



InfoForum

Newsletter of the Potchefstroom Campus Libraries



Welcome to our first years!

As part of the O&B programme about 4 200 first-year students were introduced to the Library on Thursday, 22 January. Twenty-five staff members of the Library assisted in taking students on various tours through the Library. The message conveyed to students was that they will not only get to know the Library as a friendly place with lots of study areas and PC rooms, but also as the No 1 stop for all their information needs.



Library staff



First-year students are waiting for their Library tour.



Click here for the information video that was shown to the first year students.

Your academic survival guide for 2009



- Where do I find information for my assignments?
- How many books may I borrow?
- Does the library have prescribed textbooks?

These are some of the questions answered in the new colourful [brochure](#) introduced by the Library recently. With this brochure the Library wishes to market its services and information sources in a trendier manner. The brochure is available at the Main Library's Information Desk or at our branch libraries.

Course Reserves Section now on ground floor next to Loan Services Section

The Course Reserves Section ("[Reserved Section](#)") moved to the ground floor directly opposite the Nashua photocopying service in January 2008. Because students were frequently searching for books that had been misplaced by other students, the Library decided to change from a self-help system to an over-the-counter system. We believe that this move will help improve the accessibility and availability of sources in this Section.



Study collection now also on ground floor next to Loan Services Section

The study collection has been in existence for the past five years. It is accommodated in the same space as the reserved sources and is made available in the same manner. This collection includes sources which the study guide refers to as 'recommended sources', as well as one additional copy of books that are in demand by students. In special cases prescribed books may also be placed in this section.

As with Course Reserves we intend to identify certain critical sources which should be available to students at all times, as these books may not be removed from the Library. Staff are requested to inform us of any sources that fall into the above category so that they may be purchased and placed in this collection.



Fewer service hours for Journal Section

With the ever-changing technology surrounding the provision of information, as well as the increase in electronic journals, the use of printed journals has decreased dramatically.

Since 1999 the annual use of journals at the Journal Section has decreased from about 100 000 articles to only about 14 000. It was thus decided in 2008 to reduce the size of the Section and to cut down on service hours. As of 2009, the Journal Section closes at 18:00. Urgent requests may be made at the Loan Desk, but normal request will be handled the next day. Users may decide on the delivery method. Articles may be collected in printed format at the Library and copied, or may be sent to students in electronic format via e-mail.

In future the Library will try to deliver journal articles in electronic format where possible. The physical circulation system according to which printed journals are circulated to



departments on campus is also being revised and will be changed to an electronic notification system in 2009. Information on the new system will be provided to staff as soon as the system is up and working. Journal articles may be delivered electronically if required.

Interlibrary Loans (ILL) has moved to entrance hall

Users that regularly use [ILL](#) would have noticed that this section has moved to the entrance hall of the Main Library.

When Course Reserves moved to the Loan Desk on the ground floor, new offices had to be established in the space that was previously used by ILL. The logical space – and indeed the last unused space in the Library – was the office of Engela van der Walt, a much appreciated former colleague whom many older library users might still remember.

Last year it was decided that honours and fourth-year students could also use this service. Despite our considerable information sources and databases of high academic standard, we found that we could still not provide in all the needs of students at this level. Especially where the topic of an assignment, exam paper or research is highly specialised, we sometimes need to request information from other institutions. Students who would like to use this service are welcome to contact their [subject librarians](#).

Further important news is that Susan Coetzee made every effort during 2006/7 to identify international suppliers who are prepared to provide information free of charge or at a minimal cost. Using these suppliers first when material is requested means that we can obtain more material from foreign countries at a lower cost.

When Susan retired after nearly ten years at ILL, she passed the reins to Marieta Buys (018 299 2793). Fortunately, Susan is still part of the temporary library staff and

assists in training new staff, developing new services and expanding on current services.



Interlibrary Loans



Marieta Buys

Westlaw International

[Westlaw International](#) is a subscription-based service which provides access to international law reports, acts, journal articles, law reviews and treatises. The full-texts of a few South African journals are also indexed here.

