Loading the Books!

You may have already noticed some ‘X’s drawn on particular books in the Library. These are our low-use items which are going to be loaded into the Library Retrieval System (LRS) beginning in July. Staff and students will be able to request items from the LRS in July, and the loading of books should be completed in late August.

Some people are worried that if we hide our collection away in the LRS, they’ll lose the ability to stumble upon good reads. Don’t worry! Our IT department is hard at work to create new systems that will encourage the discovery of new materials. We’ve already got the colour ribbon on the top of our Library catalogue to help you find related materials, and more features like this are on their way. The Find Articles option is a fantastic way to search, too. Remember that our online collection is always expanding, and many materials that you require access to for classes are accessible through the Library website.

New and popular books will remain on shelves in the City Campus Library for you to borrow - we appreciate a quiet walk amongst rows of bookshelves, too.

Installing the Picking Stations

The Picking Stations are where the books are picked up from, and provide the link between our staff and the collection in the LRS. When a request is made, the robot will bring a bin to the station. Each bin contains a range of books, and a staff member will pick out the book that you’re after. Each station will have a touchscreen computer with adjustable monitors as well as wireless keyboards and mouses. The books will be brought to the City Campus Library for you to collect them. About 3,000 of these bins have been installed so far.

Latest Update
as of 28 February 2014

- The habitable spaces for staff have been fitted-out
- The Picking Stations and joinery have been installed
- Work on the IT system that will connect the LRS to our catalogue has begun
- The bins are continuing to be loaded into the racking system
- The LRS was turned on for the first time on 25 February 2014

DID YOU KNOW?

Whilst the LRS will be functional later this year, planning for a new Library building has begun. This Library will be located where Building 2 is currently, and form part of the UTS Central project. We want to reinvent the Library to concentrate more on interactive spaces for students, yet still preserve the elements that make us enjoy spending time there. It’s still early days, but we’re excited to consider what sort of experiences a future library could provide.