment and unemployment; family law; health; housing; minority families; population studies; social and community services; and sexual attitudes and behaviours. Source documents include journals, conference papers, books and book chapters, government publications, research reports, discussion papers, statistical documents, annual reports, bibliographies and theses.
Time span: 1980 +

Multicultural Australia and Immigration Studies
This database is available on Austron and covers a wide range of information from published and unpublished material on aspects of Australian immigration and multicultural issues. Subject coverage includes immigration, emigration, multiculturalism, migrant health welfare and social services, settlement services, refugees and population studies. The information is collected from various document sources including newspaper articles, government documents, research reports, theses, books and journals.
Time span: 1988 +

Sociological Abstracts
Records in Sociological Abstracts are from two files: SOCIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS (SA), which includes non-analytical abstracts of journal articles published in Sociological Abstracts since 1974 and enhanced bibliographic citations for dissertations also, since 1986.

SOCIAL PLANNING/POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT ABSTRACTS (SOPODA) focuses on finding and implementing solutions to social problems. SOPODA covers such areas as aging, violence, abuse and neglect, crisis intervention, urban development, development policy, and more. SOPODA records date back to 1979.

Main Full Text Electronic Resources are:

Expanded Academic ASAP International Edition
(Academic ASAP)
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