Welcome to Cunningham Library Update

Reforms in student assessment are topical at all levels of education, and in this edition of Cunningham Library Update Jenny Trevitt provides pointers to key assessment resources, and advice on how to use Cunningham Library’s search tools to find further research in this area. Siân Besselaar also highlights the library’s fascinating collection of school histories.

What’s hot? Assessment

Assessment is a major component of the ongoing work of the Australian Council for Educational Research. It is also an important focus for ACER’s higher education courses and strategic initiatives such as the Centre for Assessment Reform and Innovation. http://www.acer.edu.au/ari

For the Cunningham Library this priority on assessment reform means new publications for our collection, plus requests to find literature on new thinking, new metrics and new technology in assessment.
Finding information on assessment

Cunningham Library catalogue can be used to find books, reports and conference papers relating to education.

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Preparing for a renaissance in assessment
http://acer.ac/id362077

Hill and Barber (2014) review the key purpose of assessment and discuss why assessment is so often controversial, difficult and a barrier to change.

Towards a growth mindset in assessment
http://acer.ac/id361067

Geoff Masters (2013) describes three general approaches to evaluating and providing feedback on the outcomes of learning.

Redesigning the secondary-tertiary interface: Queensland Review of Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance
http://acer.ac/id361785

Gabrielle Matters and Geoff Masters (2014) report on their review of the Queensland systems of senior secondary assessment and reporting and of tertiary entrance for students completing Year 12.

Browse more catalogue resources on student assessment
http://acer.ac/catassessment

EdResearch Online is the library’s searchable database of over 50,500 articles from more than 500 Australian education journals. It is a public database and some documents are available for free download.

Latest articles on assessment

An analysis of the effectiveness of feedback to students on assessed work
http://acer.ac/id203706

Taylor and Burke da Silva (2014) present views from Flinders University students on the effectiveness of current assessment practices, including their level of satisfaction with the feedback provided to them.

Assessment in a testing time
http://acer.ac/id203601

Bates (2014) considers the importance of effective assessment throughout the teaching and learning cycle with relation to the New South Wales Board of Studies English K-10 Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum.

Understanding the need for fine-grained assessment
http://acer.ac/id203448

Cunningham and Coy (2014) outline the use of fine-grained assessment measures to comply with norm-referenced reporting requirements in K-10 schools in Western Australia.

Browse more EdResearch Online articles on student assessment
http://acer.ac/edresearchassessment

Tracking research?

Keep up to date with selected new references in our research tools using alerting services such as email alerts, RSS feeds or Twitter.

Cunningham Library Catalogue
http://opac.acer.edu.au
Set up RSS feeds based on a topic of interest through the catalogue tab and side menu of the results screen

ACEReSearch
http://research.acer.edu.au/announcements.html
Set up email alerts customised to your research interests

EdResearch Online
http://opac.acer.edu.au/edresearch
The RSS feed menu option enables a simple way to create feeds for specific search topics

Find is the new search

Cunningham Library is trialling the EBSCO Discovery Service to provide a single point of access to the library’s databases.

Search journal articles, books, book chapters, conference papers, theses and web documents from Australian Education Index and the ACER library catalogue. When library members are logged in via ATHENS they can click straight through to available full text resources.

Out and about

Cunningham Library staff attended and presented at several conferences in May. Please get in touch if we can contribute to your event.

6-9 May 2015  Write | Edit | Index Australian Conference for Editors, Indexers, and Publishing Professionals, Canberra
http://writeeditindex.net.au/program

11-13 May 2015  The Higher Education Technology Agenda (THETA) Conference, Gold Coast
http://theta.edu.au

18-19 May 2015  Australian Christian Schools Library Conference, Baulkham Hills, NSW
http://acslibnet.asn.au

21-23 May 2015  Excellence in Professional Practice Conference, Brighton Beach, Sydney
http://www.acer.edu.au/eppc
School histories

Siân Besselaar, Acquisitions Cunningham Library

Since starting work on acquisitions for Cunningham Library I have enjoyed the occasional school history that has come across my desk, and was surprised to find the library holds an extensive collection of 500 Australian school histories. Copies of the school histories are donated to the Cunningham Library as the primary collecting organisation for Australian education publications and added to the catalogue so they can be discovered readily.

http://acer.ac/schoolhistories

The histories show how schools have developed over the years. Some include anecdotes of past principals, teachers and students; while others paint a picture of the school’s role in the community. There are maps and plans of buildings (Auburn Public School, NSW) and some even document the school song lyrics (Yagoona Public School, NSW). Others leave a bookmark of a school that once was, like the Stawell School for Girls (SA) which closed many years ago.

Benefits of Cunningham membership

If you are interested in ongoing use of the Cunningham Library services, why not join the library? Cunningham Library members receive the following:

• Daily education news service delivered direct to your inbox
• Friendly assistance with seeking information
• Remote access to selected online journals and databases
• Loan of hard copy items from the Cunningham Library collection
• Copies of electronic or print documents sourced from the Cunningham Library collection*
• 10% discount off all ACER Press titles
• 10% discount off all ACER Institute Professional Learning workshops

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