

# Library News

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## Under Construction! The Library Learning Commons

The Library has been funded to transform Level B of the Library into a Learning Commons. Features include:

- After-hours access to computers and printers (when the Library is closed)
- A range of flexible furniture to facilitate group work
- More computers
- More power for laptop users
- LCD screens for streaming news media and information about University/Community activities

The layout and facilities of Level B are being redesigned in response to stu-

dent preferences for Library spaces that support collaborative learning and social networking, integrate with access to information resources and productivity software, assist with research and roving help with technology. Major work will commence in August to improve these Library environments.

From May to July, preliminary works for the Learning Commons space will improve facilities for quiet study on the Library's Level D "quiet zone".

The Law collection will move to Level D with a new group study room nearby. Training Room 1 will relocate to Level A greatly reducing noise from people traffic on Level D.

Detailed plans will be on display in June in the Library foyer. During May, students and staff can have their ideas influence the Learning Commons final design by completing a form for the Suggestion Box in the Library foyer or by going online to the Library website.

## Unit Booklist

Unit outlines provide general information covering a range of aspects of a unit including lists of required texts/readings, and recommended reading. These items are placed into the Short Loan Collection in the Library and have now also been added to a Unit Book List tab accessible on the Library Homepage and the Library catalogue.

Items on required and recommended reading lists are listed under the unit convenors name, the course name, and

the course code. Each entry lists the title, the author, where it is located (call number), barcode number, the collection in which it is located (3hr or 7 day) and whether it is available or on loan.

Library users can search the site by lecturer, unit name, or unit code.

Why this service is fantastic.

It speeds up the process of finding relevant material. Students can go

straight to the list of readings central to their study and see immediately what is available and what isn't.

Research and Loans Desk staff have quick and immediate access to unit reading list information. Please send any feedback or comments regarding this service to:

[www.canberra.edu.au/library/feedback/suggestions](http://www.canberra.edu.au/library/feedback/suggestions)

## New Express PC

Due to overwhelming demand, the Library has installed another "Express PC" on Level B. The two express PCs can be found next to the row of catalogues in the Library Foyer in front of the red wall. Express PCs are available for 15 minute use and can be booked in advance. Express PCs are useful if you need to make a fast "pit stop" for printing, checking email or your OSIS or Learn Online page.

## Statistics tell a story

Demand on Library services continues to grow. From January to March 2009 people visited the Library a total of 122 902 times – an increase of 35% over the same period in 2008. There are currently 348 E-Reserve pages maintained by the Library. This is an increase of 60% over the total number of E-Reserve pages maintained by the Library during Semester 1 2008. Demand for the Library's training program has also grown in 2009 with the number of people attending Library tours at the beginning of Semester 1 increasing by 52% over last year.

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## Exceptional Achievement recognised

The 2009 Harmony Day Awards this year recognised the contribution of library staff member Pat Tandy to the University community. Pat was recognised for her outstanding performance and dedication and received an Exceptional Achievement Award for her continued support and assistance for indigenous students. When asked about the award Pat

stated, "I feel very honoured to receive this award. My work with indigenous staff and students is very important to me and this award reflects the value that the University places on support for indigenous students. I work with the Ngunnawal Centre here at UC to try to promote a positive relationship between the Library and the indigenous students".



## Who's who in the Library



### Hock Liaw, Information Officer.

Each year the Library employs UC students in casual positions in the Library, including "Library Rover", "Shelver" and "Information Officer" roles. Hock is one of several students who joined the Library team at the beginning of 2009, working at the Library's Information and Loans Desk.

Hock is an undergraduate Commerce student who joins the Library staff, following a previous job as a swimming instructor.

When asked what his role in the Library involved Hock typically replied "Lots of smiling" adding that he enjoys a chat with staff and students at the Information and Loans Desk.

## E-Reserve and copyright a guide for staff

Copyright laws exist to protect the moral and economic rights of authors and publishers with authors receiving royalty payments based on sales of their published works. The University is audited periodically by the Copyright Agency Limited for copyright compliance and for calculating royalty payments.

The Library's E-Reserve must comply with the University's digital copyright obligations and is licensed to copy a maximum of 10% or one chapter of a published monograph or 1 article from a particular issue of a journal. Serial publishing of chapters from 1 book over the course of a semester is not permitted.

If you have any queries or concerns about copyright, please contact Library staff or check UC Guide to Copyright at <http://www.canberra.edu.au/copyright/guide> for further information.



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