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## PURPLE THURSDAY FLASH MOB OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY



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## SANLIC CONFERENCE: “ever evolving e-books”: Misty Hills, Gauteng 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013

This year, the SANLIC (South African National Library and information Consortium) conference addressed the impact of e-Books in South African University Libraries. Topics ranged from how libraries cope with e-Books in their collections, to how to meet this digital impact in their strategic planning processes, to how to develop sound policies, and also addressed this in terms of Open Access.

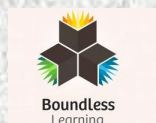


Dr Gillian Hallam, Adjunct professor, Library and Information Science, Science and Engineering Faculty, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) ran a **workshop “in pursuit of library happiness: learning to write e-book policies that meet everyone’s needs”**. She believes University Libraries develop a policy that meet the needs of all the stakeholders, address library collection development, adapt from traditional library practices to the changing e-book digital landscape, and acknowledge that the focus is about access to resources not ownership.

Dr Hallam’s keynote address spoke to **“e-Textbooks and their implications for learning, teaching & academic libraries”**. Dr Hallam coordinates the Council of Australian University Libraries (CAUL) pilot project around using enhanced digital textbooks in Australia. With online education in mind, e-Textbooks may be a solution to accessible information for rural distance learning. The commission examined current learning trends (e-learning, stakeholders, policy & practice), established e-learning devices and resources, and determined implications for university libraries in the e-learning environment which was transformed by Apple with iPads, iTunes (used by over 1000 universities in Australia), and iBook.

Conclusions drawn from the pilot study highlighted:

- ⇒ A highly competitive textbook market, each publisher with its’ own platform and sometimes their own e-reader
- ⇒ An increase in Open Access textbook publishing;



- ⇒ It is still an uncertain market
- ⇒ Print is the dominant format
- ⇒ Marketing directly to academics is essential for success

Susan Veldsman gave an uplifting account about the DHET’s request in 2009 for ASSAf to accredit South African journals for peer-review evidence based evaluation. 300 journals have been accredited to date.



Various Universities in the USA conducted similar pilot studies with similar conclusions:

- ⇒ Indiana University (IU) (2009-2011)
- ⇒ University of Virginia, UC Berkley,
- ⇒ Cornell University, University of Minnesota, University of Wisconsin, with McGraw-Hill & Courselead reader
- ⇒ South Africa was included in the EduCAUSE pilot test which led to the first South African E-Textbook pilot projects with CPUT & JUTA, UNW & Van Schaiks, and SU with Oxford University Publishers.

It is clear that Rhodes University should address our e-Book policy and collection development strategies should we want to participate and contribute toward this new digital learning environment. The conversations need to start!



Brenda Stoltz with Philip from Springer eBooks

A highlight of the conference was the time spent meeting with publishers because it enables librarians, who all speak the same talk, to talk with the many publishers, each with their own e-book platforms and licensing agreements. Clearly, publishers do not speak the same speak in their competitive financial environment.

An interesting session was devoted to a series of presentations about **Open Access** in the eBook environment.

#### Interesting facts

- ⇒ Large proportion of SA research is published in local journals
- ⇒ ASSAf increases the visibility of the 300 SA journals
- ⇒ ASSAf 2006 report on Scholarly Publishing revealed that papers published in 60 SA journals did not receive a single citation in any of the 9 000 ISI journals over a 15 year period
- ⇒ International exposure became a priority
- ⇒ ASSAf partnerships with ISI : 70 South African journals are now accessible on ISI
- ⇒ Updated weekly and immediately indexed in WoK  
Expected increase in international exposure, a South African H Index



#### Exciting news

In January 2013, the Government Gazette published that all South African journals must be submitted to ASSAf for accreditation (not the DHET); this to be funded by the Dept. of Science & Technology



**SciELO is ASSAf's Open Access platform for South African journals. It is based on the OA platforms used in Brazil and Peru, and holds 23 South African journal titles of extremely high quality.**

Presentations of Open Access publishing in the international environment enabled South African librarians the opportunity to hear about global practices. Johanna Kuhn from Bio-Med Central spoke of their 100 institutions which have mandatory open access and repository policies. Institutions in South Africa which have policy mandates are

- ⇒ UNISA: requires all publications to be deposited in institutional Open Access archive
- ⇒ Pretoria University: requires archiving and encourages direct OA publishing
- ⇒ Stellenbosch University: SUNScholar (repository) and SUNJournal (OA online journal platform)

Mike Petersen from Royal Society of Chemistry outlined their "gold for gold" pilot project to encourage researchers submit articles for OA. This project was surprisingly successful in the UK, and has therefore been rolled out as a global project.

