News

Vivienne Stern to deliver keynote at SCONUL members meeting, 15 July

We are pleased to announce that Vivienne Stern MBE, Chief Executive at Universities UK, will deliver a keynote presentation at the SCONUL AGM and members meeting (11.30am – 1.30pm via Zoom) on Monday 15 July. With an election imminent, the discussion will look at the policy landscape we're currently navigating and the in-tray for a new government on HE. The AGM will include formal business including Executive Board elections and an opportunity for members to engage with SCONUL's work and get involved in shaping the community's future. E-mail sconul@sconul.ac.uk for the registration details.

Plan M, from principles to practice, and shaping the future event, London, 18 June

Join leaders and practitioners at a day devoted to the current and future approaches to open metadata, linking to wider services, and challenging ourselves on the benefits or other opportunities emerging into this space. Attendees will hear from Simeon Warner, Associate University Librarian for Information Technology and Open Scholarship at Cornell University, Neil Grindley, Director of Content and Discovery Services at Jisc, Hannah Mateer, Head of Collections Services at University of Edinburgh and Stuart Hunt, Director of University Library and Collections, University Librarian, at Durham University. The event will be held at Jisc, 15 Fetter Ln, London EC4A 1BW and costs £45. Please note there is a limit of 60 tickets available on a first come, first served basis. Read more

SCOPE 3 emissions requirements webinar, 3 May 2pm

SCONUL are bringing colleagues together to explore what the drive to reduce SCOPE 3 emissions means for institutions and how we can work with our supply chain, our spaces and our people to drive the change we all need to see. Led by the SCONUL project team on sustainability and the climate crisis, this webinar to provide an opportunity for those leading libraries to consider the implications of SCOPE 3 emissions requirements; to hear how colleagues in other libraries and sectors are approaching these challenges and to consider what actions we can take collectively to make change. There will an opportunity for colleagues to share practice and experience, to consider approaches and how potential barriers to change might be addressed. E-mail sconul@sconul.ac.uk for the registration details.

Controlled Digital Lending webinar, 8 May

Join colleagues from SCONUL, RLUK and Jisc to find out how libraries can take advantage of the opportunity offered by controlled digital lending to provide access to content not otherwise available in digital format; to allow us to provide accessible and inclusive readings to students; to provide remote access to special collections; or to supply out of commerce works. Attendees will hear from Jane Secker and Chris Morrison, authors of the report *Controlled Digital Lending in UK Higher Education: A Jisc briefing for HE member libraries* which has been supported by RLUK and SCONUL. This briefing outlines the legal case for academic libraries to make use of CDL under UK law. We will also explore use cases for CDL from Rachel Schulkins, Library Content Services Lead, University of Liverpool. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and discussions. E-mail sconul@sconul.ac.uk for the registration details.

Journal negotiations: Elsevier and ACS webinar, 15 May

Following the publication of the review of transitional agreements in the UK, SCONUL is holding a webinar with colleagues from Jisc to discuss the next steps in journal negotiations, with a particular focus on Elsevier and proposal to introduce "article development charges" from ACS. This webinar is open to heads of service and heads of content from SCONUL member institutions only. It is taking place 10.30 to 12.00 on 15 May. E-mail sconul@sconul.ac.uk for the registration details.

AI coffee mornings – 31 May and last Friday of every month at 10am

Over 230 SCONUL members joined us for our first AI coffee morning on 26 April. Attendees heard from members of the SCONUL AI team who shared their findings from the series of conversations that they had held with library service providers about their AI roadmaps and new tools coming into products. We will be publishing a report detailing these conversations in the coming weeks. Library colleagues came together to share experiences and explored these tools and techniques as a community. The next coffee morning will focus on AI literacies and academic integrity. E-mail sconul@sconul.ac.uk for the registration details.

Green Libraries Partnership webinar, 26 June

SCONUL and CILIP invite you to join a webinar on Green Libraries Partnership on 26 June from 10.00 – 11.30am. This interactive webinar will look at the work to date of the Green Libraries Partnership, including what you can do to keep building momentum. Yvonne Morris, Projects and Programmes Manager at CILIP, will outline the work of the Green Libraries partnership from the development of the manifesto, to the next phases of the project, including the next Green Libraries week. CILIP are keen to have greater involvement from the academic sector and are keen to hear your views. This webinar will give members a chance to outline their good practice in the climate change space and hear other useful ideas, as well as considering what their Green Library pledge might be, when this is launched later in the year. E-mail sconul@sconul.ac.uk for the registration details.

