

Inspire supports libraries from all sectors in working together to enable members of communities across the UK who are engaged in lifelong learning or research to find and access their information needs.

Editorial

This newsletter includes two interesting items on Collaborative Collection Management: *Scotland's Collaborative Collection Print Retention policy* and the new *COPAC Collection Management Policy*. RLUK's Mike Mertens has written a short article on this for the e-newsletter. There are also links to two very timely reports on the value of libraries and potential ways forward to demonstrate these values.

News from Wales

The Welsh Journals Online

Welsh Journals Online provides free access to scholarship from Wales. The back-numbers of up to 50 titles will be available, ranging from academic and scientific publications to literary and popular magazines. This service has been developed by the [National Library of Wales](#) with support from [JISC](#) and [Welsh Assembly Government](#) and the cooperation of publishers and authors.

You can [Browse titles available](#). New titles will be added to the website over the next few months including: *Welsh Outlook*, *The National Library of Wales Journal* and *Gower*.

The National Library of Wales, celebrates its Centenary

We extend you a warm welcome to join us as we celebrate a centenary since the Library's foundation stone was laid on Friday 15 July. We have a series of events which include:

- Historical architectural tours of the building with architect Tony Morgan, 10.30 + 15.30;
- Dr Rhidain Griffiths provides us with an history of the Library, 13.00;
- Human chain at 14.15 as we embrace our heritage, with Lord Dafydd Wigley, Library's President cutting a special birthday cake.

Come and join us!

News from Scotland

The SCURL Walk in Access Task and Finish Group are moving forward with their project and have now liaised with the SCONUL Task and Finish Group on Access. At a meeting in Glasgow on June 14th it was agreed that simplification of arrangements for access to econtent for external researchers and users is fundamental and crucial to the projects' outcomes. A desire for single sign-on in the institution, credential management, and licence management were some of the areas discussed. Outcomes: It was agreed that it would be valuable to have an environmental scan of European libraries' procedures, a survey of SCURL institutions' use of authentication tools, and to develop further engagement with IT colleagues to assist and promote the requirements for seamless WIA.

Collaborative print retention: a policy for Scotland

The Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries (SCURL), the National Library of Scotland (NLS) and the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) collaborated to develop this policy for all Scottish libraries.

The aim of the policy, is to ensure that researchers, in the broadest sense, continue to have access to low-use print research materials.

It offers libraries, of all kinds, the opportunity to manage the risks associated with inadvertently disposing of important material, and provides a safe process for collections management of print research materials in Scotland. This collegiate approach will underwrite local collection policies which have been and are dependent on the mission, teaching and research of the parent institutions over centuries.

<http://scurl.ac.uk/scotcollpol.html>

Library Collaboration and Shared Services

Copac Collections Management (CopacCM) project

This seven month project, using Copac data, will create a variety of tools to support library staff in collection management and development. The project, started in January 2011, will provide a live beta version of a web based collection management support service that will help universities make informed decisions about their collections. The project team firmly believes that the CCM Tool development has the capacity to further the possibility of a national monographs collection, safeguarding long term access to materials for researchers, at the same time as facilitating local decisions that will save money and resource longer term.

The project partners: [RLUK](#), [Mimas](#), and the [White Rose Consortium](#) (the universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York) are working together to develop a prototype that will inform and support collections managers in the decisions they need to make around monograph retention, disposal and collection development. The value of such a tool, particularly at a time of financial constraint, has created a very enthusiastic and committed partnership.

The CCM Tool uses a variety of means to identify in which locations a particular item or batches of items exist. Data visualisation is being developed to provide differing views of the results - for example, map views to assess quickly where items are held across the country, and graphs to indicate how many items searched for exist within specific libraries.

The first part of the project developed the technical interface to allow the data in these contexts to be viewed. The phase spanning April and May has focused on iterative testing of the interface by the members of the White Rose Consortium. Findings from the testing are being used to inform functionality revisions. The final phase, ending in July, will develop and test the interface further together with a batch facility. The project will keep in focus the long-term goal that, with appropriate funding and support, the tools will be developed into a live service, trialled by RLUK members and then made available to the broader community.

The project has been funded as part of the broader JISC & RLUK RDTF/Discovery initiative. By working with data already created and invested in by the community, the CCM tool demonstrates how data can be made to 'work harder' to deliver unrealised benefits and drive efficiencies. The project specifically addresses one of the key aims of the RDTF/Discovery Vision: Support collection management processes and reduce duplication of effort. (See: <http://discovery.ac.uk/files/pdf/jisc-rluk-vision-final-june2010.pdf>)

The interim report on the CopacCM project can be read at:

<http://www.rluk.ac.uk/files/CopacCMInterimReportfinal.pdf>

For updates via Twitter, look for the hashtag #CopacCM

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Shared LMS and Mobile services?

