

# NoWAL Newsletter

## Summer 2018

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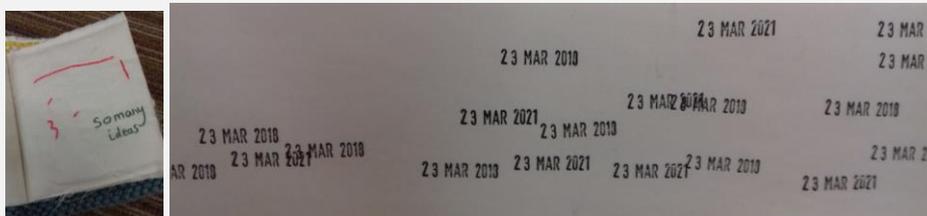
## "So Many Ideas" gathered in UCLan Library



Photos courtesy of [https://www.instagram.com/bethwise\\_art/](https://www.instagram.com/bethwise_art/)

Beth Wise, a second year Fine Art student at the University of Central Lancashire, has used the library as inspiration for a set of installations, currently being displayed in the library. Here is an explanation of how the inspiration came about:

*"When I look through the books in this library I am often struck by the annotations made by other people; I am intrigued by the sentences that have hastily been underlined and the notes students add so they can recognise why it's something they should remember. Throughout my time here at university, the library has been a great source of inspiration for me. I decided to permanently preserve the forgotten notes that students make when they are reflecting on a piece of text, by making this sculptural book. The marks suggest that a passage has spoken to someone enough to permanently alter the book's physicality. The book I have made includes a variety of the lines and words that I have come across. 'So Many Ideas' is both the title of this piece and the sentence that has had the greatest impact on my work. I do not know why the words were so important to this person, but just the fact that they felt compelled enough to write those three words in the book without explanation is enough."*



Photos courtesy of Julie Hitchen, Faculty Librarian at UCLan & NoWAL Treasurer

## Training & Development Programme

The Training & Development programme for 2018-2019 is currently in development and will be ready to share with you by late summer. Why not bookmark the Events page from the NoWAL website? You can keep on top of what's planned for next year, book on events once the programme is released and see how you can get involved: <https://www.nowal.ac.uk/events>

In the meantime, check out some of the successes from our 2017-2018 events:



Images courtesy of Manchester Metropolitan University

### Leisure Reading / Bibliotherapy

Our Leisure Reading event, suggested and hosted by staff at Manchester Met was a really popular session, with over 40 people in attendance from across NoWAL institutions. A spin-off from the event was some training, paid for by NoWAL, from a bibliotherapist who shared experiences and tips for running book chat groups and using reading and the written word as therapy.

As a result of the training, staff from Manchester Met have created their own book group, featured in the [NoWAL Spring Newsletter](#) and several member libraries have created book chat sessions for students.



### Introduction to Copyright

In March 2018, Jane Secker & Chris Morrison travelled to the University of Salford to deliver their 'Introduction to Copyright and using the Copyright Card Game' session to a group of 30+ staff from NoWAL libraries and partner colleges. As a result of the well-received full day session, a Community of Practice has been created, led by Neil Sprunt, which met for the first time in July. To be part of the Copyright Community of Practice (CCP), please contact [Nicky Freeman](#).

Staff at Liverpool Hope University library have also been treated to cascade training using the [Copyright Card Game](#) from a member of staff who attended March's event. It is hoped that they can go on to use the game with staff and students at the university.

## Celebrating NoWAL Successes

**University of Bolton** library won the Digital Information Literacy Award at LILAC 2018 for their online learning tool, LEAP Online.

**University of Central Lancashire** won the Guardian Award for Internationalisation for its work in supporting the American University of the Caribbean Medical School.

**University of Salford** Library Development Project Team was presented with the 'Outstanding Project / Innovation of the Year' award at the annual Vice Chancellor's Awards Ceremony on University Day.

**University of Liverpool** resubmitted to TEF this cycle and was graded silver.

**University of Central Lancashire's** subject liaison team hit 2 milestones of 10,000 student attendances at library sessions and 1,000 hours of teaching delivered this academic year.

### Interested in sharing & celebrating your personal or institutional successes?

Send your stories to [Nicky Freeman](#) for inclusion in the next newsletter or to feature on the NoWAL website.

