

LIBRARY PROMOTIONAL VIDEOTAPE SCRIPT

The University of Tasmania is served by a complex library system which aims to provide for the broad range of its clients information needs.

The Morris Miller Library is the Central Library, and provides the basic services for the whole system, as well as being the library serving the Faculties of Arts, Economics and Commerce, the Centre for Education and Departments of Geography and Information Science.

The total library system has approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ million volumes, of which $\frac{1}{4}$ million are housed in the Morris Miller Library; and 900 reader seats, 530 of which are in the Morris Miller Library.

Though the Library may appear complex, there is a team of skilled reference staff to assist users to satisfy their information needs.

To find materials in the library the basic tools are the catalogues.

The library has 2 catalogues; materials catalogued prior to 1973 are found through the card or Bliss catalogue. Materials acquired since 1973 have been catalogued into the Library of Congress classification system and are found through the computer produced microfiche catalogue. As in the card catalogue, it gives access to books and other materials by author, title and subject.

An added advantage of the microfiche catalogue is that it is produced in multiple copies enabling copies to be available throughout the library and elsewhere on the campus.

While the catalogues give access to material owned by the library, through the use of computerised information services, the library is able to search for information needed by a client on computers located in Melbourne, Canberra or as far afield as California - so that libraries are a gateway to the worlds information.

Items which are not held by the library can be obtained through the inter-library loan network from within Australia or from overseas.

The Royal Society Library established in 1843 is housed within the Morris Miller Library, and has a large collection in the sciences especially the natural sciences.

Government publications form a separate collection within the library. It houses Parliamentary and statistical documentation of the Commonwealth and States as well as materials from many other countries and international organisations. For example the library is a depository library for EEC publications.

The library has a large collection of periodicals or journals. In the Morris Miller library the bound volumes are shelved on Level 4, while the current volumes are displayed in the Current Periodicals Room, where the recent issues of Australian and overseas newspapers are also available. Older issues of newspapers and some periodicals are kept on microfilm. The library has a number of microfilm readers, some of which will produce photocopies.

In the backrooms, staff of the Technical Services Division provide the infra-structure for the library's services. The Division orders and catalogues approx. 20,000 items per annum and handles some 7700 periodical and newspaper subscriptions. An ongoing task of the Division is the re-classification of the library's collections from Bliss to Library of Congress, and the conversion from card to microfiche catalogues.

Computers are used extensively: for the order records; to produce order status reports, for accounting and budgeting; in the production of the microfiche catalogue and even to type the spine labels for the books.

The library's bindery is another of the Technical Services Division's central services. Each year about eleven thousand volumes are bound - some 8000 periodical volumes, five hundred or so books, and about 1800 other items such as honours and postgraduate theses and various university publications. As well, the Bindery repairs between 7 and 8 hundred volumes each year.

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The library also has a special collection of older and rare books which is on restricted access. To protect this and all the library's collections from deliberate or absent - minded theft, all materials are bugged electronically. If an item has not been through the proper issuing procedures it will trigger the Tattle Tape machine at exit to the embarrassment of the culprit.

There are a number of other libraries on the Sandy Bay campus which between them have some 200,000 volumes. The Engineering, Chemistry, Maths, Physics and Geology libraries service the Science Faculties. The Law Library which has 35,000 volumes and seating for 175 users is one of the larger branch libraries. // The biomedical Library services the biological and agricultural science departments and pre-clinical medicine. It holds 45,000 volumes and seats for 95 readers.

Off-campus is the Clinical Library which serve the Clinical School located in the Royal Hobart Hospital, and the newest library in the system servicing School of Art and the Conservatorium of Music is at Mt. Nelson, where it will remain until those courses move to the Jones Buildings on the waterfront. By their nature these courses require a heavy emphasis on audio-visual materials. The collection includes about 20,000 slides, 4000 records, and a number of Art reproductions. All libraries in the system are available for use by the public, although normally only staff and students are able to borrow materials.