Advantages of this database:

- Authoritative contents = headers, citations and 'legal update alerts'
- User-friendly interface.
- Access from any place in the world via the [Library web page](#).

The Educational Sciences Library

This Library celebrated its first year in its new venue in April 2008. However, it would seem that a great many students and even staff are unaware of its existence. The Educational Sciences Library is situated in the northern wing of the revamped POC Main Building (C6).

The Library moved out of the old ENAN Building in April 2007 to make space for the construction of institutional offices. As the new venue comprises only a quarter of the area of the previous building, the available space is very limited, with few study areas for students. The Library will nevertheless continue to provide a valuable information service to education students who are looking for academic information on their doorstep. The Library has a small PC laboratory where students can do their assignments, have



access to the Internet and read their e-mail. A photocopying service is also available. Besides academic sources there are also material, aids and posters available for lessons, as well as a good collection of children's literature.

[Go explore this Library](#)

Visit the Music Library in the Academy of Music right next to Fanie du Toit Sport Grounds

The [Music Library](#) offers a study area and a great hangout for music students. The Library's music collection comprises some 5 000 CDs and LP records (mostly classical music, as well as jazz, rock, traditional and world music), DVDs, a variety of operas, a number of printed books, and a large collection of sheet music. Music students enjoy the relaxed environment in which they can study at their leisure.

But you need not be a music student to use the Library's resources. Although the DVDs and CDs may not be taken out, there is enough sound, look and listen apparatus in the Library to use these sources optimally. If you feel the need to expand your classical and other music knowledge, or if you



do not have enough of your own CDs, be sure to pay a visit to the Music Library.

Natural Sciences Library has air-conditioning after 30 years

Staff and students of the [Natural Sciences Library](#) (in the *Spinnekopgebou*) now have the privilege of working in an air-conditioned space. The temperature in the Library was monitored over the past 20 years and it was found that the average temperature in which staff worked during winter months fluctuated between 14 and 17 °C. Summer temperatures fluctuated between 28 and 33 °C. We are therefore very grateful to announce that students no longer have to brace themselves when they want to use the Natural Sciences Library. Students who are not aware of these improvements are invited to use the Library with its excellent information service provided by Anriette Pretorius. No question is too difficult and no trouble too much for the highly qualified and experienced staff members of this Library.



FW de Klerk Room

The room in the Main Library which houses the University's law books is known among students as *Die Glaskas*. People using the reading room (which is also zoned as a study area) should bear in mind that absolute silence must be observed in this room. Library users who visited the Journal Section on the second floor would have noticed renovations taking place in the reading room over the 2008 April holidays. These formed part of renovations to the Main Library scheduled over the next three years. The reading room was decorated in shades of green, white and cream. Lightning was installed according to Eskom's requirements, and the entire space now seems larger, lighter and calmer.



At the end of 2008 a memorial exhibition, in honour of former president FW de Klerk, Nobel Prize winner, law alumni and ex-chancellor of the former Potchefstroom University, was created in a suitable space in the reading room. Part of Mr De Klerk's photo albums, books and journal cuttings was donated to the Library and the University. With this exhibition the University would like to pay tribute to a person who continues to have a close relationship with the University and who had a huge impact on the history of the country. The famous *Glaskas* gained even more significance with its new image and was subsequently renamed the FW de Klerk Room. The permanent exhibition was opened in a grand manner in January 2009.



Books on first floor arranged chronologically

Historically, language and literature books (400 and 800) stood next to each other on library shelves. However, after the 400 class moved to the ground floor in 2008 (in the place of the Education books which were relocated to the branch library), it was decided to arrange the first floor in a more logical manner.

With the help of a few student workers some 6 000 shelves were moved during the summer holidays. The class numbers are now arranged chronological from west to east, ie from 500 to 800. The theses and dissertations were not moved and are still in a separate collection at the eastern section of the first floor.

If you feel a little lost because books are not where they used to be, please follow the numbers or ask for assistance. We will gladly help you to find what you are looking for.

