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## MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Otago University Library is highly respected by its academics, researchers and teachers, its postgraduate and undergraduate students for its world class information resources and its professional services.

The iconic central campus library building and the regional heritage collections at the Hocken Library (one of New Zealand's top ranged three) are stunning assets and much loved by the University community. The Library's collections are a major research and teaching resource for the University and contribute to the national research capacity. Additionally the University of Otago has the national collecting responsibility for last copies of medical books, deposited in the medical repository at Leith Street.

The Library's online information resources are one part of the new e-environment. Learning and communication technologies underpin depository and access options for library collections and services. Changes in scholarly communication, access and publishing combine with traditional resources to provide the best of both the traditional and new world. In keeping with worldwide trends we are seeing changing patterns of usage, as the uptake of some services declines and are replaced by alternative ways of learning or accessing information.

Libraries are intrinsically linked to change and librarians are constantly challenged to stay up with the ways of the past and the future. The University Library works with numerous faculty, administrative groups and individuals to forge ways of staying ahead. Some of these initiatives and issues are documented below.

I wish to thank the Library staff for another year of committed service, a different year; but one of promise.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS IN A YEAR OF TRANSITION

Sue Pharo was appointed to the position of University Librarian at the University of Otago taking up her position on 22 August 2005. She had been the University of Waikato Librarian from 1996 and Chair of CONZUL (Council of New Zealand University Librarians) for four years.

Michael Wooliscroft retired from his position in April 2005 having been University Librarian since 1987. The University acknowledged his long and illustrious career on his retirement. It is important to note his major contribution to information resources, the beautiful ISB Building and his substantial input to documentary and heritage collections for Otago and New Zealand as a whole. He was a respected colleague in the international library environment.

Rosemary Hudson, Deputy University Librarian since 1979, was Acting University Librarian for four months, herself retiring in September. During her career Rosemary was noted for her strong contribution to the library profession and especially for her work on the New Zealand interlibrary loan scheme through her membership of the New Zealand Library Association's Joint Standing Committee on Interlibrary loan.

## SUPPORTING RESEARCH

The range of e-resources made available to the campus community was further enhanced following extensive trials and after seeking comment from users. New titles were purchased if they were shown to provide significant benefit to University users, where excellent value for money could be negotiated and where our budget allowed. Three themes dominated the electronic resources environment in 2005: A concerted effort by publishers to digitize retrospective collections of material previously in microfilm format; the development of significant improvements in the interface and functionality; and the shift in ownership of titles between publishers as they adapt their title lists to fit an existing specialization.

2005 was a positive year for the University Library with the strong New Zealand dollar underpinning unparalleled purchase of information resources. Involvement in collaborative purchasing arrangements also played a major part in our ability to provide new electronic resources. See Annex I; New Electronic Resources added in 2005.

Approval plan profiles for academic departments reflecting their monograph requirements have been developed and linked into the database of the Library's major monograph supplier, YBP.

The medical libraries of Dunedin, Christchurch and Wellington continued collaborative purchasing particularly of online information and ongoing discussions about collection policies.

The creation of the Library's first digital collection began with a pilot project using ENCompass to create a small collection of digitized images, text and videos related to the history of the University.

## DONATIONS

The Library gratefully acknowledges donations from many individuals and organisations.

Of particular note are: the gift of operatic material from the estate of the late Mr James F. Wilson; books on the literature and culture of Brazil from His Excellency Sergio Serra, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil; materials from Government Departments, particularly from the Ministry of Education and Statistics New Zealand; the Collected works of August Strindberg from Dr E.R Nye; and works on Sikhism from Emeritus Professor Hew McLeod. Monetary gifts were received from New Zealand Red Cross: Southern Region and U3A Dunedin Charitable Trust.

## SERVICES SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Library continues to pursue its goal of embedding information literacy into the curriculum.

Reference staff are increasingly requested to deliver classes maximizing the use of resources and services within a subject context and formal lecture environment. This growing role is requiring increased capacity in learning and teaching skills. Two Library staff completed the University of Otago Certificate in Tertiary Teaching in 2005, towards this end.

