

# Library Newsletter for Colleges

## Te Putanga ki te Ao Mātauranga

Tēnā koutou katoa

In this, our second newsletter for 2023, we focus on some of the services to teachers and researchers available through the Library. Of particular note is the Library's Virtual Reading Room which allows visitors remote access to archives and special collections. The Library also supports researchers in registering for an ORCID ID and continues to have a range of researcher support courses available. Of note too, are the changes to the availability of previous examination papers for students. Those on the Manawātū Campus may be aware that work on the library building transformation has been paused for the time being. Library staff are working hard to ensure that the Library building remains a welcoming, comfortable and highly functional place, and we continue to welcome any feedback you have on the Library's distance and face-to-face services.

Noho ora mai



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### Reduced numbers of previous exam papers for students

For many years the Library has provided access to previous exam papers to assist students in study and exam preparation. Assessment Services have advised that the previous exam papers are no longer available due to technical and operational reasons. This is reflected in the steep decline in the number of exam papers the Library has received over the last three years, amid moves to online exams and other forms of assessment. As providing previous exam papers which are more than three years old to students may be more misleading than helpful, the Library will only host the previous three years of exam papers that are sent to us. All exam papers older than three years will be removed from Discover and the Library website in July 2023.

### ORCID promotion

Subject Librarians are promoting ORCID IDs to researchers. The team recently published a blog post, ['Why should I have an ORCID?'](#) which explains the benefits of having an ORCID ID and outlines the support the Library offers to help researchers maximise these benefits. The Library supports researchers in registering for an ORCID, registering researchers' Massey affiliations, and linking their ORCID to Elements.

### Improvement to Elsevier Open Access title list

To achieve better value and provide more opportunities for authors to publish OA, CAUL in consultation with Elsevier has agreed to expand the eligible titles list to all Elsevier journals in the Core-Hybrid Freedom Collection. The current selected title list of 235 titles available for OA publishing without APC payment in the Elsevier OA Agreement is being expanded to include all 1,649 titles eligible for OA publishing.

The performance of the [Elsevier Open Access Agreement](#) to support authors in Australia and New Zealand, who wish to publish open access, has been closely monitored since it started in January this year. Due to a combination of factors, the volume of OA articles being published under the agreement is much lower than expected.

Additional titles are expected to be available from July 1, 2023. The fully expanded list will continue to be used for 2024 and 2025.

## Open Textbook projects update

The Library's first open textbook project as part of the OER Collective started earlier this year. Professor Juliana Mansvelt is authoring a book to be called Consumption matters: People, practice and place. This book will be openly licenced when published and free for all to read, download, share and adapt. The Library's role will be to advise on copyright and licencing matters and accessibility standards and is providing support to the author on the use of the Pressbooks platform.

The Library has recently sought expressions of interest from academics to author the second open textbook project. Submissions are now being considered.

## Virtual Reading Room (VRR)

The Library's Virtual Reading Room (VRR), a remote reading room service, is now live and available for use.

The VRR gives the Library the ability to offer online access to archives and special collections using a high-resolution visualiser (document reader) on a long arm in combination with Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

This service will provide remote access to people who cannot visit in person and give access to items otherwise too fragile for them to handle. Archives and special collection staff arrange reference interviews with clients in the first instance, to assess whether the VRR service is the appropriate option for them. Sessions can be booked for an hour at a time.

Information on accessing the VRR service will be available on the Library website soon.

## Library Classes

The Library has upcoming classes on Zotero, EndNote, getting started with finding information from the Library, and topic searching. Book here <https://massey.libcal.com/> or [Contact your Subject Librarian](#)

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