

The changing roles of cataloguers: a personal experience

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Defining : cataloguer or cataloguing librarian

- Professionally trained individuals
- Holds Master of Library Science (MLS) (MLIS)
- Equivalent library degree
- Distinction between professional and paraprofessional cataloguers.

Trends causing new roles

- Advances in technology
- User preferences for online access
- Digitisation of local resources
- Advances in scholarly communication
- Print to electronic resources
- Continuous growth of online resources

Trends causing new roles ...

- Involvement in non-MARC metadata cataloguing
- Implementation of Institutional Repositories
- Need for access to unique local library collections
- Using vendor services

Defining Institutional Repository

- University –based institutional repository
- Services offered to its community
- Management and dissemination of digital materials
- Commitment to the stewardship of these digital materials
- Long-term preservation

Welcome to the Unisa Institutional Repository (UnisaIR), an open digital archive of scholarly intellectual and research outputs of the University of South Africa. The UnisaIR contains and preserves theses and dissertations, research articles, conference papers, rare and special materials and many other digital assets.

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What cataloguers do

- Potential opportunity
- Create metadata
- DSpace
- Quality check
- Print thesis and dissertations

Digitisation

- Conversion of data from analog to digital
- Create metadata
- ContentDM
- Quality check

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Introducing the UNISA Library Digital Collection

Unlocking unique UNISA treasures -
the past into tomorrow

The UNISA Library Digital Collection features:

- photographs, posters
- historical documents including journals, diaries, letters, etc.
- Printed materials including newspapers, reports from iconic individuals and university calendars

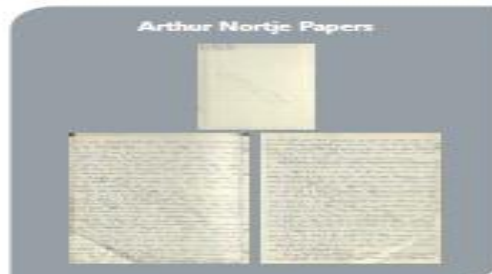
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The UNISA Library Digital Collection aims to:

- Extend reach and access of material
 - Accessible 24/7
 - Accessible globally
- Knowledge sharing
- Promote visibility of African scholarship & African research collections

The collection is still growing



Online at <http://uda.unisa.ac.za/cdm/>

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Featuring digital collections of:

- Historic photographs, posters, and documents (journals, diaries, letters)
- Reports from iconic individuals

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for the growing collection.

**Promoting and facilitating cultural
and historical research**

Unlocking the past into tomorrow

Survival tips for the cataloguer

- Training
- Mentor
- Good communication skills
- Being flexible
- Seeking learning opportunities
- Awareness of current trends

Moving with times



"YOU OUGHT TO WISE UP, AND GET INTO A MORE CONTEMPORARY LIFE STYLE - AND THE FIRST STEP IS TO BECOME A VEGETARIAN."

Proactive versus Reactive

- Proactive
 - Plan ahead
 - Anticipate and prepare for problems
- Reactive
 - No initiatives
 - Each new wave catches you by surprise
 - The Nokia scenario

The Nokia scenario

- Adapt or obsolete

*"We didn't do anything wrong,
but somehow, we lost"*

Nokia

Critical skills needed

- Skills in managing digital content
- Skills in creating metadata
- Knowledge of various metadata standards and schemas
- IT skills (ability to adopt new technologies)

Buzz words

Attitude

Positive

Embrace

Mindsets

Upgrade

Flexibility

Adapt

Change

Acquire

Willingness

Ability

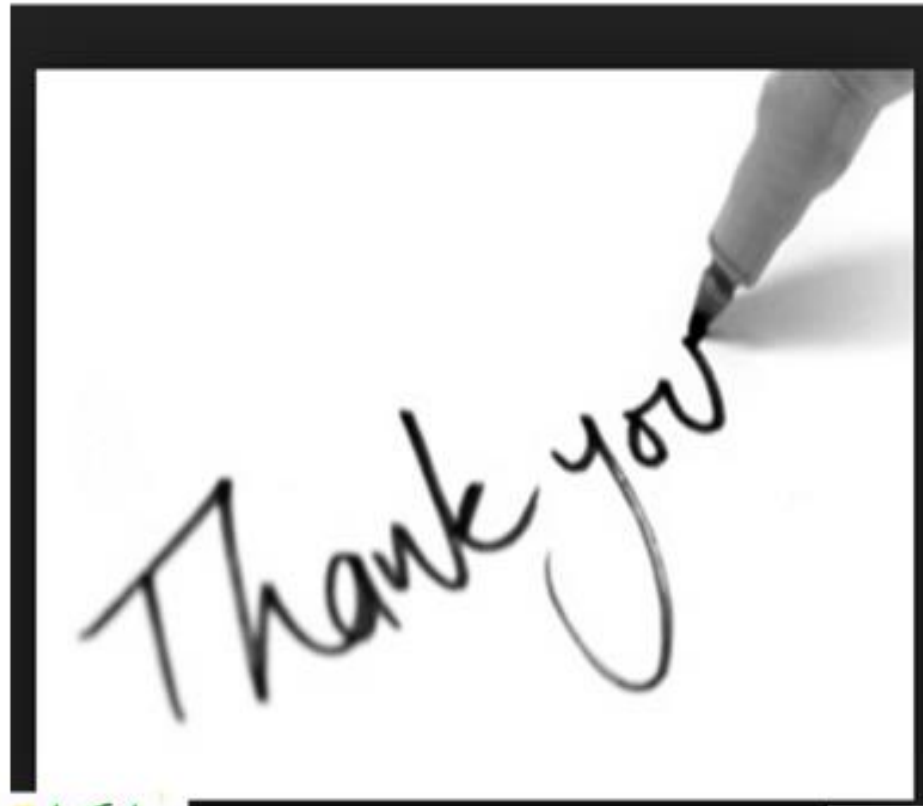
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