Michelle Willmers from UCT (and an ex-Rhodian) spoke about "Open access and scholarly communication in Africa". Their three year scholarly programme in Mauritius, Botswana, Namibia identified trends such as the MegaJournal platform; for example PLOS ONE publishes more than 10 000 articles per year, is multi-disciplinary, uses article-level metrics for quality, and practices collaborative peer-review.



**While Rhodes University is in the early stages of embracing e-Book collections which will support our very strong e-Journal collection. While this is a daunting challenge, it is equally exciting, so we should embrace these changes and ensure the conversations within the University continue and gain momentum.**

Brenda Stoltz, Chantel Clack, Debbie Martindale



## Got a question



Welcome to [LibAnswers](#)!

**Questions?**

**We've got answers !**

**Ask here.**

*The library recently 'went live' with LibAnswers. Find the link on the library homepage under Find Help. To date there are 75 answered questions in the knowledge base.*

LibAnswers combines real-time chat service with email reference, and an ever-growing knowledge base to ensure patrons get answers they need - wherever, whenever! Questions and answers include general information about the library, technical questions and research type questions.

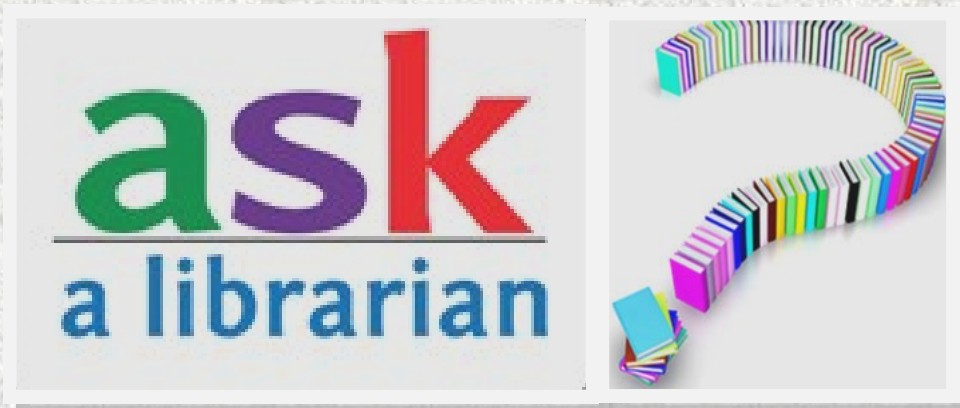
You can search for answers to previous questions, or ask a new question! There are also options to view featured answers, most popular answers and most recent answers.

Take a look at the suggestions as you type in the *Ask Us* box to see if there is a match to your question or [browse by popular topics](#).

We will respond to your question within 1 working day (Mon - Fri).

Please note that your questions and our answers may be made public to assist other users of the Library's services. All personal information will be removed from questions to retain privacy.

Fiona Still-Drewett, Principal Librarian Humanities & Education.





## King William's Town LiSLIG EC Meeting



On the 18<sup>th</sup> of July RUL staff members Ndileka Mtshizana, Sindiswa Gule and Fiona Still-Drewett, together with a colleague from the Library for the Blind, travelled through to King William's Town for a meeting of the LIASA Special Libraries Interest Group of the Eastern Cape.

The meeting was hosted by librarian George Monahadi of the [Amatole Museum](#), who welcomed all with tea. The business meeting was held in the historic board room of the museum and

after feedback from Busi Mbiyo, the LiSLIG National Chair, attendees reported back on happening, trends and challenges in their own libraries. Libraries represented on the day included: the Cory Library for Historical Research; the Howard Pim Africana Library; the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity Library; the South African Library for the Blind; the RU Alastair Kerr Law Library; the Eastern Cape House of Traditional Leaders Library; the Amatole Museum Library; and visitors from Rhodes University Library and the University of Fort Hare Library. After the conclusion of the business meeting we were given a guided tour of the 1992 Bisho Massacre exhibition, which is currently on view at the Amatole Museum. This very moving exhibition included photographs, oral history reports, and video footage taken on the day.

