

Library Newsletter for Colleges Te Putanga ki te Ao Mātauranga

Introduction

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Below, is our final library newsletter for 2024. In this edition, we focus on open access publishing. Massey has numerous read and publish agreements, most of which have been negotiated by the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL), a Consortium of university and other research libraries across Australia and New Zealand, including Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa, Massey University. These agreements enable first/corresponding Massey University authors of journals the opportunity to publish via Open Access, free of Article Processing Charges (APCs), while still enabling the Library to offer access to the journals' scholarly content. The field of open access is changing rapidly and this issue of the Library Advisory Committee outlines some of the detail of these changes. It is worth noting too, that Massey Research Online provides a medium for scholars to make their research open access.

In this newsletter we also highlight work underway to develop low sensory spaces in the library's buildings. Library staff continue to offer a range of classes for students and staff and you will find a list of upcoming classes at the end of this newsletter. As this is our last newsletter for the year, on behalf of the Library Advisory Committee, I would like to acknowledge our dedicated, and hardworking library staff for the excellent service they provide. As always, the library committee welcomes feedback on this service, so please do contact your College library representative if you have any comments or queries on the provision of library services.

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Read and Publish agreements as a pathway to Open Access

The Library has agreed to Read and Publish agreements which provide access to traditional subscription only journals, and cover (full or partly) the Article Processing Charges of a growing number of Open Access only (Gold) journals, as well as options to turn subscription-only articles into Open Access (Hybrid). To date these have only been agreed to where the annual price increase is within normal subscription expectations. As publishers increase their numbers of Gold journals (which includes flipping them from subscription to Gold), they are creating two different revenue streams, paid by libraries and authors. In some cases, these are now close to a 50:50 split, i.e. publisher income from APCs is similar to income from subscriptions. As publishers work towards fully OA via Read and Publish agreements, the cost of these for libraries can only rise. Publishers with capped agreements have these in place because the library subscription cannot currently cover their complete revenue stream, so they continue with APCs once limits are met.

It is possible that in the next few years, with some publishers, the Library may need to consider returning to read-only subscriptions or consider alternative solutions where pricing is unsustainable. Massey Research Online is a free (Green) option for Open Access, using the approved author manuscript, and should be considered as an alternative to paying an APC to make a subscription article open.

2024 Read and Publish Open Access Agreements Near Limit

The Library's 2024 Read and Publish agreements with Wiley and Springer Nature are capped agreements. This means they have an annual allocation for publishing open access articles, rather than unlimited. These caps are predicted to be met before the end of the year. A [Library Out Loud blog post](#) gives guidance to researchers planning to publish.

Impact of Taylor & Francis Read and Publish agreement

76 articles by Massey University researchers have been made Open Access through this agreement in 2023, and 64 in 2024; a total of 140. These have been downloaded 127,452 times across 193 countries. The top journal subject areas were biological, earth, environmental and food science. 78 articles were mentioned 292 times in social media, new stories and blogs (altmetrics). 14 of the articles were aligned with at least one UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG).

Impact of APA Read & Publish agreement

Massey signed a new Transformative / Read and Publish / Open access agreement for 2024 with American Psychological Association (APA). This provides uncapped publishing in APA's 87 hybrid journals. Eligible article types are research and review articles with CC-BY the default license option. This was a cost neutral agreement, and so far one article has been published with waived APC under this scheme, saving the university USD\$6142.

New Read and Publish agreements for 2025

[ACM Read and Publish agreement for 2025](#)

Massey has agreed to an OA/R&P Agreement with ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) Digital Library via CAUL for 2025. This is a cost neutral, uncapped 3 year agreement. All fully peer-reviewed research articles newly published in ACM's magazines, conference proceedings, and journals are eligible. Eligible articles include Research articles, Review articles and Conference or proceedings papers. There are no page or colour charges passed on to authors.

[CSP Read and Publish agreement for 2025](#)

Massey has agreed to a 3 year OA/R&P Agreement with Canadian Science Publishing (CSP). The cost neutral agreement will give researchers access to publishing (and continued read access) within 22 journals

Other Read and Publish agreements provided are listed here [Open access publishing - Massey University](#).

Increasing research visibility with SDG Keywords

A new Library Out Loud [blog post](#) explains how using [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\)](#) keywords in publications can increase researcher visibility and contribute to the university's ranking.

Refreshed Systematic Reviews web content

Library staff have revised the Systematic Reviews content on the Library webpage [Systematic reviews - Massey University](#).

The word 'systematic' review is often used as a broad category covering various types of reviews. The webpage advises students to check with their lecturer or supervisor if they are unsure of the type of review they are required to do. It also outlines how subject librarians can support these types of reviews. For a full systematic review, which involves a review team contributing expertise in different steps of the review - the page outlines the different steps involved and identifies those where the library can provide support.

Low sensory spaces to be trialed

On Monday 5th August Associate University Librarian, Client Services Alison Wallbutton and Library Client Services Assistant Ash King, hosted a watch party to share a UX Community of Practice presentation on low sensory spaces from Flinders University. This was an opportunity to share an excellent example of UX with staff from other University student support teams interested in developing these spaces. Work is now underway to set up trial spaces in each campus library and get student feedback on these spaces.

Library Classes

The Library has upcoming classes on Endnote (including EndNote for thesis students and EndNote for Macs; Zotero, Raising your Researcher Profile, Research Data Management, Getting Started with Finding Information from the Library and more.

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