Work commenced midyear to create a series of online information literacy modules in a collaborative project with the College of Education, Otago Polytechnic and the Higher Education Development Centre. This is funded through the Tertiary Education Commission and the e-Learning Collaborative Development Fund. The first of the eleven to be developed focuses on essay writing with readings.

Progress was made on the structure and content of the Library's web site. The focus was to make use of technology to dynamically generate and update pages to make access simpler.

In 2005, 20,000 records of electronic journal holdings were loaded on to the Voyager library system. The Library purchased software to manage licence agreements and to bring information into one interface for all via the web.

Access to required readings of course materials was improved during 2005 by implementing electronic reserve items, available on and off campus through the library catalogue.



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## ENVIRONMENT

Students continued to appreciate the magnificent Central Library with high occupancy and queuing for places during exam times. Visitors continue to be drawn from all over the world to the architecture and ambience of this facility on the Dunedin campus.

Wellington Medical Library began planning for a move to temporary accommodation whilst new facilities are built for the Wellington Medical School.

Assessment of our collections housed in off-campus storage on Leith Street was initiated. Planned management will position us well to consider the possibility of involvement in a proposed national store project. A feasibility study was carried out in 2005 on behalf of university libraries, large public libraries and the National Library of New Zealand.

Initial work on library matters was carried out as part of the investigation of a merger of the University of Otago and the College of Education.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### EXHIBITIONS

The Central Library held four public exhibitions in the de Beer Gallery during 2005 and the Hocken Collections hosted five. The four University Fellows were welcomed at a function held in the Hocken Library.

There was continuing involvement at a national level to develop policy for nationally significant heritage collections. The University Librarian and the Hocken Collections made an important contribution to the work which is still in progress.

## ANNEX I – NEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES 2005

### TITLE

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ARTstor  
 Biochemical Society Journals  
 BioMed Central membership  
 Brill E-Journals  
 Brookers SMART Tax  
 Cell Press publications (ScienceDirect)  
 Classical Music Library  
 Current Protocols  
 EEBO - Early English Books Online  
 Encyclopedia of Applied Plant Science  
 Encyclopedia of Biostatistics  
 Encyclopedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine  
 Encyclopedia of genetics, genomics, proteomics and bioinformatics  
 Encyclopedia of Geology  
 Encyclopedia of Life Sciences  
 Encyclopedia of Meat Sciences  
 Encyclopedia of Social Measurement  
 Encyclopedia of Statistical Sciences  
 Encyclopedia of Toxicology  
 ERIC Plus Text (ProQuest 5000)  
 Index to Theses  
 Inspec  
 Institute of Physics Archive  
 International Textbook of Diabetes Mellitus  
 Journal of Pathology backfile  
 Lecture Notes in Earth Sciences  
 Liebert Online  
 Nature Methods  
 New York Times (ProQuest Historical Newspapers) [news@nature.com](mailto:news@nature.com)  
 Oxford Reference Online Premium plus Western Civilization Collection  
 Science Online  
 Scopus  
 Wildlife and Ecological Studies Worldwide

## ANNEX II - TABULAR INFORMATION

Central Library includes Audiovisual Services and Education Resource Centre.

Dental Library includes health sciences audiovisual materials.

Science Library includes Portobello Marine Laboratory Library.

### COLLECTION RESOURCES

	2005	2004	2003
<b>Volume equivalents added during year</b>			
Books	26,811	27,439	26,654
Serials (Bound volumes)	10,690	11,693	12,009
Microforms	2,692	3,482	1,226
Other non-book materials	10,993	48,044 <sup>1</sup>	6,792
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,186</b>	<b>90,658</b>	<b>46,681</b>
<b>Volume equivalents held at end of year</b>			
Books	920,264	894,303	867,067
Bound serials	465,559	456,907	446,076
Unbound serials	44,675	44,475	44,275
Microforms	224,987	222,093	218,419
Other non-book materials	1,183,331	1,171,637	1,124,754
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,838,816</b>	<b>2,789,415</b>	<b>2,700,591</b>
<b>Number of print serials currently received</b>			
Subscriptions	4,814	5,144	4,950
Donations	2,972	2,876	4,546
Total print serials	7,786	8,020	9,496
Number of electronic serials annually received	61,093	61,970	22,042
<b>Total print and electronic serials</b>	<b>68,879</b>	<b>69,990</b>	<b>31,538</b>

