In February, AUS librarians offered a workshop specifically geared for students working with faculty as research assistants. The workshop covered areas on how to track down research materials efficiently for faculty, how to manage data, how to discover newly published research through content alerts, and how to import, store, and share research citations using Endnote Web. The RA workshop was part of the library’s ongoing program of workshops aimed at both AUS students and faculty. Held in the ground floor IC1 classroom, past workshops have covered a variety of topics related to student and faculty work, including test-taking strategies, time management, APA citations, LinkedIn networking, Prezzi presentations, and librarian-level research using Google.

If you have an RA and would like them to become more effective in areas of research and organization, contact your liaison librarian. The librarians are happy to meet with you and your research assistant.

More information about workshops in the library can be found on the library’s web page (library.aus.edu) under Quick Links. Click the Workshops link to see upcoming topics and registration instructions.

Looking for something new? Check the ‘New Books’ link on the library homepage!
library.aus.edu

On the lookout this summer: the library’s Summon search portal is due for a major upgrade. The next iteration of our discovery tool, Summon 2.0, provides a newly designed interface that is optimized for academic research and is familiar, easy and compelling to use. There are three panes in Summon 2.0:

- The left-side Facet Pane refines search results and allows users to select multiple search facets at one time.
- The center Results Pane displays search results, including Content Spotlighting for enhanced visibility of available source types. Newspaper Spotlighting visually distinguishes newspaper articles from the primary research materials and Image Spotlighting dynamically displays image content with scroll navigation and image previews.
- The right-side Explorer Pane explores topical information, presented via the Topic Explorer. The Explorer Pane is also used as a preview screen, providing additional metadata about the item.

In addition, Automated Query Expansion ensures you won’t miss relevant content by including additional keywords and spelling variations for common topical queries. As you scroll through results, you will find related search suggestions to help expand the query.

You can preview Summon 2.0 now by selecting the Summon 2.0 tab on the library home page at library.aus.edu. Try it out and let us know what you think at library.aus.edu/service-feedback. Stay tuned for more updates as Summon 2.0 is phased-in at AUS.

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I am from a multicultural family background, although I was born in the UAE. I have been working at the American University of Sharjah Library since 2002. My first position was as a part-timer for 3 years. Currently, I am a full-time Library Specialist in the Technical Services department, which requires me to delegate work assignments to student assistants, as well as receiving shipments, processing, and copy-cataloging new items. Working in the Library has given me invaluable experience as well as unforgettable memories. God willing, I will be able to keep up my work performance and create more memorable memories for many years to come. When I am not at work, I spend the rest of my waking hours caring for many rescued cats. My favorite quote is from Anatole France: “Until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains unawakened.” With the support of my twin sister, the cats I rescue are medically treated and, when healthy, placed in permanent homes. If left unadopted, they become part of my ever-growing family. I greatly enjoy spending time with my animals. Being with them is always the highlight of my day. You may e-mail Amy at asyed@aus.edu.

**Library Staff Profile**

**Library News**

**Latifa Baali** joined the library as Public Services Librarian.

**Mellane Agron, May Maung, and Fatemeh Moshref** joined the library as part-time library staff.

**James MacDonald** and **Thomas Hodge** attended the Middle East North Africa Innovative Users Group Conference in Doha, Qatar, November, 2013. James presented “Google Analytics and the WebPac” and Thomas presented “YBP Gobi and Coutts OASIS Integration at AUS.”


**Scott Carlson** presented “Our Love Won’t Fade Away: an Analysis of the Jerry Garcia Memorial Altar Collection” at the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 19, 2014.

**Mary Ann Nash** attended the OCLC Europe, Middle East and Africa regional Council Meeting in Cape Town, South Africa, February 24-25, 2014.

**Scott Carlson** attended the International Digital Curation Centre Conference (IDCC) 2014 in San Francisco, California, February 24-27, 2014.


**Alanna Ross** and Sara Cotterall (Dept. of English) presented “Embedding IL in the Writing Programme” at the 20th TESOL Arabia International Conference Dubai, UAE, March 13-15, 2014.

**Deadline for Coursepacks Approaching**

The library’s copyright team is preparing for Summer and Fall 2014 student coursepacks. If you are interested in creating a coursepack for a class in either semester, the deadline to submit your coursepack request to the library’s copyright team is **Thursday, May 1**.

Coursepacks are a great way to supplement required texts. In the event that an article is not available through library databases, or an ebook is not available, the library can help in obtaining copyright permission and coordinating with the AUS printer center and bookstore to make the material available for the students.

To help produce a top-quality coursepack for students, all coursepack requests will need the full course name and number, department name, names of all faculty teaching the course, approximate number of students, and a complete list of works to be included, with full citations (author, title, page numbers, publisher, and publication date). Once the library confirms that the material is available to use, the library will need the best quality hard or soft copies of the works to placed in the pack.

If you are interested in creating a coursepack for your students to purchase from the bookstore for either the Summer or Fall 2014 semesters, please e-mail the above information to **copyright@aus.edu** by May 1, 2014 to ensure that we can investigate obtaining copyright permission and have materials ready by the first week of classes.