

# NoWAL



*North West Academic Libraries*

# NoWAL Newsletter

## Summer 2017

### LJMU and UCLan launch new integrated Library Service Platforms

Liverpool John Moores University and UCLan have gone live with Ex Libris Alma and Primo which together provide an integrated Library Management System and Resource Discovery Platform. Students and staff from both institutions will be able to explore the extensive collection of print and digital resources with just one search.

LJMU is pleased that they will benefit from a next-generation library platform providing an enhanced user experience, improved electronic resource management and new possibilities for system integrations. The Library team hopes it will meet the evolving needs and expectations of both its users and the library service long into the future.

At UCLan, the Library team believe the move to Alma and Primo represents a significant step forward in its move to refine, consolidate and improve ease of access to its learning resources for its 35,000+ students and staff. The team is constantly looking for new ways to support the shift towards more digital and online learning, in addition to finding ways to become more efficient, allowing people, processes and technology to become more student-focused.

James Crooks, Director of Learning and Information Services at UCLan says: "I've been really pleased with the way our partnership with Ex-Libris has developed over the course of the implementation. I and the library team believe we now have a fantastic library management platform on which we can continue to build and enhance our provision."



**Discover@LJMU** An exciting new version of Discover will be going live on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017!

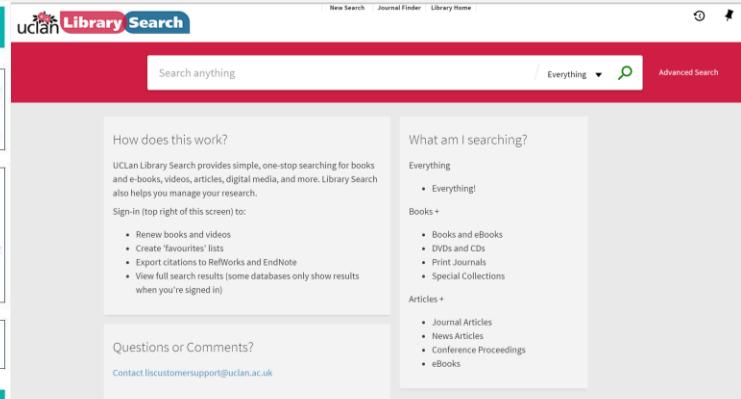
**Sign into Discover to:**

- View complete search results
- Read available full-text
- Access your Library Account e.g. loan history, renewals, fees, messages, etc.
- Submit loan requests
- Create search alerts
- Save search history

**Discover Results**

- Details - view full publication details
- Get it - Check item availability in the Library
- View full text to access available full-text
- Send To - Print, email and copy citations, or export to citation management e.g. EndNote
- PushPin - Save items to your favourites list

LJMU's new platform in action!



**UCLan Library Search**

**How does this work?**

UCLan Library Search provides simple, one-stop searching for books and e-books, videos, articles, digital media, and more. Library Search also helps you manage your research.

**What am I searching?**

**Everything**

- Everything!

**Books**

- Books and eBooks
- DVDs and CDs
- Print Journals
- Special Collections

**Articles**

- Journal Articles
- News Articles
- Conference Proceedings
- eBooks

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UCLan's new platform in action!

## Manchester Met's Library transformed into a newsroom

A team of Multimedia Journalism lecturers and students transformed All Saints library into a live newsroom for the 2017 General Election. The staff and students worked through the night to deliver live coverage of the results for The Northern Quota, a website produced by trainee reporters and staff from Manchester Met's Multimedia Journalism courses. Students made the most of the Library's 24/7 opening to work together and produce live reaction to the dramatic night.

## Staff retirement across NoWAL

After thirty years of service to the Library at Lancaster University, David Summers retired on 30<sup>th</sup> July. Carol Kay, Associate Director, planning and Resources at the University of Liverpool has also retired after many years' service. Both David and Carol played a large part in NoWAL activities, both having also served on the Training & Development Group. On behalf of their NoWAL colleagues, we would like to wish David and Carol a long and happy retirement.

## T&D Events 2017-2018

The NoWAL Training & Development team met in May 2017 to plan the events for the next academic year. Starting in October 2017, we have a great range of sessions coming up, from leisure reading to research support, systematic reviews and pre-induction materials.

Look out for further information on the [NoWAL website](#) about booking on to events, and how you can get involved. In the meantime, if you have ideas for events you'd like to see in the programme, please contact Nicky:

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## Celebrating NoWAL Successes

**The University of Bolton**'s Dawn Grundy, Subject Librarian for Health, was a recipient of a TIRI Award in May 2017. TIRI (Teaching Informed, Research Intensive) underpins the University of Bolton's strategy and the award recognised her contribution to the student experience through excellence in teaching and learning.