After a light lunch in the museum we travelled across town to the [Steve Biko Centre](#), where we were hosted by librarian Mwelela Cele. The Steve Biko Centre, located in the Ginsberg Township is dedicated to the legacy of anti-apartheid activist Bantu Stephen Biko, and aims to translate global interest in the legacy of Steve Biko into a developmental resource for the region. We viewed the outstanding permanent exhibition which provides details of Biko's life as well as numerous artefacts. We also toured the newly developed library and archive, which includes a Children's section for children from the local community. The library and archive house the research archive of materials by and about Biko, his compatriots, and about the Black Consciousness Movement, compiled over the life of the Steve Biko foundation.

Travelling back mid-afternoon to Grahamstown, we concluded we had enjoyed a wonderful opportunity to connect with history in the Eastern Cape while also networking with colleagues and meeting librarians from 'special' libraries. It was also an opportunity for Rhodes Library to support the endeavours of LIASA in the Eastern Cape.

Fiona Still-Drewett





## Rhodes Library goes “Personal” with Pick ‘n Pay’s help

On behalf of Rhodes University Library, and students, the “Personal Librarian team” would like to extend a very special “thank you” to Pick ‘n Pay for the generous donation of a cake, their staff and their valuable time towards our “Getting to know your Personal librarian” event. This event serves as one of our Library’s efforts to reach students in an attempt to enable them to see the Library as a non-threatening environment that supports their learning.

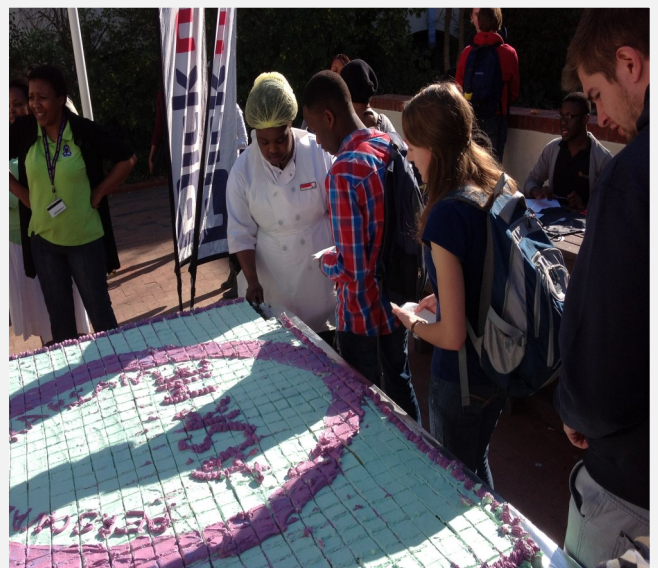
Judging from the number of written feedback forms from the students, the event was a resounding success. The Personal Librarians have no doubt that it was the cake that brought such success. We are also proud to inform Pick ‘n Pay that this has been the most popular event in the Personal Librarian programme since its inception in April 2013.

The students certainly enjoyed the cake, and the team have decided to make this an official annual event.

The Rhodes Personal Librarians look forward to a long happy relationship with Pick ‘n Pay and thank them again for their generosity.

*Vuyokazi Gontshi (The “Personal Librarian” Project leader); Debbie Martindale (Personal Librarian & Sponsor organiser); The “Personal Librarian Team”: Philip Clarke; Roelien Clarke; Fiona Charlton; Debbie Martindale; Sue Rionda; Vuyokazi Gontshi; Nicolene Mkhathali; Nabisa Mbali; Thandiwe Menze; Pelisa Vanda; Jabu Nene; Lucky Xaba & Sindiswa Gule.; Ndileka Mtshizana (Personal Librarian supporter)*

Please visit our Facebook page and view the event pictures on the following link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?>





## Report on the Personal Librarian Launches in August 2013 at Day Kaif and the Law Library



The Personal Librarian programme, an intervention which aims at bridging the gap between students and librarians, was developed as part of a response to dissatisfaction with Professional Services at the Library. Initially the programme was aimed at First Year students and it was with this target group in mind that the Personal Librarian team held a "Getting to know your Personal Librarian" event in the outside the Day Kaif on the 02/08/13.

The event was held in an attempt to reach out to first year students so that they would begin to see the Library as a non-threatening environment that supports their learning. The event was a resounding success and the Personal Librarians have no doubt that a very generous donation of a cake from Pick 'n Pay helped to ensure the success of the event, in fact making it the most popular event in the Personal Librarian programme since its inception in April 2013.

