

ANU Library achievements 2012

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Excellence in research

World class research collections were acquired to support Research including 88 original artworks by Bun Heang Ung - black and white drawings are a moving pictorial record of the Khmer Rouge from 1975–1979; a donation from the Ecuadorian Ambassador of literature and historical material, supporting Latin American research; the collection of Charles Morris Woodford (1852–1927), the first Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate in 1897 and major e-monograph collection with 80,000 multidisciplinary digital books.

Increased access to ANU research was achieved through adding over 600 works to the University research digital collection which now holds over 4,600 resources; ANU E Press published 61 titles The press is ranked at B, above the University of Melbourne Press By SENSE; over 690,000 E Press titles downloaded, 5,000 print books sold; Press titles are now available through JSTOR Books. ANDS project completed providing access to selected ANU datasets.

Excellence in teaching

The merged Art and Music Library opened for Semester 2 meeting budget, time and service requirements.

Extended hours trial was successful with 6,636 students attending between 11pm and midnight in the six week period in Chifley, Hancock and Law Libraries.

The upgrade of 74 high priority Teaching Rooms/Theatres to meet 21st century teaching methods and learning expectations of students was completed.

The newly renovated and updated Chifley Library Disability Services Centre Resource Room was opened.

Measures:

Over 1.2 million visits to the Library

The 2012 Student Barometer Report found overall satisfaction with the library was 90%. From the client survey highest performance was Library Staff (85.8%); lowest was Facilities and equipment (67.4%) and the overall score (74.4%) was in the bottom quartile of CAUL libraries.

Increased use of digital collections was achieved complemented by a reduction in use of print collections approximately 13.4%.

Approximately 11,000 items were used by researchers in the Noel Butlin Archive reading room each month, with over 600 reference enquiries and 14,500 uses of digitised collection material.

Excellence in as a National Policy Resource

University Librarian is a ministerial appointee to the Government's Information Advisory Committee

Ingrid Parent, University of British Columbia Librarian and President of the International Federation of Library Associations talked with senior staff and gave a well-attended public lecture.