'How to get ahead in libraries' job shadowing, secondments and job swaps

The SCONUL Organisational Development Strategy Group is exploring how staff at all levels can 'get ahead in libraries' and how SCONUL might be able to help. One area we are keen to explore is job shadowing, secondments and job swaps. This is not without challenges but we are aware some organisations (and some groups of organisations) have created successful programmes to deliver this form of staff development. The group are keen to hear about examples of good practice and to develop a check list of how to do this effectively. If you have been successful and want to share your experience with brief details of how the programme works, please send information directly to Jenelle Negraeff (Jenelle.Negraeff@sconul.ac.uk).

UKRI open access policy for longform publications – launching new projects to support policy implementation & transition to open access

UKRI is commissioning a series of projects to support the implementation of its open access policy for longform publications, and two of these projects have now been initiated. The first project, led by Insights Media, focuses on developing case studies that demonstrate the benefits of publishing open access monographs to researchers, and that help share experiences. The project aims to cover a range of disciplines and explore different angles about open access publishing and outcomes will be published later this year. The second project, led by Information Power, will develop a toolkit that can support

learned society, subject association, and smaller specialist publishers to transition to open access business models. This project is in partnership with the Association of Learned Society Publishers (ALPSP), the British Academy, and the Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association (OASPA). More information about this project is available at: Open Access transitions for book publishers (SPA OPS 4.0). UKRI's website will be updated in due course to reflect the latest information on UKRI's activities to support open access.

DOAJ community consultation
DOAJ is consulting to ensure that the data collected by the service is relevant, necessary, and useful. Stakeholders and users are encouraged to participate in the survey. The directory indexes more than 20,400 journals. A journal's entry in the directory may contain up to 43 different pieces of data, including 15 links, that have been checked and verified by hand. With this consultation, DOAJ would like to review how to maximise its impact with limited resources. The survey should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. All information provided will be treated with the strictest confidence. The survey can be found here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DOAJconsultation and will close on 6 May. If you have any questions, please do contact Annika Bennett at Gold Leaf abennett@goldleaf.co.uk.

Sir Roly Keating to step down as Chief Executive of the British Library in April 2025
After 12 years as Chief Executive, Sir Roly Keating has announced that he will step down from the role in April next year. With a focus on openness, creativity and innovation, his tenure has seen the establishment of major new partnerships including the Knowledge Quarter around its London HQ, the Business & IP Centre National Network and the Living Knowledge Network of public and national libraries across the UK. Roly Keating was appointed Chief Executive of the British Library in 2012, succeeding Dame Lynne Brindley. Prior to that, he had a long and successful career at the BBC, as a programme-maker and broadcasting executive, where he launched BBC Four and served as Controller of BBC Two and Director of Archive Content. The British Library Board has begun the process of recruiting Sir Roly's successor. Read more

CILIP appoints Louis Coiffait-Gunn as new CEO
The CILIP Board has appointed Louis Coiffait-Gunn as its new CEO. Louis' 20-year career has been guided by his interest in evidence-informed policy, especially in education, R&D, AI, copyright and intellectual policy. His most recent role as the Director of Policy and Public Affairs at the Publishers Association involved direct engagement with governments, politicians and sector organisations to advocate for diverse members' interests, including on issues such as literacy, school libraries, and public libraries. Louis has experience in a range of settings including government bodies, think tanks, professional associations, universities, and the media. Louis will be starting in the new role on 8 May 2024. Read more

Updates from our peer organisations:
1. Academic Libraries North https://www.academiclibrariesnorth.ac.uk/
2. CONUL https://conul.ie/news/
3. LIBER https://libereurope.eu/news/
4. M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries https://www.m25lib.ac.uk/about-the-consortium/newsletter-archive/
5. Mercian Collaboration https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/news

6. RLUK https://www.rluk.ac.uk/rluk-bulletin/
7. SCURL https://www.scurl.ac.uk/news
8. ucisa https://www.ucisa.ac.uk/News-and-Views
9. WHELF https://whelf.ac.uk/

Appointments and job opportunities

If you have moved to a new role or institution or have any senior job opportunities that you would like us to include, please e-mail SitMui.Ng@sconul.ac.uk. These vacancies can also be found on our website at: https://www.sconul.ac.uk/jobs-bank/current-roles/

Appointment: Head of Library Services, Liverpool Hope University

Lorraine Beard has been appointed as Head of Library Services at Liverpool Hope University from 15 April. Lorraine was previously Associate Director, Research and Digital Horizons at The University of Manchester.

