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## ***Australian Treaties Library***

[www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/)

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and AustLII have continued developing the *Australian Treaties Library* on the Internet which provides a fully searchable, hypertext-linked resource that includes treaty texts, indexes, status lists, and explanatory material

The site now provides comprehensive consolidated access to the following:

- *Australian Treaty List* (as at 31 December 1998 + monthly updates)
- *Australian Treaty Series* (treaty texts, 1930-1999)
- *Australian Treaties (not yet in force)*
- Multilateral Treaties and Conventions in the *Select Documents in International Affairs* series (originally published prior to entry into force for Australia, 1966 - 1997)
- *National Interest Analyses* for treaties tabled in Parliament (1996 - present)
- *List of Multilateral Treaty Action under Negotiation or Consideration* (provided to Parliament)

## ***Legal Briefings***

[ags.gov.au/publications/briefings/index.html](http://ags.gov.au/publications/briefings/index.html)

*Legal Briefings*, the newsletter prepared by the Australian Government Solicitor on topical issues, is now available on the AGS homepage. Subscriptions are still available for the hard copy. The web version will be available after distribution of the hard copy.

## ***Research Methods for Librarians***

Librarians are increasingly becoming involved in social science research, whether it be for work purposes or personal satisfaction in gaining a post-graduate qualification "Research" not just in the sense of writing a journal article on an idea or observation, but in the "we need to survey and interview our users, think about qualitative versus quantitative data, representative sampling and statistical analysis" sense. Approaching this type of research for the first time can be quite daunting. The list below will hopefully provide a starting point for understanding social science research methods. The book by Powell is particularly useful as the examples used to explain the research methods relate to libraries.

Bouma, G. (1993) *The Research Process*, Revised edition, Melbourne, Oxford University Press.

Graziano, A and M.Raulin (1997) *Research methods: a process of inquiry*, 3rd edition, New York, Longman.

Leedy, P. (1996) *Practical research: planning and design*, 6th edition, New York, Macmillan Publishing.

Neuman, W.L. (1997) *Social research methods: qualitative and quantitative approaches*, 3rd edition, Boston, Allyn and Bacon.

Powell, R. (1994) *Basic research methods for librarians*, 2nd edition, New Jersey, Albex Publishing.

## ***Law Practice Management Online***

[www.abanet.org/lpm/magazine/lpmcontents.html](http://www.abanet.org/lpm/magazine/lpmcontents.html)

The American Bar Association's *Law Practice Management* magazine is now available online, with the full text of all the magazine's columns posted on ABA Network's Web site. The columns include a technology update for law firms, a web watch, marketing, lawyer skills, and human resources.

## Moys Users Homepage

[www.mailbase.ac.uk/lists/lis-moys-users](http://www.mailbase.ac.uk/lists/lis-moys-users)

In addition to the discussion list for users of Moys there is now a homepage archiving messages from the list. A new edition of *Moys Classification and Thesaurus for Legal Materials* is planned for 2000 and the list and homepage should facilitate many users of Moys participating in the revision of the schedules for the 4th edition.

## Butterworths' Journal Table of Contents Online

[www.butterworths.com.au/journalcontents/journals\\_index.htm](http://www.butterworths.com.au/journalcontents/journals_index.htm)

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[libwww.cabrillo.cc.ca.us/html/about/caped98resources.html](http://libwww.cabrillo.cc.ca.us/html/about/caped98resources.html)

This site contains a list of resources available to assist people with disabilities in accessing libraries and using technology. The list details relevant books, discussion lists, web pages and products such as Jaws and Zoom Text.

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