New Library Website Launched

As you may have noticed QUT Library has a new look website. The redesign of the Library’s website was based on extensive usability testing and user feedback. One of the most heavily visited websites in the University, the Library’s new site creates a user friendly environment that enables quick and easy navigation.

The Library home page is now divided into specific sections directing users to specialised searches.

We welcome your comments and feedback about the new site, especially its layout and usability. If you have any difficulty locating information on the new site, please contact me.

Please note: Any references to the Library’s webpages in teaching materials or other documentation should be checked as the links may have changed.

Macquarie Dictionary and Thesaurus Online

From 2008, QUT staff and students now have access to the Macquarie Dictionary and Thesaurus Online, through a new Library subscription. This service is also available for public access (within QUT Library branches only).

The Macquarie Dictionary is constantly updated with new words as they enter our language. The online service gives you access to the Macquarie Dictionary Fourth Edition which has the following features, as well as access to the Macquarie Thesaurus:

- over 112,000 headwords covering English as it is used in Australia, from the colourfully colloquial to the highly technical;
- etymologies for some of the more interesting phrases in English;
- thousands of new words;
- illustrative material from Ozcorp, Macquarie's database of Australian writing, which is being increased and updated;
- regionalisms from around Australia, many gathered from Australian Word Map, a joint online project of Macquarie and the ABC.

Access via: www.library.qut.edu.au/db/3140f
The Merck Index 14th Edition : 2008 Electronic Trial

QUT Library has for many years had a print subscription to the Merck Index and commencing with the 14th Edition, online access is now available.

The Merck Index is an encyclopedia providing precise, comprehensive information on more than 10,000 chemicals, drugs, and biological compounds and 450 organic name reactions. Descriptions of a single substance or a small group of closely related compounds include chemical, generic, and brand names; registry numbers; physical data and literature references; structure and stereochemistry; toxicity information and therapeutic uses. Nearly 4,000 of the entries cover drugs and pharmaceuticals, 2,000 describe common organic chemicals and laboratory reagents, another 2,000 focus on the elements and on inorganic chemicals, and approximately 1,000 pertain to compounds of agricultural significance.

Access via: www.library.qut.edu.au/db/5381f
It will remain available for your evaluation throughout 2008.

QUT ePrints Archive Update : February 2008 : World Ranking of Repositories

The latest statistics (February 2008) for the QUT ePrints Archive indicate there are 9337 items in the repository with 1316 registered users. As you can see by the graph below, 3981 new records were created in 2007. This represents a deposit rate almost double that of 2006 when 2202 new records were created. Many of these new records were created for the RQF and, although they are linked to the published version, some have no open access (OA) copy (postprint version) attached. However, at least some of the records created for the RQF included OA fulltext with the proportion of our total records that include OA fulltext still relatively high (approximately 75%).

A few days ago, the Webometrics Ranking of World Universities launched their new Ranking of Repositories as given at www.webometrics.info/top200_rep.asp.

QUT's institutional repository QUT ePrints Archive, was the highest ranking Australian repository in the list. With a rank of 28, we are the only Australian repository in the top 50 (next is University of Adelaide at 76). Large international discipline-based repositories (such as RePEc, ArXiv and the Arts & Humanities Data Service) are included in the list so our ranking would be even higher if only institutional repositories were being compared.

The ranking is based on visibility, number of pages (records) and number of 'rich files' (eg .doc, .ppt, .pdf). The latter gives an indication of the amount of fulltext material in the repository.

ScienceDirect : Energy and Power Backfile Collection : Now Available

QUT Library now provides access to the ScienceDirect: Energy and Power Backfile Collection. This collection covers 65 journal titles; earliest backfile start date is 1948 onwards.

For further details including a link to the titles in the collection please go to www.sciencedirect.info/content/journals/backfiles/
PLoS Journals

QUT researchers are invited to submit manuscripts to the Public Library of Science (PLoS) journals in the first half of 2008 and the author-fee (US$1250) will be automatically allocated by QUT Library (as approved by the Library and the University’s Research and Innovation Committee; September 5, 2007).


When your article is accepted for publication, PLoS/Allen Press will send you an invoice. Please forward your PLoS/Allen Press invoices to Stephanie Bradbury, Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, and the fee will be paid by QUT Library.

For more information please contact Stephanie Bradbury (x86078; s.bradbury@qut.edu.au).

Connexions

Connexions <http://cnx.org/> is an environment for collaboratively developing, freely sharing, and rapidly publishing scholarly content on the Web. Connexions’ Content Commons contains educational materials for everyone — from children to college students to professionals — organized in small modules that are easily connected into larger collections or courses. All content is free to use and reuse under the Creative Commons “attribution” license.

Leximancer

Leximancer <www.leximancer.com> is text mining software that can be used to analyse the content of collections of textual documents and to visually display the extracted information in a browser. The information is displayed by means of a conceptual map that provides an overview of the material, representing the main concepts contained within the text and how they are related.

Also interesting articles on the application of Leximancer in research can be found at <www.leximancer.com/cms/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15>

There will be some training later in the semester.

For more information including how to obtain Leximancer software please contact me (x82989; n.prasolova@qut.edu.au).