Vacancy: Interim Deputy Director, Digital Curation, Access & Engagement, Senate House Library

University of London have created a high level, senior position to shape digital provision in Senate House Library, build capacity and capability and drive forward the digital workstream of the Library Transformation Programme. The role is fixed term, for 18 months, and will advise on future staffing needs and resourcing requirements. It's based in the Library, working across the University of London and with an indirect reporting line to the Chief Information and Digital Officer. **Closing date 1 May** Read more

Vacancy: Library Assistant (Library & IT Service Desk), University of Galway

Applications are invited for three permanent, full-time vacancies as Library Assistant (Library & IT Service Desk), Grade 2, in the University of Galway Library. The Library and IT Service Desk team are the initial point of interaction for all students, staff, and researchers and are responsible for providing users with assistance, information, and support relating to both Library and IT resources and services. The Service Desk provides access to high quality support through a combination of online support, via phone, email/ticketing system, online chat, and via the helpdesk in the Library. The postholder will play a key role in delivering exceptional, customer-centric Library and IT support to a wide-ranging customer base. **Closing date 2 May** Read more

Vacancy: Library Marketing & Engagement Executive, University of Galway

Applications are invited for a permanent, full-time vacancy as Library Marketing & Engagement Executive, Grade 3, in the University of Galway Library. The Marketing and Engagement Executive is responsible for promoting library services, resources, supports, and events to the entire University of Galway community. The position entails co-ordinating Library events, workshops, and campaigns, as well as creating promotional materials in a variety of formats, including print, online, social media, video, and web-based content. The successful candidate will join the Marketing and Engagement team, who are responsible for initiating, creating, developing and delivering marketing, communications and outreach activities to support Library priorities and services. **Closing date 2 May** Read more

Vacancy: Copyright and Scholarly Communications Librarian, Imperial College London

Imperial College London are looking to appoint a Copyright and Scholarly Communications Librarian to deliver the Library Services copyright and scholarly licensing advocacy programme to staff and students across the university. The post holder will proactively lead copyright literacy advice, teaching and training aimed at academic, teaching and research staff, and for students at all levels. **Closing date 7 May** Read more

Vacancy: Open Access Librarian, University of Sussex

University of Sussex are seeking an Open Access Librarian to work as part of the Research & Open Scholarship team in the Library, supporting researchers across the University in making their work openly available and accessible to all. The post holder will manage the Institutional Repository and CRIS systems and provide guidance and support on deposit and publication management. Working within the Research & Open Scholarship team, they will help manage a dynamic and enthusiastic service that supports researchers across Schools and disciplines, contributing to the institution's commitment to Open Research and a better, more inclusive approach to Research Culture. **Closing date 10 May** Read more

Events

If you would like SCONUL to include any events that may be of interest to directors, please e-mail sconul@sconul.ac.uk.

SCOPE 3 emissions requirements webinar, 3 May

Collaboration, Agency and Student Partnership, Manchester, 3 May

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NAG's Collection Development Seminar, London, 16 May

CILIP Cymru Wales Conference, Cardiff, 17 May

Beyond the Horizon 2024 CILIP North East Conference, 20 May

Jisc Change Agents' Network Conference 2024: The future of student engagement and student-staff partnerships to enhance higher education, Portsmouth, 20, 22 and 23 May

RLUK SPACE event: Library spaces as research and cultural infrastructure, 23 May

CILIP Online Copyright Conference, 23 May

AI coffee morning, 31 May

Academic Libraries North Conference 2024: Generative AI and Emerging Technologies, 12 June (via Teams) and 5 July, Leeds

Westminster HE Forum: Next steps for digital technology in higher education, 3 June

CILIPS Annual Conference 2024, 3-4 June, Dundee

SCURL Annual Conference, Stirling, 5 June

Public Policy Exchange: Protecting Local Libraries, 11 June

User Experience in Libraries 8: 'Curiosity & Empathy', Cambridge, 11-13 June

Plan M, from principles to practice, and shaping the future event, London, 18 June

ARLIS UK & Ireland Annual Conference 2024, London, 2-4 July

SCONUL members meeting and AGM, 15 July

Call for papers: Fantastic Futures Canberra 2024 Conference, Australia, October

44th Annual IATUL conference, New Zealand, 24-28 November