**Manchester Metropolitan University** was named University of the Year at the 2017 Talis Insight Awards. The award was in recognition of the work done over the last few years to wrap services around the student and the library's contribution to student success.

**University of Manchester** A range of Gothic Notebooks created by the John Rylands Library Shop have been shortlisted for the final of the Best Product Award by the Association of Cultural Enterprises.

Numerous items from **UCLan**'s Livesey Collection featured on the BBC's Antiques Road Trip in May 2017 as part of a feature on the temperance movement.

**LJMU** Library contributed to the Light Night Festival in May, with 1500 members of the public visiting Aldham Robarts Library during the evening.

**Manchester Metropolitan University**'s North West Film Archive celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday this year with an exhibition in June. The exhibition provided a spotlight for some of the lesser known items in the collection.

The **University of Manchester** Library's contribution to Widening Participation (WP) has been recognised with a Blackboard Catalyst Award for Community Engagement. The nomination for the Library WP service and the University's Widening Access Team showcases the university's use of eLearning and blended learning to improve quality, scale and reach in three programmes to which the library contributes.

# University of Chester celebrates Green Impact success



Learning and Information Services teams from the University of Chester were very well represented at this year's Green Impact awards, with seven teams taking part, and a total of 11 awards being received. The LIS teams have been working hard to help reduce the department's carbon footprint, to change staff behaviour as individuals, and to help inform library users about ways to green their own habits and routines. The teams have hosted a variety of events, helped promote awareness, raised money for charity, and have seen an increase in sustainable business miles travelled, together with a decrease in staff and student printing and photocopying.



The Queen's Park and Seaborne Library teams also secured some small grants to help fund further activity. The Queen's Park library introduced a 'de-stress' station, providing reusable water bottles and fresh, locally sourced fruit. The Seaborne library hosted a 'Veggiefest' event, with tasty samples and treats to help promote vegetarianism / veganism, as well as highlighting ways to increase seasonal and local eating. They have also used some funding to help establish a disposable coffee cup repurposing scheme within the library. In total the teams won three Gold awards, one Silver award, two Bronze awards, one Working Towards award, two Environmental Improvement awards, one Community Engagement award, and one Longstanding Commitment award. The teams involved are hoping to continue to build on this success with next year's scheme. More information about Green Impact can be found at <https://sustainability.nus.org.uk/green-impact>

## Reading for Leisure at Salford University

The Library at the University of Salford has launched a Leisure Reading collection, comprising around 600 items of fiction, non-fiction and children's books. The collection was set up to encourage students to read more widely, as research shows that reading outside of academic learning improves overall academic performance.

## Revision Relief at Manchester Metropolitan

All Saints Library hosted a series of Revision Relief activities to support the health and wellbeing of students during exam time. A series of activities were organised with students from the School of Art's Unit X programme and colleagues from Manchester Children's Book Festival. Students made their own jewellery, took part in a Revision Rave, decorated the Chat Zone with origami lanterns and upcycled the Library's old VHS boxes into giant dominoes. The Library hopes to offer more health & wellbeing activities to students in future.

## Edge Hill's LS Learning at Work Week

Edge Hill recently ran an extremely popular cross-service week with a mix of fun/work events and staff sharing their expertise from make-up, mindfulness and art work to an applehack, stop motion pictures and a scavenger hunt. The week also culminated in a 'collective break' when staff who had completed the online learning package, DigiQuest, were given prizes. Although a significant effort, it was agreed that the rewards - tangible ones in terms of skill development and the less obvious ones of having fun, feeling valued, making new connections and furthering others - well outweigh the administrative overheads.

## Liverpool Hope's Internship in Special Collections

Liverpool Hope University runs an internship programme which provides recent graduates with a 3 month work placement. Departments can suggest projects and, if approved, these are then advertised so graduates can apply for them. This year the Library offered an internship in Special Collections to work on one of the founding college archives in preparation for the college's 175th anniversary in 2019. A particular focus was on digitisation of photographs. Conor Bolland was appointed and here he describes the project and what he got out of it:

I applied for the Archive and Digitisation Officer as this was a field I had previously had some experience in and also relates to my degree in History. I thought it would also give me valuable experience and skills in digitising photographs using a desktop scanner, digital camera and editing software.

I began digitising the vast amount of photographs, using a scanner and a digital SLR camera. I edited each photo using Photoshop and assigned the important metadata to each digital file (name, title, any copyright holders or named photographers, names of any students depicted in the photos) a meticulous task to ensure easy identification and image retrieval.