Seven London boroughs: Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark are looking at sharing a library management system, with three of the boroughs exploring the possibility of merging their mobile library services'. See [LGA media release - 12 March 2011](#). 'Libraries open in pubs, shops and village halls' (Scroll down to end of release).

Merger of three London Library services

The merger of library services in Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith and Fulham which has been under consideration for some time, is now likely to go ahead after proposals were agreed by all three London councils.

The plans show the provision of a single library service covering senior library management, book processing teams and the procurement of services and books More information [here](#).

For the latest news on Public Libraries – shared services or otherwise:

<http://www.publiclibrariesnews.com/>

Other News

Women's Library Suffrage Collection online

A unique collection relating to British women's fight for the vote 100 years ago has been revealed online through the Visual Arts Data Service (VADS) <<http://www.vads.ac.uk>>.

The digitised material represents a selection of the vast collections housed at the Women's Library and includes posters, photographs, postcards, badges, and other memorabilia relating to the British suffrage movement.

Particularly remarkable and moving items from the online collection include a photograph of a crowd attacking suffragettes, and the purse that was held by Emily Wilding Davison at the Epsom Derby in 1913, when she stepped in front of the horse of King George V.

The Women's Library is the oldest and largest collection of women's history in the UK and was founded in 1926 as the Library of the London Society for Women's Service, a non-militant organisation led by leading suffragist, Millicent Fawcett. It is now held by the London Metropolitan University and is an internationally acclaimed specialist library, archive, and museum with collections that have broadened since its inception to include a

wide range of subjects which focus on the lives of women in Britain. The collection now consists of 60,000 books and pamphlets, 3500 periodical titles, over 450 archives, and 5000 museum objects.

The collection of valuable documents, from the Women's Library and the Parliamentary Archives, which tell the story of the women's suffrage movement has also recently been selected as one of twenty collections to represent the outstanding heritage of the United Kingdom on the UNESCO UK Memory of the World Register
<http://www.unesco.org.uk/2011_uk_memory_of_the_world_register>.

To view the new Women's Library Suffrage Collection, see:

<http://www.vads.ac.uk/collections/WLS>

Report: Libraries, the community hub and service needs in the online age.

Produced for CIVICA this is an independent report which looks at the issues both public and academic libraries are facing and suggests ways forward. It brings together, in a fairly short format, a number of the warring thoughts many public and other libraries may be experiencing at the moment. It is available online [here](#)
<http://www.civica.co.uk/system/production/downloads/000/000/076/original/Library%20and%20Learning%20Roundtable%20Event%20White%20Paper%20-%20March%202011.pdf>

The economic impact of libraries

A new research report from Australia on the socio-economic impact of libraries, [Dollars, sense and public libraries](#), has been published, commissioned by the library network for the state of Victoria. It uses a robust economic model and provides a convincing demonstration of the real economic value of public libraries. Its findings and the detailed methodologies in the full technical report will be of interest to public libraries in the UK, at a time when quantifiable economic data are needed to back up even the most impassioned arguments for the value of library services.

Open Educational Resources (OER)

The development of Open Educational Resources is one more move in the Opening of access to wide range of data and content. SWRLS/JISC RSC SW recently held a successful workshop on this issue and the presentations from this workshop have all been mounted on the RSC SW Ning. You have to sign up,(its free of charge), and then join the OER group to see them.
<http://jisc-rscsw.ning.com/>.

Other RSC's have also held event on OER. Centralised information can be found on the JISC website here: http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/services/as_rsc/rsc_home/rscsearch.aspx
JISC Cetus is the central JISC group for OER see <http://jisc.cetus.ac.uk/topic/oer>
SCORE has also put on workshops about OER
<http://www8.open.ac.uk/score/events/introduction-open-educational-resources-0>

Managing Research Data

Effective management of research data is an issue for many institutions. JISC's Managing Research Data Programme has now provided an overview of their outputs so far outputs is now available at: <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/mrd/outputs.aspx>.
This overview will evolve as more outputs become available.

It is hoped that this brief guide will be of broad interest and will provide additional information for those considering putting in proposals for the recently announced JISC Grant Funding 07/11 Call for Proposals for the Managing Research Data Programme 2011-13: http://www.jisc.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/funding_calls/2011/06/managingresearchdata.aspx

Further information at the Programme Website:

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/mrd.aspx>

Community Discussion List: RESEARCH-DATAMAN@jiscmail.ac.uk

Blog: <http://researchdata.jiscinvolve.org/>

Events

UC&R East Midlands are holding a Members' Day: 'Making an impact'

Where: The Kimberlin Library, De Montfort University, Leicester

When: 10am-4pm on Tuesday 28th June

Cost: £10 for CILIP members and £25 for non-members.

