I am preparing the *Schools Information Resource Plans* for 2007.

I would be very grateful if you could write to me even if only with a few remarks (either positive or constructive) on how you perceive the information resources (both electronic and print), provided by QUT Library, serve your information needs and, if applicable, your students in areas of teaching and research. The information will assist me in development and management of information resources appropriate to your teaching and research areas.

You may prefer to comment on the following questions:

- Is the general book collection relevant and up-to-date to support you and your students in teaching/learning?
- Is the periodical collection provided by QUT Library satisfy your teaching and research needs and your students?
- Are the electronic databases provided appropriate for your teaching and research and readily accessible by you and your students?
- Are the document delivery services adequate for your research purposes?

Thank you kindly for your time.

As Semester 1 2007 draws nearer...

If you would like us to assist with any Information Literacy components in your units in Semester 1, please let us know. I am able to help by assisting with development of information literacy resources for lecturers' own use during classes, or by delivering the information literacy components myself in collaboration with lecturers.

For more information about Information Literacy at QUT and how the Library can help (including generic cross-Faculty classes and online tutorials), please see the following web page:

URL: www.library.qut.edu.au/academics

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The Weight of Information
Google Patent Search

Google has added another piece of search software to its arsenal, with the launch of Google Patent Search. URL: www.google.com/patents

Google Patent Search allows users to search the approx. 7 million U.S. patents by parameters including date, issue date, patent number and inventor.

The search site also has a rotating series of images from selected patents from the 1916 patent of the tennis racket to the less-heralded 2004 patent of the monkey-shaped camera bag.

The beta version looks back at inventions all the way to the 1790s but does not include patent applications, international patents or U.S. patents issued since mid-2006.

Patents in the United States are issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which has its own patent search engine available on its Web site. In order to create Google's patent search, which goes back to the 1790s, the company converted the government site's data into what it claims is a more searchable format. Thus Google's site will compete with the search engine on the site of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

It appears that Google Patent Search is using Optical Character Recognition (OCR), and as a result of this, there might be encountered some oddities while searching, e.g. Google Patent Search cannot find all instances of the word Germany because it reads some of them as GeBmany (GEBMANY instead of GERMANY).

Even though the resource can be very useful for some purposes, it is important to stress that comprehensive searches are best done by other methods.


Applied Science Abstracts via WilsonWeb


This database indexes high quality applied science and technology journals including leading trade and industrial publications, professional and technical society journals as well as specialised equipment/reagent buyer’s guides, directories and conference proceedings.


To access Applied Science Abstracts via WilsonWeb go to the QUT Library homepage and select Find databases. In the Find databases by databases title box enter applied science and then click the Find database button.

On the next page click the database name hyperlink to connect to the database.

Or access is available via: URL: www.library.qut.edu.au/db/5138f
QUT Library now provides access to the United States Pharmacopeia - National Formulary (USP-NF) Online.

The USP-NF disseminates standards for the quality of drugs, dietary supplements, excipients, procedures for tests, assays and analytical methods.

To access the USP-NF go to the QUT Library homepage and select Find databases. In the Find databases by databases title box enter Pharmacopeia and then click the Find database button.

On the next page click the database name hyperlink to connect to the QUT Library Alternate access (Passwords) page where a username and password and a link to connect to the database are provided.

Or access is available via:

URL www.library.qut.edu.au/db/5258f

Access is limited to one (1) simultaneous user.

JSTOR Biological Sciences Collection

As one of many electronic trials for 2007 QUT Library now provides access to the JSTOR Biological Science Collection. QUT already has access to JSTOR Arts & Sciences Collections I, II, III, and IV.

For details on titles included in each of the collections go to:

URL www.jstor.org.ezp02.library.qut.edu.au/about/collection.list.html

The JSTOR Biological Sciences Collection will include at least one hundred journal titles when it is completed in 2007. Coverage in this collection offers greater depth in fields such as biodiversity, conservation, paleontology, and plant science, in addition to introducing new areas such as cell biology and zoology.

Catalogue records will soon be added to the QUT Library Catalogue.

To access the JSTOR Collections go to the QUT Library homepage and select Find databases. In the Find databases by databases title box enter jstor and then click the Find database button. On the next page click the database name hyperlink to connect to the database.

Or access is available via:

URL www.library.qut.edu.au/db/4975f

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