

# Library Newsletter for Colleges

## Te Putanga ki te Ao Mātauranga

### Introduction

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Below is the second issue of the Library Advisory Committee Newsletter for this year. The newsletter is intended to provide information on matters of strategic and practical importance for university staff and library users in our Colleges. I hope you find the newsletter informative, and that it provides insight into the many services Te Putanga ki te Ao Mātauranga has to offer. Information on your College Librarians, and upcoming library courses is provided at the end of this newsletter. I also welcome any feedback you have on the library's services. Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments on this newsletter or the delivery of library services ([J.R.Mansvelt@massey.ac.nz](mailto:J.R.Mansvelt@massey.ac.nz)). Wishing you all the very best in the lead-up to Semester Two!

Ngā mihi



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### Literature mapping and AI

AI has put literature mapping on steroids, making it easier for researchers to find connected research. Subject librarians have been exploring these mapping tools to find out how they work, and their pros and cons. A summary of their findings has been posted on the Library's blog [sites.massey.ac.nz/library/2024/05/01/literature-mapping-on-steroids/](https://sites.massey.ac.nz/library/2024/05/01/literature-mapping-on-steroids/)

### August is Research Month

The Library is co-ordinating a programme of events during August to increase awareness of research support services across the Provost portfolio, and where possible showcase research undertaken at the University. The Library will also showcase our unique resource collections on [Tāmīro](#), and there will be a chance to have an in-person visit to our Special Collections at Manawatū. Also at Manawatū we are working with the Graduate Research School to host a practice session for students taking part in the [Three Minute Thesis competition](#).

Further details of sessions available and how to book will be publicised, with some sessions already available on [All Massey Library Events - Library Events - Massey University Library \(libcal.com\)](#)

### Providing evidence of Search Strategies

Do you require students to capture their search strategies to show evidence of how information seeking for an assignment was carried out? There are several approaches to saving searches in [Discover](#) and other databases, and these are described in the Library Out Loud post [Show how you searched](#).

### OER Webpage launched

Information about open educational resources (OER), including how to use open textbooks in teaching is now available on the Library Website.

The [Open educational resources Rauemi mātauranga wātea](#) page is linked from the [Researcher support Tautoko kairangahau](#) site.

## Improving Library services and spaces with UX

User Experience (UX) is the study of target users to collect and analyse data about their interactions with and experience of a product, system or service. The goal is to make improvements. Groups of Library staff have several UX activities either recently completed or underway in our online and physical spaces including:

- UX testing of the usability of the Tāmiro interface. Areas for improvement were identified, and liaison with the Recollect technical team on the changes is underway.
- Auckland Library teams have employed UX techniques in the computer zone and level one facilities. They have also gathered insights into students' communication preferences while they are in the library building.
- At Manawatū, teams have been engaging with UX to identify ways to improve a quiet study space on level three, and to investigate how the level one Wāhi Rorohiko computer zone is used.
- The Wellington Library UX team is investigating how students use the collaborative spaces on Level A.

## Library support for courses

Your [Subject Librarians](#) provide teaching support for staff, tailoring classes based on your course work. Find out more here: [Information skills development](#).

Course textbook formats and purchasing ratio information is now available on the Library webpage [Buying textbooks and course resources](#). We encourage you to contact your subject librarian when considering textbook choices particularly if ebooks.

### Library Classes

The Library has upcoming classes on Zotero, EndNote, getting started with finding information from the Library, and ORCID & Symplectic Elements for Creative Arts Research.

Book here: [Classes and Workshops](#)

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