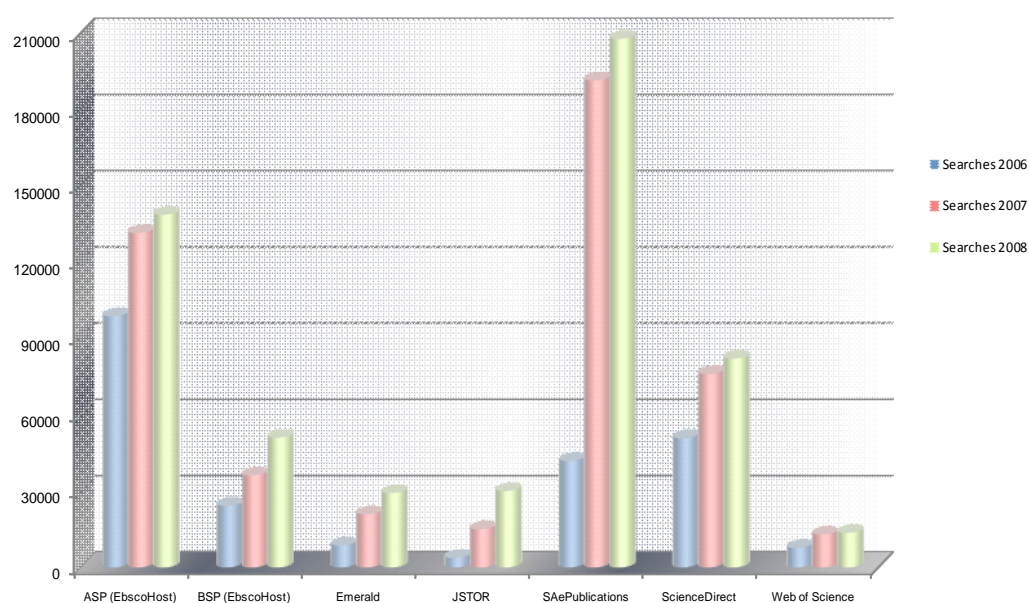


Our most popular databases

The Library subscribes to various databases that provide access to electronic full-text articles. These scientific articles are a good alternative to the general information that users find on the Internet via search engines such as Google.

Use of these databases has once again increased and in some cases a stabilising effect has developed. Some of our most popular databases are:

Database	Searches 2006	Searches 2007	Searches 2008
Academic Search Premier (EbscoHost)	98871	131704	138876
Business Source Premier (EbscoHost)	24252	36263	51074
Emerald	8718	20912	29306
JSTOR	3774	15100	30089
SAePublications	41954	191698	208084
ScienceDirect	50873	76163	82222
Web of Science	7663	12971	13617



eFundi

We would like to help

The [subject librarians](#) at the Library would like to help you create the following links on your eFundi page:

- A link to your library subject page with all the scientific databases for your specific subject listed on the page
- A link to your reserved material (Electronic copies are also available online and we sort out any copyright issues ourselves.)

We can assist you in placing the required material for a specific assignment under the 'Resources' link on your eFundi page. For enquiries please contact Louise Vos at 018 299 2788 or Erika Rood at 018 299 2828.

Accredited journals

Accredited journals are recognised research output that meet specified criteria and therefore qualify for subsidisation by the [Department of Education](#) (DoE). The three recognised indices are:

- The Institute of Scientific Information (ISI). These are the Web of Science databases ([Science Citations Index Expanded](#), the [Social Sciences Citation Index](#) and the [Arts & Humanities Citation Index](#)). The ISI Master List is not acknowledged. Journals which appear only on the ISI Master List do not qualify for subsidy.
- The [International Bibliography of Social Sciences](#) (IBSS)
- The [Department of Education List of Accredited Journals](#) (or DoE list).

The Library plans to update the above every two months in a [database](#) to make the search method more user-friendly. If you need more information or are uncertain about any title, please contact Ronél Pieterse at 018 299 4853 ([Institutional Department of Research Support](#)).

Accredited Journals
(This a combined database of the 5 acknowledged DoE lists)

Search any word, words in a title or phrase. Use the '*' & ' between words. The **Word Wheel** provides an index of journal titles.

