

2010 Annual Report

The LRC (Library) is the main responsibility of the Manager, whose other portfolios include the Bookshop and e-learning. The highlights for the LRC have been many. They range from extending our databases, to a number of environmental initiatives, to the growth in our special collections, including the acquisition of Australia's first cookbook—the Abbott Book. There are only 6 known copies of this treasure and it is now one of the jewels of our special collection.

2010 also saw the LRC respond to student concerns about computer availability through introducing a booking system (MyPC) and substantial improvements to wireless connectivity.

Improvements to the library system include email notification, online chat inquiry service, new book list generation and online book purchase requests.

The library system itself shifted to a cloud hosted service.



Remote access to library databases was a significant improvement to our offsite student cohort.

The LRC also moved more into the e-learning space, with a number of projects including podcasting and management of Higher Education reading on the student portal. The LRC also consciously sought to raise its profile both within the Institute and externally. This was achieved by increased marketing, conference attendance and publication and monthly newsletter and department representation.