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Ruth Quinn

DirectLine.....*from the Director's Desk*

It's October and we're in the last quarter of the year. For the Library this means "busy": busy students as they work to complete required assessments; busy learning precincts coping with extra demands on PCs, equipment, and spaces; busy teaching and research staff as they rush to complete content for the year, mark assessments, evaluate and review their teaching, prepare content for the following semester, and find some extra time somehow to work on that interesting research project. Busy clients and spaces means busy library staff, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Finances are a constant challenge for libraries in the current GFC environment. The vast majority of our serials are sourced from overseas and subject to the financial market fluctuations. In consultation with academic staff, we have recently undergone a review of our serials collection with the view to cancelling print titles in preference to fulltext online versions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to this process – not a pleasant one, but essential to make ends meet.

Technology is the other major challenge for the Library. The Library's website is undergoing a redesign. We need to ensure it is easy for clients to use and for staff to maintain. We are also looking at ways that make searching our catalogue and databases a lot easier and more intuitive to our clients.

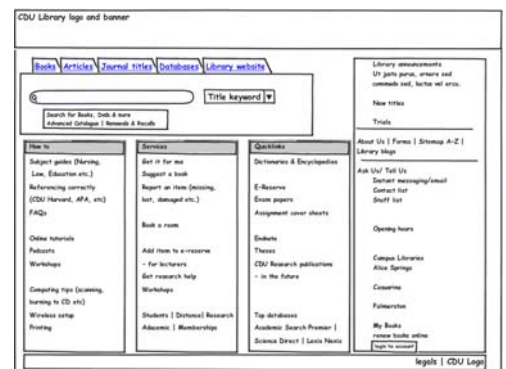
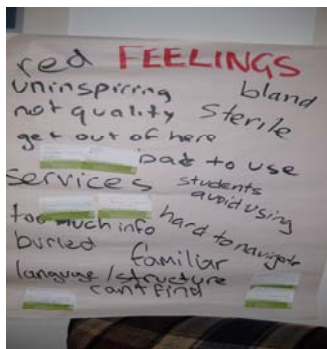
The last quarter of the year also means planning for next year, so busy, busy, busy.....but I repeat, we wouldn't have it any other way!

Till next time
Ruth

Library Website Redesign

The Library Web group is currently engaged in a project to update the library website. While it has served us well over the years, our website is looking a bit dated and is no longer able to accommodate some of the newer features and technologies our clients expect. During semester 2 we are running some quick polls and asking clients to rate various designs. We have also placed a quick survey in the current library website template asking clients to let us know what they are trying to do or find. Focus groups are currently being conducted with library staff, academics and students to find out whether the website helps or hinders the work they do and to find out what features clients would like to see included. To keep everyone informed on progress clients can sign up for RSS feeds and leave comments on the [Library Website Blog](#). The Library Web Group is using the Confluence enterprise wiki to document progress. This is part of a larger library project – CDU Library Central beta, which is looking at the use of wikis for managing projects, documenting policies and procedures and improving internal communication through the use of the library bulletin board.

JoAnne Witt, Liaison & Information Literacy Coordinator



Copyright Corner

Got a Copyright query? Perhaps you saw a really good program on TV recently that would be very useful for your students to view? But your students are all studying online via Learnline - What can you do? Well, first, check out the Copyright website (<http://www.cdu.edu.au/library/copyright/index.html>) under the tab Teaching Purposes and then the Video and Film link on the left-hand menu. If you're still confused, then use the link available throughout the site to ask the University Copyright Officer a question, which can then be used to populate the FAQ section of the website. Help me to help others!

Charles Darwin University has recently been advised by Universities Australia that it is to be surveyed for copying activity from December through to February. If you are employed by the University within the following organisational units: Agriculture, Environment and Related Studies, Management and Commerce, and Society and Culture, then you'll hear more about what will be required in the near future.

Ruth Quinn
Director LIA and University Copyright Officer

Distance Library Services

Distance Library Services, formerly a component of Off Campus Library Services has been transferred to the Reference and Information Services (RIS) team. Approximately 190 undergraduates, 65 postgraduates and 5 staff living more than 80km from the nearest CDU campus are currently registered with the service.

The move of DLS to the RIS team, who already manage circulation services and intercampus lending, will enable us to utilise the Horizon circulation module of the LMS to manage the service more effectively. To find out more about the service including how to register please visit: <http://www.cdu.edu.au/library/access/oclsmenu.html>

Responsibility for interlibrary loans will remain with the Library Resources team. <http://www.cdu.edu.au/library/access/ill.html>

Heather Moorcroft
Reference & Information Services Coordinator

Research Services

Check out the new look *MyResearch* web page which has been revamped with a new colour scheme, updated content and photos, and new interviews with research supervisors and students: <http://learnline.cdu.edu.au/myresearch/index.html>.

