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North West Academic Libraries

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Newsletter

Summer 2019

## Student Wellbeing focus at Liverpool Hope

In a bid to encourage students to take care of themselves during the stressful exam period, the library's Student Wellbeing Group tried some new initiatives, coupled with some old favourites.

A first time initiative for imparting and sharing words of encouragement and motivation during stressful times was the **Inspiration Tree** which gave people the opportunity to both add and take away words of inspiration or comfort. The Group also trialled a **Word Play** event in collaboration with the Chaplaincy. Held in a social area at Hope's Creative Campus, the aim was to encourage relaxed creativity using words, designed to link with the Inspirational Tree.



Using some of the images from Hope's Special Collections, the Group used the Relax Spaces in the library to locate a 'colouring-in trolley', naming the activity **Colour our Collections**. They suggested **Desk Yoga** and provided a **Local Open Spaces Guide**, both made available in print and via social media to reach as large an audience as possible.



All photos courtesy of Liverpool Hope library

The Group ran some book-based activities too: the **Fiction Ferris Wheel** was used to encourage 'reading for pleasure' as a break from academic study. Books were available in the library foyer, with the suggestion that they could be kept, passed on or returned to the library for others to read. Bookmarks offered the option to write a mini review for the next person. Running alongside this was **Blind Date with a Book**. Novels were wrapped in brown paper with no indication of what to expect other than the genre. This proved surprisingly popular with lots of re-tweeting and activity on social media.

To find out more about these activities, please contact: Jayne, Angela, Stephen or Fiona at the Sheppard-Worlock Library on 0151 291 2000 or email [AskaLibrarian@hope.ac.uk](mailto:AskaLibrarian@hope.ac.uk).

## Training & Development Programme

We're at the end of another successful programme of events. Thank you to everyone who made it such a success this year, whether it was by presenting your experiences or contributing from the audience. All our events have been so well attended, with fantastic feedback on the benefits you have found from listening, sharing and networking.

The NoWAL Training & Development Group has now met to plan the events for the new academic year. We had a very constructive discussion on future events, based on suggestions gathered from other NoWAL events, via the Training Needs' Survey and from individual conversations at institutions. We will share the new plan as soon as it's been finalised.

Watch this space for 2019-20's events  
<https://www.nowal.ac.uk/events>

## Celebrating NoWAL Successes

**RNCM** Library was awarded its 4<sup>th</sup> IAML (UK & Irl) Excellence Award for Music Libraries. It received the award with distinction, having achieved the highest standard of excellence across all compulsory criteria.

**Lancaster University** and the Class of 92, in partnership with KPMG & Microsoft have developed the University Academy 92, welcoming its first cohort in September.

**University of Chester** Libraries performed well in the Green Impact Awards, achieving Platinum for the Seaborne and Riverside libraries and a team member winning Outstanding Support Staff.

**LJMU** saw an increase in unique visitors to the library of 89% and an increase in total visits of 270% over the Christmas period.

## NoWAL Conference Success

The NoWAL Conference 2019, Exploring & supporting diversity in academic libraries, was held at the University of Liverpool's Foresight Centre, on Friday 28th June.



The NoWAL Conference Planning Team was really delighted with how well the day went! From discussions on the day and subsequently, and from reviewing tweets (check the hashtag **#nowal19** if you would like to catch up on the hot topics) delegates and contributors appreciated the tone set by the very popular keynote, enjoyed the breadth and mixture of sessions available and valued the opportunity to network with colleagues from within and outside NoWAL. Thank you to everyone for making the day such a success **Further feedback will be shared in the next newsletter.**



Photos courtesy of Twitter: Superlambanana speaker gifts @MissLauren1987  
 NoWAL Conference Planning Team + Conference Keynote: @redlife1991

If you have any questions about the conference, please contact us: [nowalconference@gmail.com](mailto:nowalconference@gmail.com)

## UCLan Library hits 40

On 30th March, the Library building at UCLan celebrated its 40th birthday, having been officially opened by Prince Philip in 1979.



As part of the festivities, the library staff dressed in 70s costume and had a 70s themed buffet. Tours were offered to post-79 alumni, both staff and students and items from the Archive were on display in the Library.

When UCLan's Preston Campus library first opened in 1979, it housed just six computers, which were only allowed to be operated by a librarian. During the last 40 years, the library has undergone massive changes as technology has developed, with students now having access to hundreds of computers, 300,000 print books and more than 252,000 e-books.

More information on the celebrations can be found [here](#):



Photos courtesy of UCLan

## LSTM Archives & Venom Room Visit

A group of staff from Edge Hill University library recently visited the archives, special collections and Venom Room at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.



Photo courtesy of Twitter @njbclb

It was noted by one attendee, after visiting the Venom Room, that it's "Thanks to these guys over 20k lives have been saved by using the antidotes created from the venom extracted".