After digitisation was complete, the next step was to upload any relevant photos to the University's digital storage for photographic images that can be accessed by university staff for different uses, such as, Then and Now articles for social media or the Hope Bulletin News.

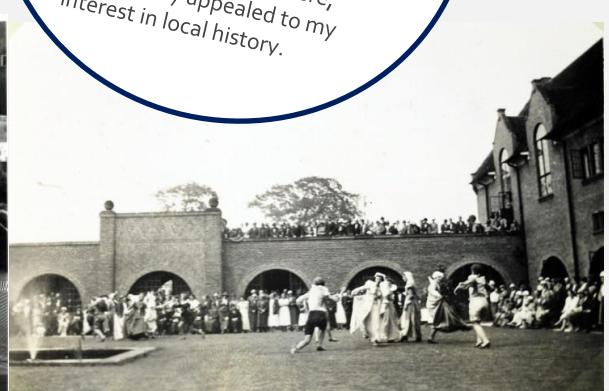
I took great pleasure in this task as I got a glimpse into the past life of the University, seeing all the original buildings, the construction of some of the buildings on Hope Park and the life of students who studied here, which really appealed to my interest in local history.



Quad Fountain



Sports Day Pillow Fight



Library Quad c.1944

# NoWAL Conference 2017:

## Library Evolution: developing academic libraries for the future

### Lancaster University

### 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#nowal17 took place in the George Fox conference complex, Lancaster University, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

We had a mix of interesting keynotes (from Emma Mulqueeny and Luke Stevens-Burt), hands-on workshops, lightning talks and short papers. Content ranged from building the academic library of the future out of Lego, to managing high and low use collections, via locked box inductions and bridging the research gap. It really felt that there were sessions for everyone.



Building on the great success of the 2015 conference at Manchester Metropolitan University's Birley Campus, #nowal17 attracted 97 paying delegates from across NoWAL and beyond, as well as a team of helpers and facilitators, and 11 sponsor stands. In total, we had 125 people in attendance which made for a great atmosphere and enabled plenty of networking.

Whether you managed to make it there or not, you might enjoy the Storify we created summing up the day and all the sessions people attended:

<https://storify.com/StorifyNoWAL/nwal-conference-2017>



#### Delegate Feedback

"Really one of the most enjoyable library conferences I have been to for a while, both for content and for networking"  
 "Great to hear about so many innovative projects in the North West – great conference"



A huge round of applause goes to the Conference Planning Team for all the hard work and effort they put into making the conference such a success.

This year's team was made up of the following staff:

**Lisa Toner - Chair**  
*University of Cumbria*

**Nicky Freeman**  
*NoWAL*

**Ness McHugh**  
*University of Manchester*

**Callum Pownall**  
*Lancaster University*

**Kate Holmes**  
*University of Manchester*

**Dom Marsh**  
*University of Salford*

The team would also like to extend thanks to Lorna Clarke for her help at the beginning of the process; the finance team at SCONUL who have dealt with invoicing etc on behalf of NoWAL; and to the Conference Team at Lancaster University for their assistance before and during the event.

#### Thanks to our sponsors!

The team secured title sponsorship from Taylor & Francis, as well as general sponsorship from AAAS, Betterworld Books, Capita, CILIP, Dawsons, EBSCO, Gale Cengage, ProQuest, PTFS Europe, Sirsi Dynix and Wiley. Thanks to our title sponsor for paying for the drinks' reception too!

**#nowal19** - the next conference will soon be on the horizon. If you are interested in being part of the conference planning team, please contact Nicky Freeman ([n.freeman100@salford.ac.uk](mailto:n.freeman100@salford.ac.uk)).

## Edge Hill University opens new library in Manchester city centre

Edge Hill University has re-located to a new site based within St James building, Oxford Street, Manchester. After months of building works to re-design the space to meet the needs of the student population, and to develop specialist clinical skills facilities, the site opened in January 2017.

Key facilities include a purpose built ambulance and also an apartment, for paramedic students to develop clinical skills in real life scenarios. The site offers a range of health courses from BSc (Hons) Clinical and Professional Paramedic Practice to MSc Surgical Care Practice.



Learning Services staff work across sites and attend weekly to provide support sessions to students including one to ones and group sessions. The new Library and IT suite are a big improvement on previous facilities and have had great feedback from staff and students alike, who now have dedicated quiet and group study space, and well as new IT equipment and extra shelving space to meet the needs of the rising numbers of students at the site.



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### Any news to share?

Please contact Nicky Freeman 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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