Journal title
 Word Wheel

Source
 Combine your search by selecting an appropriate source.

ISSN

The list was last updated on: 22 Oct 2008.

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- Arts & Humanities Citation Index ® (Web of Science)
- Science Citation Index Expanded ® (Web of Science)
- Social Sciences Citation Index ® (Web of Science)
- International Bibliography of Social Sciences: [IBSS list](#)
- Department of Education: [SA Approved Journal list](#)

If you cannot find a title on this database please search on the above-mentioned list.

It is also in agreement with the [Policy and Procedures for Measurement of Research Output of Public Higher Education Institutions](#) announced by the Minister of Education. (The DoE does **not** acknowledge the complete ISI Master Journal list for accredited journals, see p. 6.)

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New era for the Vaal Triangle Campus Library

VAN DER BIJLPARK. – The well-known writer, Shelby Foote once lamented that a university is nothing more than a grouping of buildings around a library. This sentiment was shared by campus staff and guests alike during the recent renaming of the campus library. The library, formally known as a branch of the Ferdinand Postma Library in Potchefstroom will now be known as the Vaal Triangle Campus Library. During a glitzy ceremony the Campus Rector, Prof Piet Prinsloo officially unveiled a plaque with the new name.

A highlight of the day was when a local artist, Ilse Straw, presented the rector with a self portrait. This portrait of the rector now has a cherished place in the library. To add even more flair to the occasion an art exhibition was hosted by An- Mari's Art Gallery with the theme "Our Own" and a collection of paintings, fine art and photography show casing local talent was open for viewing. The exhibition drew to a close on the 25th of July 2008.

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The official unveiling of the plaque with the new name. Mnr Tom Larney and Prof Piet Prinsloo shared the honor.

New face for Library catalogue

The Library's online catalogue (WebPAC PRO) has a brand new look and provides lots of new options:

- Search the catalogues of all three campus libraries on line at once or individually



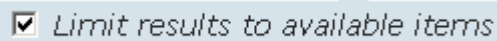
- The *Right Result Search Technology* indicates the most relevant search results first, as can be seen from the yellow blocks.



- Quick sorting of results is now possible with the click of a button:



- Searches can be narrowed down by searching only for sources that are available for lending.



- Search results can be narrowed down/limited by using this option:



(where a lot of values can be set).

- If you see this sign in a record, you have access to: the contents pages, a summary, or the full-text information of a source:



- Results can easily be sent to your e-mail, hard drive or printer:

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What is RefWorks?

Do you still remember all the handwritten notes accumulated over the years (many of them kept in boxes at your office), bearing references to articles, books or conference dissertations on research subjects? Well, RefWorks is the modern, user-friendly version of your manual system.

With [RefWorks](#) you can create your own web-based database of sources used for research. The references in RefWorks can be imported automatically in your research document. Within seconds you will also be able to format the list according to a specific bibliographic style. These sources can now be searched and are available from any computer with an Internet connection. The database can also be shared between people who work on the same project. [This is how it's done ...](#)

Training rooms

The Library has two training facilities namely *Besembos* and *Tarentaal*. Students and staff may book these facilities at the Information Desk of the Main Library or by phoning Ria Adelaar at 018 299 2812.



Potchefstroom Campus Libraries Catalogue

North-West University



Place your own notices (alerts) for new acquisitions

Notices (also known as alerts) are 'current awareness' search functions provided by the Millennium catalogue. This function makes it possible for users to save and execute searches at regular intervals, after which the system sends the results to their e-mail address. This [manual](#) explains how to activate your own Alerts on the catalogue (WebPAC PRO).

Ferdinand Postma Library receives trophy at IUGSA: 2008

During the recent [IUGSA: 2008](#) (Innovative Users Group: 2008) conference held in Port Elizabeth, Information Systems received the [GAELIC](#) floating trophy for Best Participation at the IUGSA. Staff of the section actively participated as discussion group leaders and gave presentations on the functionalities of [Millennium](#).



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