Welcome to the second edition of Y Cranc.

In this edition we cover how you can have extracts from books scanned and uploaded to Blackboard, a new database for deal information, the latest basic library skills figures from the library, a useful research methods tool and details of training opportunities for Postgraduates.

**Scanning chapters for Blackboard**

Are your students struggling to access their required reading? Use our scanning service to make extracts from print books available online.

Did you know that the library is able to scan textbook chapters so you can make them available to students on Blackboard? Where possible, we buy course texts as e-books as well as having print copies on library shelves so that students can access them as easily and as flexibly as possible. However, not all text books are available electronically. Our scanning service enables key chapters to be made available on Blackboard. This means that all students can access the required reading (no reservation queues!) from on or off campus.

You can find out more about the scanning service on our website:

http://www.swansea.ac.uk/iss/libraries/documentsupplyservices/scanning/

Copyright legislation doesn't allow us to digitise whole texts, and there may be other restrictions in place, but making key extracts available can be really useful for students.

Please get in touch if you’d like more information on how you could use this service to support your modules. (NB All scanning must be done through the library to comply with the university’s CLA licence.)
We now have a subscription to Zephyr, which is a database of deal information. It contains information on M&A, IPO, private equity and venture capital deals. There are links to the detailed financial information on the companies involved in the deals if we have access to this information via FAME.

**What you can find in Zephyr**
- Pre, post and future deal multiples and financials
- Extensive corporate structures
- News and royalty agreements
- Rumours
- Dedicated areas for IPOs, Capital Markets and Private Equity
- Global coverage – including emerging markets

**What you can do in Zephyr**
- Search by hundreds of criteria
- Do a detailed analysis on a set of deals
- Refer to original sources
- Illustrate financials by creating graphs
- Monitor deals using the alert system

If you would like to arrange training on using this resource for you or your students get in touch.
A new research methods tool

Sage Research Methods Online (SRMO) is a research methods tool, linking SRMO content with search tools to help researchers answer their methodology questions. The site contains 504 book titles, including the Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences series (also known as Little Green Books), 6 dictionaries, 4 encyclopedias and also journal articles. There is also a visual Methods Map tool which helps to see relationships between your chosen search term and other relevant material.

SAGE Research Methods

The books, reference works, journal articles, and case studies in SAGE Research Methods provide everything you and your students need to design and execute a research project. From verifying that a research question is a good one to conducting a literature review to choosing the most appropriate methods, the content in SAGE Research Methods will inform every step of the research process. The full range of methods used in the social and behavioral sciences are covered, as are many commonly used in science, technology, and medicine.

Teaching Research Methods Courses

All of the content on SRM is designed to instruct readers new to a method or a concept in how to employ that method or concept themselves in their own research. As such, SRM is the perfect resource for those teaching Research Methods courses. You can curate reading lists for your students by creating a Methods List and setting it to public. See the Tutorials page on SRM for a how-to video.

You can also add SRM content to your Course Management System. Find out how at srmo.sagepub.com/page/crm.

Find Sample Assignments on the Faculty Resource Page.
Training for Postgraduates

We offer a full training programme for Postgraduates covering information seeking, information management and useful resources.

All sessions are drop in – no booking required (in the unlikely event that the room is full people will be accepted on a first - come first - served basis).

Sessions include:

- Working Smarter: Tools & Apps
- Advanced search strategies
- EndNote: Keeping your references organized
- Tracing Theses
- Raising your Research Profile

For full details of upcoming sessions please see: http://www.swansea.ac.uk/iss/isstraining/training%20for%20postgraduates/#d.en.137340

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