In return for a slice of cake, the students were asked to respond in writing to the following question, "What do you expect from your Personal Librarian?"

With the added draw of the cake, it became very difficult to limit the survey to first year students only and the survey was opened to all students.

In total, 541 comments were received (270 comments from non-1st year students, 265 from 1<sup>st</sup> year students and 6 folded "blanks" (without comment)).

On the 16/08/13 another successful launch was held at the Law Library, principally aimed at the Law students. A total of 105 comments were received.

At present all of these results are being analyzed and this will help to direct the development of the programme in the future.





Learn more about the programme by following these links:

<http://activateonline.co.za/the-library-just-got-personal/>

<http://www.ru.ac.za/library/services/personallibrarian/>

The "Personal Librarian Team": Lucky Xaba & Sindiswa Gule; Philip Clarke; Roelien Clarke; Fiona Charlton; Debbie Martindale; Nicolene Mkhathali; Nabisa Mbali; Sue Rionda; Vuyokazi Gontshi; Thandiwe Menze; Pelisa Vanda; Jabu Nene.

Please visit our Facebook pages and view the event pictures on the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.548506375198578.1073741832.408570379192179&type=1>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rhodes-University-Law-Faculty-Library/254858121233575>



## RU aware that the Library supports Zotero?

# zotero

Zotero [zoh-TAIR-oh] is an online research management, writing and collaboration tool

Zotero is a free, easy-to-use tool to help you collect, organize, cite, and share your research sources. It lives right where you do your work—in the web browser itself.

### What can you do with Zotero?

- ⇒ Create and manage citations of books, articles, videos, images audio files, etc from the web, databases and the Rhodes Library Catalogue
- ⇒ Add searchable notes and tags to citations
- ⇒ Create bibliographies in preferred output style
- ⇒ Manage in-text citations in Microsoft Word
- ⇒ Easily share references with others – great for collaboration

### Organise your Research

- ⇒ Easy to gather citation records from databases, catalogues and websites
- ⇒ Zotero's *single click capture*
- ⇒ Synchronizes your data across as many devices as you choose: All of your notes, files, and bibliographic data remain seamlessly up to date
- ⇒ Sort into any number of named collections and sub-collections
- ⇒ Organise collections like iTunes playlists
- ⇒ Assign tags to organise your research with your own keywords

### Citations and Bibliographies

- ⇒ Create footnotes, endnotes, in-text citations or bibliographies in Word and OpenOffice
- ⇒ Powerful and flexible Citation Style Language for all publication formats and styles

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fer to our Research management, writing and collaboration tools **LibGuide** at <http://ru.za.libguides.com/content.php?pid=437225&sid=3578412> for more information about Zotero, and RefWorks.

Use the Feedback and Suggestions box should you require more information or a consultation to learn how to use Zotero to organize your research material

Debbie Martindale



# IGBIS workshop 2013: Generation RDA

## 5-6 August 2013

Chantel and Carol attended the 2013 Igbis workshop in Cape Town from 5-6 August. This took the form of two days of training in RDA. (RDA being the set of cataloguing guidelines which will replace AACR2 cataloguing rules of 1998 (rev 2002).)

Earlier this year the Library of Congress (LC) announced that it had set March 31, 2013, as its RDA implementation target date. This is the date when all catalogue records newly created at will be produced according to RDA instructions. This will have an effect on the current SEALS cataloguing procedures, since the Library of Congress is one of the biggest suppliers of bibliographic records on the biggest bibliographic utility OCLC, from whom SEALS imports bibliographic records.

All cataloguers need to be fully trained in RDA before contributing original RDA bibliographic records to OCLC and, by extension, to our catalogue. The presenters were excellent and explained the basics of RDA and the concepts behind it and main differences between AACR2 and RDA in a simple but thorough way. The workshop covered the most pertinent aspects of RDA and helped us to gain clarity on the way forward. Further training will be done with all the SEALS cataloguers in the new year.

The venue was The Centre for the Book in Queen Victoria Street opposite the company gardens and we stayed at a hotel just a few blocks up.

We managed to get to The Jersey Boys at the Artscape Theatre and also do some retail therapy and fine dining at the V&A Waterfront.



Karin de Jager, Susan Battison, Trish Gierke,

Mandy Noble & Fiona Bell