An essential tool for researchers, the *MyResearch* web page is divided up into four components: Preparation, Planning, Process and Product. Each page guides you through the research process from beginning to end; from setting your research goals, managing your information, writing the research proposal and obtaining ethics approval, to conducting a literature review, and getting published. There are lots of hints and tips provided throughout and each page includes useful links to related pages both on the CDU website, as well as pages from other universities. The web pages provide a great starting point for new researchers embarking on a project. Feedback on the web page or suggestions for new content can be directed to Jayshree Mamtora, Research Services Coordinator at jayshree.mamtora@cdu.edu.au. The final changes to the pages are currently in the process of being implemented. A thank you to Erin Lawson, Web and Multimedia Assistant, and Paula Wilson, Multimedia Developer, Teaching and Learning Quality Group, for their help with this project.

The image displays three screenshots of the MyResearch website. The first screenshot shows a navigation menu with four tabs: PREPARATION, PLANNING, PROCESS, and PRODUCT. The second screenshot shows the 'Literature review' page, which includes a list of tips and a definition of a literature review. The third screenshot shows the 'Planning' page, which includes a flowchart of the research process.

Jayshree Mamtora, Research Services Coordinator

eSpace

eSpace is the Institutional Repository of CDU Library. It is an online medium for collecting, preserving, and distributing the research output of CDU. It includes materials such as journal articles, conference papers, reports, and digital versions of these. Check out eSpace at <http://espace.cdu.edu.au>

There are many benefits to eSpace:

- Increased citation rates of CDU research - increasing Author profile
- Increases the academic reputation of CDU and its visibility to the worldwide academic community
- Simplifies compliance with research reporting requirements - data will only need to be collected once for all University reporting requirements
- Provides permanent links to CDU research
- Provides open access to CDU research on the web (where allowed by copyright)
- Information is widely and quickly disseminated therefore achieving higher impact

CDU researchers can see how many times their work has been cited by selecting [Author Name](#) and the relevant result. The citation is available under the Abstract Views icon . In 2009 we have had more than 20,000 Abstract views.

What does the future hold?

We plan to have the eSpace repository harvested by the Australasian Digital Theses Program (ADT), Australian Research Online (ARO) and Google Scholar. This means these websites will gather information from CDU eSpace and distribute it via their website, reaching a wider audience. Total viewable items in the repository have reached 4,350. These materials are available full-text where copyright permits. If you would like to know more, or have materials you'd like us to place in eSpace, please contact Lyndall Carey on 89466183 or at lyndall.carey@cdu.edu.au.

Lyndall Carey, Digital Collections Coordinator

Taking Health Online

Marg Purnell and Bernadette Royal, Liaison Librarians for Health Sciences and Pharmacy, have developed an online interactive tutorial for students studying health-related courses, such as nursing and midwifery. The project began in September 2008 and the finished product was made accessible in NUR111 for the beginning of Semester One, 2009. A team comprising a nursing academic, a multimedia developer and three liaison librarians worked on creating this online tool to provide our many external nursing students with the resources and skills to support their learning.

After its initial release and a subsequent survey to gain student reaction they discussed ways of showing their tool to the wider health sciences community and in so doing sought ideas for further enhancements. Submission of an abstract to International Congress for Medical Librarians was one of these methods as was an article published in the ALIA Health Libraries Australia Newsletter and a paper presented at the 6th ALIA Top End Symposium at CDU in early October which incidentally won the award for best presentation.

Bernadette Royal, Liaison Librarian

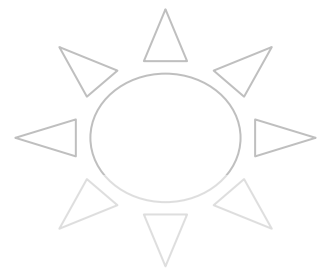
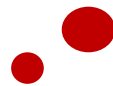


Bernie and Marg with their super-size poster

UN International Day of Peace



The Australian Federation of University Women (AFUW) NT Branch has, for the past several years, donated 2-3 books on the theme of peacekeeping as part of the UN International Day of Peace celebrations. Pictured above is Anne Wilson, Associate Director Client Services receiving this year's donations from Dr. Penny Wurm.



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