Hamilton Library News

We start the new term with an upgraded Library System & with a new-look TAFE Library Catalogue. If anyone would like their classes to have a session on the new features, or how to make better use of TAFECat please make a booking with library staff.

Love2Read
We hope you are enjoying our Love2Read lists & revisiting some forgotten sections of the collection. This term we will also be participating in several competitions related to the National Year of Reading. Thanks to Meghan & Janet in Hamilton’s Bakery Section who will be holding a cake decorating competition with a book theme. Prizes will be from MacLean’s Bookshop. Also our ABE section, in conjunction with Hamilton & Glendale Libraries will be holding a ‘Caught Reading’ competition where their students can submit a photo & a short description of where they best like to be caught reading. Again, prizes will be from MacLeans Bookshop.
In May we will be holding a competition for Library & Information Week. Students can submit their answers to a few questions either online or in print to be in the running for a variety of prizes. More details to follow.

New Databases to Trial
From the end of April we will be trialling 2 new databases - login details will follow shortly.
Culturegrams - Cultural reports for more than 200 countries each include 25 categories such as land and climate, history, personal appearance, greetings, gestures, family, diet, holidays, economy, education, health, and events and trends
and
Informit Collections - Informit Collections are 100% full text, providing cover-to-cover access to current and archived full text content from peer reviewed journals, eBooks, conference papers and reports. Content sources include authoritative publishers and peak research institutes from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. Organized into a number of collections so subscribers can cost effectively pick areas of

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interest. Areas include Business Collection, Families & Society Collection, Health Collection, Humanities & Social Science Collection & Indigenous Collection.

Issues In Society now available online

vLearn Video Streaming
Hunter TAFE Libraries have been purchasing some VLearn video titles for use across the Institute by staff & students. Rather than borrowing a DVD you only have to access a link to display them on your computer. These videos have been added to [EQUELLA](https://share.tafensw.edu.au/share). You can get access to them by searching for 'vlearn'. They range across a number of subject areas including aged care, nursing, IT, job seeking, and fitness. All students and staff can access these by using their DEC username and password. The licences purchased so far are for a 12 month period. In addition these videos can be added/embedded in a Moodle course. So if any section has a title that they would like to trial in this way, let me know & I can check on pricing.

EQUella : [https://share.tafensw.edu.au/share](https://share.tafensw.edu.au/share)

EQUELLA is a digital repository where you can share digital copies of class notes or materials with your students. It is accessible via the Internet with a DEC username & password. To add an item to Equella click on 'contribute' and select 'Hunter Institute Materials'. To add a resource from your computer select ‘Add a Resource’ or the ‘Advanced Features’ box will allow you to add website links or Youtube Videos etc. You can then provide your students with a URL Link of the item.
Microsoft & Adobe programs
Just to remind everyone about the Microsoft & Adobe programs which are available for purchase by TAFE Staff & Students.

Staff members will find details at https://www.sigroup.com.au/teachers

Whereas students should go to http://www.itsnotcheating.com.au

An Accession List of new resources is attached