

Library Newsletter for Colleges

Te Putanga ki te Ao Mātauranga

Introduction

Tēnā koutou katoa,

In this second library newsletter for academic staff for 2025, we have important information about third-party copyright for Masters students and Doctoral candidates. We have also included details on forthcoming copyright workshops and other services offered by Library staff. The Library catalogue (Discover) now has a new search feature designed to improve the range of search results through offering natural language capability. This can be turned on by moving a toggle button at the top of your research results.

Prior to each meeting, college representatives on the Library Advisory Committee are asked to solicit feedback on the Library's services from college staff. We so appreciate the comments we receive, which are discussed and tabled at our meetings and which provide a means of critical reflection on the work and value of the Library. It is usual for our Library Advisory Committee meetings to receive feedback on the wonderful services provided by our subject librarians – please do continue to avail yourselves of the services these staff provide (a link to these staff is also included in the newsletter). They are happy to advise on college and discipline specific issues, resources, and textbook availability.

Wishing you a productive and enjoyable Semester Two.

Ngā mihi nui



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Third Party Copyright and Theses

Supervisors, Doctoral candidates and Masters students should be aware of the guidance provided regarding the inclusion of third party copyright content in theses:

[Copyright and copyright transfer agreements](#)

[Third party copyright](#)

[Copyright and using images](#)

Doctoral and Masters students must complete a [copyright declaration](#) when submitting their thesis. One option indicates the inclusion of third party content (images, diagrams, journal articles). Increasingly this is incorrectly completed, either indicating there is some third party content used without permission but without providing a list or saying there is no third party content when there is.



Until now, Library staff have reviewed all theses for copyright compliance before up loading to Massey Research Online and contacted the student. Due to increasing non-compliance, this is no longer sustainable and one of the following strategies is used:

- Redact (remove) the images. Captions are left, which often have an URL to the content.
- Invite copyright holders to use the [Copyright takedown link](#) in the MRO footer to request removal of the copyrighted material.
- Invoke section 42 of the Copyright Act, which allows use of illustrations for purpose of criticism and review. This option is often used with CoCA theses.

Subject librarians can advise postgraduate students on basic copyright issues. For complex cases contact:

- Catherine Woeber (Massey Research Online) c.a.woeber@massey.ac.nz
- Jean Jacoby (University Copyright Officer) j.m.jacoby@massey.ac.nz

Introduction to Copyright Workshops for Thesis Students

Two copyright workshops for Masters thesis students and Doctoral candidates are scheduled in July and August.

Introduction to copyright for thesis students

Thursday 31 July, 12pm

Here is the link - [Register here](#)

Introduction to copyright for thesis students

Wednesday 27 August, 12pm

Here is the link - [Register here](#)



Held online, the workshop covers the basic copyright knowledge that thesis students need to know:

- what content copyright applies to
- how to apply for permissions
- copyright and the Internet
- submitting your thesis and copyright-related paperwork.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the workshop.

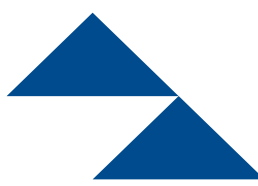
Discover's New Natural Language Search

Discover now offers an AI-powered 'natural language' search option. This means that searchers can enter a phrase or question instead of the keywords the Library usually recommends for an effective search.

AI is only being used to enhance the relevance of the search results, so there is no need to declare it when submitting assignments.

A [Library Out Loud](#) blog post contains more information on this new feature.





New Library Room Booking System

The Library launched a new Library room booking system on 23rd June 2025. Key features of the new system include:

- A new interface that offers improved functionality to the old system.
- Mobile-friendly booking, allowing users to reserve rooms directly from their devices.
- A booking confirmation email also includes a link to cancel bookings if needed.

The Library room booking system and step-by-step guidance for using it can be accessed from [Library Website](#).

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 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.

Researcher Support

Our Subject Librarian team can assist you with finding and managing your research literature, publishing and sharing your research, developing your researcher profile, measuring your publication impact and managing your research data. Explore the services available here [Researcher support - Massey University](#)

Research Month Rapua te Kura Huna is Coming in August

We're showcasing support for Massey researchers and celebrating Massey research. Keep an eye on [Research month rapua te kura huna](#) with the full programme will be available by late July.



Library Classes

The Library has upcoming classes on: Getting Started with Finding Information from the Library, Introduction to Zotero, Introduction to EndNote, Finding Information on my Topic, CLS: Advanced Literature Searching, Research Data Management, and more.

Book here: [Classes and Workshops](#)

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