

Library Newsletter for Colleges

Te Putanga ki te Ao Mātauranga

Introduction

Kia ora koutou katoa

Please find below our final Library newsletter for the Colleges for 2026. At the start of our October meeting, we took time to honour Kaihautū Māori, Sheeanda McKeagg.

Sheeanda passed away on 3rd August and was a valued member of the Library Advisory Committee. At her last meeting with us in July, she spoke of her love for her job and her joy in helping akonga. She will be greatly missed.

In our October meeting, we also spent time discussing AI and changes in the Library's catalogue and literature searching. You might find the video produced by Jane Clark, Manager Information & Research Services (Ōteihā/Albany Campus) on AI Literature Searching for Researchers useful (see link to the Mediasite recording below). Jane discusses the differing types of AI enabled searching tools, outlines their benefits and limitations and provides a demo on search prompts for AI programmes.

The University Librarian Linda Palmer's report to the Library Advisory Committee covered many of the activities the Library has undertaken across its three campus sites since our last meeting. In this newsletter we feature the celebration of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (14th – 20th September). The Library also continues to provide a range of workshops for staff and students. You will find more details about these at the end of this newsletter.

Wishing you all a successful conclusion to the academic year.

Ngā mihi nui



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AI and Literature Searching for Researchers – Recording available

The Library's August webinar *AI Literature Searching for Researchers* explored the question: "Do I have to use AI in my literature searching now?" A recording of the webinar is available on [Mediasite](#).

This webinar explores the evolving landscape of AI tools for literature searching, highlighting the differences between traditional library databases, search engines, generative AI models, and AI-powered discovery platforms. It also demonstrates how Microsoft Copilot can be used to develop research questions for Consensus, an AI discovery tool, and provides an overview of Consensus's main features.

The session highlights how AI tools can help researchers quickly gain an overview of a topic and locate relevant papers. At the same time it emphasises the importance of using these tools thoughtfully and critically as a complement to, rather than a replacement for, strong research and information literacy skills.

Library Journal Subscriptions Have Not Been Cancelled: Tips for Accessing Articles

The Library has received feedback from students where they believe that the Library has cancelled journal subscriptions – this is an assurance that this is not the case.

If students have trouble accessing articles they need, please ask them to contact us at Library@massey.ac.nz. Also, encourage them to install LibKey Nomad - a browser extension that gives quick access to Massey-subscribed full text PDFs while searching online, helping to bypass paywalls and find articles faster. Simply install it and select Massey University Library as your organisation. Instructions and more information are [here](#).



New Webpage on AI Features in Article Databases

A [new webpage](#) has been launched to highlight library databases available to Massey users that include AI-powered features. The page also outlines the different types of AI functionality users may encounter, helping them make informed and responsible use of these tools in their research.

Because this is such a rapidly changing area the Library has also published a new Library out Loud blog post on AI tools in Discover and other Library databases. Access the post [here](#).





Publisher Agreements Nearing Caps

The CAUL purchasing consortium's agreements with major publishers that include exemptions for article processing charges for gold open access articles are reaching their capped amounts.

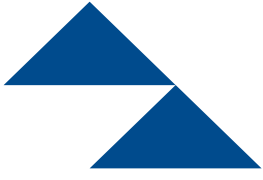
Springer and Taylor & Francis reached their caps in September, with Wiley expected to follow in early November. The consortium continually negotiates increases in the exemption amounts, but these increases tend to be outweighed by the overall increase in article publishing year on year.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 14-20 September

All three campus libraries ran events, activities and displays inviting University staff and students to celebrate te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2026. This year's theme, *Te Reo Towns*, celebrated the communities that have played an important role in helping te reo Māori thrive.

This year's celebrations include shared kai and kōrero, games of Kētukupu (te reo Māori Scrabble), place name pronunciation challenges as well as a curated display of rare te reo Māori items from the Bagnall (New Zealand research) collection.





Remembering Sheeanda McKeagg

We remember with gratitude and aroha our colleague and friend Sheeanda McKeagg, (Kaihautū Māori), Tūhoe, Ngati Porou, Ngā Ariki Kaiputahi, Te Aitanga a Māhaki, who passed away peacefully on 3rd August. Sheeanda was fiercely determined, incredibly generous, so loved her students and her job, and has shaped all of us and what we do. She is deeply missed.

Moe mai rā, Sheeanda.



Library workshops for you and your students

We encourage you to promote our classes to your students as appropriate. See <https://www.massey.ac.nz/study/library/classes-and-workshops/> for our upcoming classes and registration. Our classes and workshops are usually recorded and available for a period after they have run, with those registering receiving the link.

Book here: [Classes and Workshops](#) Or Contact your Subject Librarian

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