### Benefits of NoWAL Senior Staff Group

**Jayne Burgess**, Deputy Director of Library & Learning Spaces at Liverpool Hope University, was interviewed by Nicky Freeman to get her thoughts about, and experiences of, the NoWAL Senior Staff Group (SSG). Highlights of Jayne's thoughts include:

- "The value of NoWAL to me is sharing"
- "It's really good to learn from other people's experiences"
- "I feel very comfortable contributing my thoughts / ideas / questions"

Read [Jayne's interview in full here](#) on the [NoWAL website](#). Contact [Nicky](#) if you would like to join the SSG or [Jayne](#) for an informal discussion of the benefits.

## UCLan's Radical Temperance Conference & Exhibition

Delegates from as far afield as Japan, Australia, USA, Denmark and Canada recently visited UCLan to attend the conference: *Radical Temperance: Social Change, from Teetotalism to Dry January*.

Bob Frost & Fran Robinson from the Library curated an exhibition of the **Livesey Collection** in addition to rehousing the collection into its new home. It was a great chance to promote the collection and the **Library's digitisation facilities**. Bob & Fran also presented at the conference on the collection, its intrinsic value to temperance and social history research and the newly available digitisation capabilities.



The Library had over 20 visitors to the exhibition and to the new archive building. They also received many positive comments - and quite a few 'oohs' and 'aahs' upon seeing the collection!



As a result of the exhibition, 5 requests have been received for digitisation of material unique to the Livesey Collection and there is increased (global) awareness of the collection and its contents.

## Edge Hill's Human Book Chain

To celebrate the new £27m Catalyst building at Edge Hill University, staff, students and children from local schools formed a 'human book chain'. The new building, a contemporary 8,000-square metre space, is at the heart of Edge Hill's campus, and will be the home of professional services teams including the library and student services.



All photos courtesy of Edge Hill University

The chain linked the old library with the new building and involved passing 502 books from person to person. The first books into the new building included Edge Hill University history books by Fiona Montgomery and Mark Flinn. Edge Hill alumnus Stuart Maconie's *Pies and Prejudice* was also passed along the chain, together with books by honorary graduates Helen Pankhurst and Dame Janet Suzman.



A party atmosphere was created along the way, with musicians and performers getting involved and helping to keep the books moving.



## Brass Band News digital archive launched

More than 100 people attended the launch of the university of Salford Library's Brass Band News digital archive at the University's Brass Band Gala on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Dr Roy Newsome, a world-renowned composer and former Visiting Fellow at the University of Salford, put together the unique collection. It was presented to The Library following Dr Newsome's death in 2011.



Courtesy of University of Salford Special Collections & Archives

## Manchester Met's commitment to sustainability

As part of the University's commitment to environmental sustainability and listening to the student voice, the Library at Manchester Met has introduced reusable tote bags for students and staff to purchase and use.

Earlier in the year, students were invited to create a design for the tote bags. 29 students from the School of Art entered. The winning design was created by 2nd Year Graphic Design student Waldemar Stepien. Waldemar's graphic impressed the judges for creatively responding to the brief, designing a bag that really reflected the University Library.



Joe McCullagh, Head of Design at Manchester School of Art, was impressed with the quality of entries: "It was very difficult making a decision as all of the entries were thoughtful and really responded well to the brief. They highlight and illustrate extremely well our great, lovely, cherished Library. The winning design was bold and graphic, humorous and engaging."



Photo courtesy of Manchester Metropolitan University

Deputy University Librarian Paul Everitt said: "I've been so impressed by all of the entries and the talent of Manchester Metropolitan students. I look forward to seeing our bag all over Manchester!"

Library tote bags for sale the All Saints Library for £4.00 each. Further information is available here:

<http://www2.mmu.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/story/7439/>

Further designs are on the Library's Instagram page at: <https://www.instagram.com/mmulibrary/>

## Liverpool Hope University's Fiction Ferris Wheel

The Library at Hope runs a bookstall 3 or 4 times a year, to pass on academic books donated from students and staff. For a small charge of £1 or £2, cash-strapped students can pick up a bargain, with the university's charity, Global Hope benefitting from £1500 over the years.



The new library Student Well-being team came up with a scheme to manage the non-academic material also donated - the Fiction Ferris Wheel. It is hoped that it will encourage students to take a break from academic studies by reading something different – and therefore both enhance student well-being during stressful times, such as exams or assignment deadlines, and make use of pre-loved novels.



Placed around both libraries, the books are easily identifiable by the Fiction Ferris Wheel wrap, and can be kept, passed onto friends, or returned to the library for others to read. There is even a bookmark with space for a mini review to be written for other readers.

