

## Summer changes

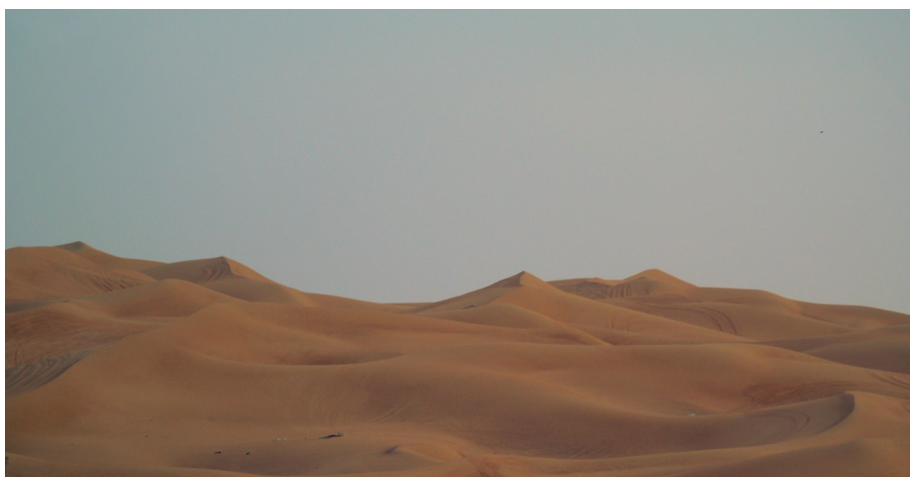
The planned redevelopment of the Ground Floor of the Library has now been put on hold for a year. The plan had been to put new seating, social space, computers, power sockets in where the bulk of the science and technology journals now are; as well as remodelling the front entrance and other changes.

There are various reasons for the postponement, but it's mainly due to concerns about disruption during the October-December period together with other refurbishment going on at the same time such as the Portland IT suite.

Some things are still going ahead such as the automated book sorter and the move of every book in the

Library to a new 000-999 Dewey sequence running through the building which should make things much easier to find.

We'll keep you posted, but we're now expecting the refurbishment to take place next summer.



## Andy Barrow checks in...

Our former Faculty Librarian (Science) writes from Oman (where he's setting up a new library at the Military Technical College in Muscat):

"We've certainly got sun to spare here. Currently it's around 31°C at midday but soon the temperatures will start accelerating towards the furnace of summer, when it hits 48-51°C at midday. Fortunately my (temporary) office is cool, partly because of its construction and partly because the air conditioning is running (very noisily) all the time. Finding somewhere shady to park the car is a major problem. Working hours are 7:30-14:00 (with an unofficial coffee break for 30 minutes at 10:30) but the traffic on the roads is awful even at first light so I get up at 5:50 (Ugh!), leave the house at 6:35 and am generally at work by 7:15. I haven't quite got used to this yet!"

We won't bore you with the technical library system deliberations he tells us about, but he seems to be having fun with bureaucracy, meetings and a variety of challenging situations, but is getting to see some of the country and even escaping to Singapore on occasion! He hopes to have concrete, as it were, news about the library come the summer.

## Bronze award for the Library

The University library has been awarded bronze certification for the "Green Impact Scheme".

*"Green Impact is an environmental accreditation and awards scheme run by the National Union of Students, bringing staff and students together with their wider communities to enable and showcase positive changes in environmental practice."*

Taken from the Green Impact website

The University is supporting this scheme for the first time this year. 25 teams from across the University have taken part, with 11 teams achieving the award. This scheme provides a great focus for "green" initiatives and encourages more students and staff to THINK GREEN, so please help the University in its efforts to improve the local environment. There are simple things that everyone can do from recycling rubbish to turning off lights and computer equipment when not in use.

Michele Game **Green Impact**