## Staff Changes

Andrew Barker has been appointed Director of Library Services and Learning Development at Lancaster University. He takes up the role in September 2019, leaving Liverpool John Moores University. Pete Maggs has now left the Lancaster role to take up a post at Western Sydney University, Australia.

Three Senior Managers have recently retired from Edge Hill University: Colette Capewell, Don Moffatt and Lindsey Martin. Anna Franca has now been appointed as Collections Manager (previously at King's College) and Matt O'Rourke as Assistant Head of Learning Services (previously at UCLan).

The University of Salford has appointed Jen Bayjoo as the Academic Support Manager for Research (previously at Leeds Beckett) and Dr Alexandra Mitchell as Archivist.

## NoWAL's UCLan / LCC visit a success

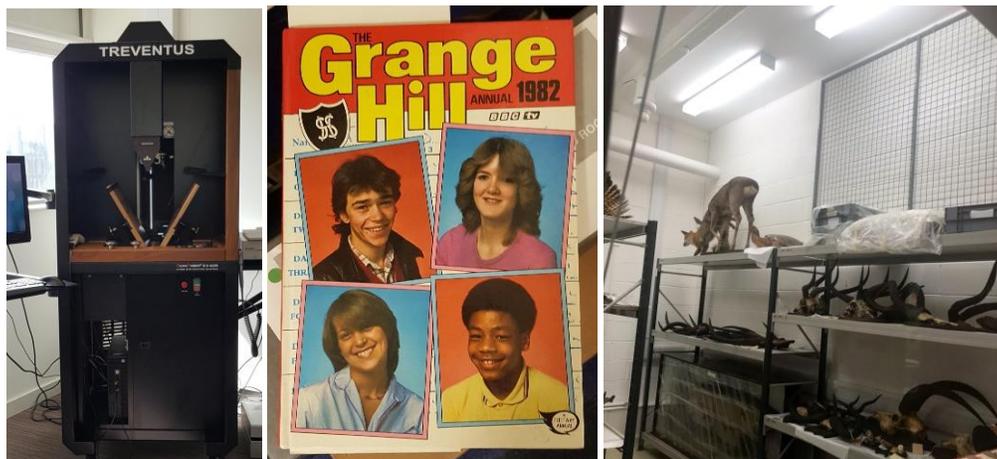


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In May 2019, a group of staff from across NoWAL enjoyed a very successful visit to the Special Collections at UCLan and the Conservation Studios at Lancashire County Council.

At UCLan, staff were first treated to an overview of TREVENTUS (lovingly referred to as TREV by UCLan staff!), the state of the art book digitisation robot, allowing the library to make unique archival material available for research projects. This was followed by a visit to Askew House which provided visitors with the opportunity to see the Livesey Collection, the world's largest collection of Temperance archive materials. The group transferred to Lancashire County Council's Conservation Studios where they were given an Introduction to the service and guided tour round the facilities, covering fine art, object and material restoration.

Part of the day was captured in this [short video](#) which provided an opportunity to see TREV in action.



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## News in Brief

### Sarah features on Radio Merseyside

Sarah Lewis-Newton, Collections and Research Support Manager at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, recently gave an interview on BBC Radio Merseyside on the theme of "Important women in Liverpool". Sarah's contribution related to Dr Alwen Evans, one of LSTM's first female lecturers and specialists in Entomology from 1918-1937. One of her drawings (and a photo of her) can be found on Twitter [here](#).

### JRULM Peterloo exhibition

The John Rylands Library is hosting the 'Peterloo: Manchester's Fight for Freedom' exhibition until September 2019. It is part of a wider commemoration of the event's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Further information is available [here](#).

### Forgotten maps of Manchester slums restored

A new project has repaired, photographed and shared online maps of Manchester's slums. The newly digitised and unique survey maps are part of the Manchester Medical Collection in the Library's Special Collections archive.

### Catalyst celebrates 1<sup>st</sup> birthday

Edge Hill has celebrated its first year in the new Catalyst building with an open day event designed to raise the profile of the work of the shared services which occupy the building (Library, Student Services & Careers). There was a range of interactive games and quizzes, with the event receiving very positive feedback.

### 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: [n.freeman100@salford.ac.uk](mailto:n.freeman100@salford.ac.uk)

### "Liverpool Hope" Rose

Celebrations for Liverpool Hope's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary continued with a "Liverpool Hope" rose being unveiled at the Chelsea Flower Show in May. Peter Beales Roses had collaborated with the university over almost three years to develop a rose to mark the anniversary. The gold-coloured flower was then officially unveiled on campus at Hope's mid-summer celebration on 28<sup>th</sup> June, renewing the University's commitment to being a 'garden campus' which brings beauty into the daily lives of students and staff (photo courtesy of Hope's Instagram).



### UCLan's Korea Corner

In April, UCLan became the first university in the UK to host a Korea Corner, fully funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea to promote Korean culture and language. It was officially opened by the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Enna Park. The Corner is based in a room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Library and will house books, photographs, traditional costumes and musical instruments. Further information can be found [here](#).



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