The event will focus on making an impact on student achievement, student learning and resources, and on the organisations we work in. There will also be a session on evaluating impact, plus plenty of opportunities to network with colleagues, including a World Café session that will lead into lunch (more time for networking).

Speakers will include David Streatfield from Information Management Associates on evaluating impact, Paul Stainthorp from the University of Lincoln on the JISC Library Data Impact Project, Jason Eyre from DMU on his 'Policy Pit' resource, and Maria Cotera on making an individual impact.

For more information, including how to book a place, see our website at

<<http://tinyurl.com/ucr-em-events>>.

Mobile and Moodle: Getting the best out of open source software and CofHE Mid-West Circle AGM

Where: Newbury College,

When: 30th June 2011. 13.30 – 16.00.

Cost: Free (As numbers are limited and refreshments will be provided, booking is essential. **Deadline for booking: 28th June**)

The event will include CofHE Mid-West Circle AGM plus

- Using Moodle as an open platform for student communications and course related interactive learning, and
- The changing effect of mobile technologies on libraries and then examine quick tip ideas and longer term strategies for accommodating the change.

To book a place please email Fiona Lees, f-lees@newbury-college.ac.uk providing your name, email address, institution and whether you are a CofHE member or non-member.

For transport details please see the Newbury College website at <http://www.newbury-college.ac.uk/contact-us/location-map>

Developing and managing e-book collections on a budget: an introduction

Where: Sheffield

When: 8th July

Cost: £80/£100

SINTO is re-running Chris Armstrong and Ray Lonsdale's successful seminar Developing and managing e-book collections on a budget: an introduction. This event will NOT focus on the issue of charging but is designed to support libraries that are beginning to set up e-book collections.

Full details [here](http://extra.shu.ac.uk/sinto/Events/events.html#ebooks): <http://extra.shu.ac.uk/sinto/Events/events.html#ebooks>

Conference: Kultivating Kultur

An event of interest to all who deal with arts research deposit or the deposit of complex multimedia research outputs.

When: Friday 15th July 2011, 9:30-16:30

Where: Wren Room, 6th Floor, Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD

Cost: Free (but book soon as we are almost at full capacity)

Programme: The programme is available [here](#):

http://www.vads.ac.uk/kultur2group/downloads/20110715_Kultivate_conference.pdf

About: The conference will present the work of the JISC-funded project on institutional repositories in the arts, and will include case study presentations from members of the Kultur II Group including an example of using Kultur in building an arts repository for research at the Royal College of Art and the University College Falmouth.

There will also be a 'conference fringe' event taking place in the adjoining Hawksmoor room, where delegates can meet and chat to representatives from all the JISC Repositories: Take-up and Embedding projects including NECTAR, EXPLORER, eNova, Hydrangea and MIRAGE 2011.

To reserve a place, please contact us on events@vads.ac.uk with your name, job title, and any access or special dietary requirements.

More information about the Kultivate project is available here:

<http://www.vads.ac.uk/kultur2group/projects/kultivate/index.html>

Yes, another TeachMeet!

Where: University of Bedfordshire (Luton Campus), Park Square, Luton, LU1 3JU

When: 21 July 2011, 10.00-13.00

Cost: Free.

What is a TeachMeet? A free and informal way to catch up on new ideas and best practice in your field and share your favourite tips. Where else can you listen to 25 different presentations before lunchtime?

So, whether you're a librarian, in study support or a learning technologist (in any sector), you will be very welcome. The only rules are that your presentation must stick to the time limit (5 minutes) and you must not be trying to sell us anything.

Register your interest at <http://bedstm.eventbrite.com/>

End Notes:

'This place will lend you books for free':

<http://www.sabotagetimes.com/life/this-place-will-lend-you-books-for-free/>

Article on the development of Inspire and its current role.

I was invited to write an article on Inspire for the Journal of Interlending and Document Supply (ILDS) which, with help from many colleagues, I did. It has now been published and, if your library subscribes to ILDS you can access it [here](#). If not, there is a preprint on the E-LIS repository [here](#), sadly without the illustrations.

With many thanks to the many who have contributed to this newsletter.

***Reminder:** this newsletter is about collaborative activities, ideas and proposals throughout the UK – and beyond. If you would like to contribute information on events in your area, whether they are large or small, or offer any other items which might be of interest to Inspire members – please send them to me at the*

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