Donations to the library tend to be offered at specific times, such as the end of term or academic year, but to encourage book recycling all year round we have recently placed unwanted book boxes, provided by BetterWorld Books, in both libraries. Any books we are unable to sell or give away will be sent to BetterWorld Books to re-cycle in ethical ways rather than sending to landfill.



## Research Reserve Visit a hit!

A select group of staff from across NoWAL institutions recently spent a lovely couple of hours in the very knowledgeable company of Ness McHugh, Stock Operations Manager at the University of Manchester. Ness was conducting a tour of the university's research reserve in Salford. A tour of the facility was followed by refreshments and an opportunity for Ness to provide details of the project to move stock to the reserve.



Photos courtesy of Bill Ayres, Research Data Manager at the University of Salford

## Staff Appointments

**University of Salford** Library has appointed Sarah Taylor as Collections & Content Manager. Sarah started in post in May 2018, having previously been Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of Bolton. Lexie Saffer has also joined the University as Library Services Manager, coming from Six Town Housing where she worked in a variety of customer facing roles.

**University of Bolton** has appointed Mary Barden as Electronic Resources Librarian. Mary was previously an Academic Librarian at the University.

## RNCM Retirement



Anna Wright, College Librarian at the Royal Northern College of Music is retiring at the end of September after seventeen and a half years in the post, and thirty eight years in total at the College.

Anna's colleagues in NoWAL would like to wish her a long and happy retirement and thank her for her contributions to the success and development of NoWAL.

Anna's replacement as College Librarian is currently being sought. More information will hopefully be available in the next newsletter.

## Staff Vacancies

**Lancaster University** Library Service is seeking to appoint an Assistant Director: Digital Innovation and Research Services to replace Masud Khokhar, who has been appointed Director of Library & Archives at the University of York: <https://hr-jobs.lancs.ac.uk/Vacancy.aspx?ref=A2292>

**University of Liverpool** role of Associate Director, Insight, Planning and Marketing is soon to be out to advert.

**University of Bolton** is looking for an Academic Librarian - further details can be found here: <https://www.bolton.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Advert-1.pdf>

## News in Brief

### Big Hope 2 a great success



Liverpool Hope's contribution to the Capital of Culture in 2008 was the Big Hope conference and 10 years on, the University hosted the Big Hope 2 Young Leaders Congress. Library staff provided one of the Learning Tracks on the topic of *Communication and Truth: Exploring fake news throughout history*, looking at how our personal data can become tomorrow's history. Academic colleagues from several departments contributed to the sessions and the Library was able to highlight its Special Collections. An archive/time capsule has been created in to which participants contributed items that represented themselves and their hopes for the next 10 years.

### UCLan supports local charity

All of UCLan's print newspapers are being donated to the Chorley Hedgehog Rescue Centre, dedicated to the protection and enhancement of hedgehogs in their natural communities. Newspapers are needed on a daily basis as the charity currently houses over 200+ hedgehogs and they all need cleaning out daily!



Photos courtesy of the Chorley Hedgehog Rescue Centre

### Festival of Research at Salford



The University of Salford's first 'Festival of Research' is running from 25th June to 20th July, showcasing Salford's research already underway with industry and the opportunities that come when academics and industry work together. The festival will bring together academics, students, industry and the public to discuss and develop the future research strategy. At the heart of the festival is the Postgraduate Research flagship conference SPARC, where festival goers can enjoy performances, music, family friendly fun and opportunities to meet with students and staff, share research interests and experiences. The Library is running events throughout the Festival, including 'The Library Happening' 2<sup>nd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July - a programme of research-related film screenings, performances, exhibitions and music in the Clifford Whitworth Library. Further information is available at: <https://www.salford.ac.uk/researchfest> and blog posts read here:

<https://blogs.salford.ac.uk/research/2018/06/18/impact-at-the-festival-of-research/>

### Professional digitisation at Hope

Staff from the Digital Image Archive of Medieval Music visited Liverpool Hope to digitise a Sarum Hymnal (Radcliffe Bg7) as part of a research project funded by the British Academy.



This was the University's first experience of digitisation of a complete work and working with a professional digitisation company. The library is hoping it could lead to further opportunities for other materials in this field held in the Radcliffe collection to be digitised.

### Any News to Share?

Please contact **Nicky Freeman**, NoWAL Operations Officer, if you have anything you'd like to include in the next newsletter or have any ideas for future NoWAL events:

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