<sup>1</sup> This figure includes an unusually large number of photographs added to the Hocken

**SERVICES**

	2005	2004	2003
<b>LENDING</b>			
Books			
First Loans	206,498	212,315	225,724
Renewals	98,243	96,942	61,320
Journals	6,389	7,694	7,571
Reserve Collections	274,706	308,905	338,271
Equipment	40,977	54,641	68,485
<b>Total</b>	<b>626,813</b>	<b>680,497</b>	<b>701,371</b>

**DOCUMENT DELIVERY**

Originals received:	5,053	5,092	5,109
Copies received	6,641	10,431	14,665
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,694</b>	<b>15,523</b>	<b>19,774</b>
Original supplied:	3,345	3,572	3,279
Copies supplied	9,754	12,645	15,494
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,099</b>	<b>16,217</b>	<b>18,773</b>

## SERVICES

	2005	2004	2003
<b>OTHER READER SERVICES</b>			
Reference enquiries	<b>24,649</b>	30,242	33,889
Library Tours			
Total tours	<b>353</b>	364	320
Total participants	<b>1,870</b>	2,483	1,895
Subject Classes			
Total classes	<b>772</b>	764	703
Total participants	<b>11,366</b>	11,297	11,098
Copying			
Total pages	<b>3,484,075</b>	4,632,837	5,147,172
Bindery			
Total Theses binding	<b>1,851</b>	1,888	1,742

## PLACES

Total reader places	<b>3,379</b>	3,389	3,389
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## USE OF ELECTRONIC DATABASES AND RESOURCES

### LIBRARY SUBSCRIBED DATABASES

	2005	2004	2003
Total Sessions	<b>884,942</b>	536,672	300,222
Total Searches	<b>8,864,802</b>	5,828,150	5,173,847
Full Text Retrievals	<b>1,402,687</b>	887,400	324,050

Definitions:

**Session** is a successful request of an online service.

**Search** is each search submitted to the online service.

**Number of full-text articles successfully** requested by users from all of the library's licenced electronic resource.

Only statistics complying with these definitions are collated.

Not all vendors supply usage statistics for electronic databases and resources.

## BUDGETED EXPENDITURE AND SOURCE OF FUNDS

	2005 (\$'000)	2004 (\$'000)
<b>Principal Expenditure</b>		
Staffing (including salary related costs)	6,839	6,219
Consumables	2,537	2,184
Library Resources		
Monographs	1,424	1,516
Subscriptions	6,560	7,411
Total Library Materials Budget	7,984	8,927
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,360</b>	<b>17,330</b>
<b>Budgeted Source of Funds</b>		
University	16,071	16,461
External Income (includes distribution from all trusts, Otago DHB, fines, donations and copying/printing income)	1,289	869
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,360</b>	<b>17,330</b>

## ANNEX III – STAFF OF THE LIBRARY

## STAFF ESTABLISHMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER

	2005	2004	2003
Librarian	1.00	1.00	1.00
Deputy Librarian	1.00	1.00	1.00
Associate Librarians (including Senior Associate Librarians)	8.00	8.00	8.00
Assistant Librarians (including Senior Librarians)	31.00	31.00	28.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.00</b>	<b>41.00</b>	<b>38.00</b>
Library Assistants (including Senior Library Assistants)	59.28	59.28	60.28
Computing	4.00	4.00	4.00
Support Services	5.00	5.00	5.00
Bindery	7.00	7.00	7.00
Copying	5.53	5.53	5.53
Custodians	4.00	4.00	3.00
Secretarial	7.76	7.76	7.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.57</b>	<b>92.57</b>	<b>92.07</b>
<b>Total Established Positions</b>	<b>133.57</b>	<b>133.57</b>	<b>130.07</b>
Allocation for temporary staff	31.01	27.56	29.18











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