

Parade Statistics

For a single item

Find an item in *Parade* (the University's institutional repository @ <http://eprints.port.ac.uk>) and whether you have searched *Parade* directly, or you have found an item in *Parade* using a search



engine such as *Google*, you will be able to display some basic statistics about the item. If the article in *Parade* has some form of full text associated with it (preprint, postprint or published article), you will be able to

see how many times that text has been downloaded in a rolling month / rolling year. Clicking on the 'More statistics for this item' link below these two default graphs allows you to display more detailed statistics about the article including the number of unique downloads that have been made and where the traffic has come from. If you have any articles in *Parade* carry out a search of the repository for them and then look at the fascinating data that *Parade* can provide for every downloadable article that it holds.

For a group of items

And what *Parade* can do for a single article it can also do for groups of articles. *Parade* can group articles in a variety of ways (by **Author**, **Department** and **Subject**) and the same range of statistics can be displayed for a particular group of articles as can be displayed for a single article. However group statistics cannot be produced by the casual searcher, they can only be produced by a *Parade* administrators such as myself. So, if you would like some group statistics extracted from *Parade*, just contact me and I will do my best to interrogate *Parade* to produce the figures that you require.

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Maya 'end of world'?

A recent TV documentary on the supposed end of the world come December 21st 2012 took an hour to convey these essential facts:

- The Mayan language was written in glyphs.
- The Spanish conquistadors destroyed most of the written sources of the Maya.
- One stone contains mention of the end of the "13th Bak'tun" (a long count period of 144,000 days) and an associated 'ceremony'.

That's it! (Oh, and some Americans are building underground bunkers in case of catastrophe). *SciTech Update* isn't too fearful, therefore, that Technology Librarian's 21st wedding anniversary marks the end of the world!

Open Access Impact

While we're on the subject of Open Access (see column left), SCONUL and RLUK have just produced a four page briefing on the impact of open access which sets out the evidence on increased impact for researchers, greater profile for institutions and economic benefits for society.

The report is entitled: *Open access: impact for researchers, universities and society* and can be found here: http://www.sconul.ac.uk/news/OAbriefing/OA_impact_briefing.pdf

Exam Database RIP

We hope Course Leaders and departmental staff are not being overwhelmed by the number of students we have redirected in need of practice exam papers. Our exam database was discontinued in Summer 2011 due to aging papers and technical difficulties. Victory should have superseded the need for such a service, but departments are responsible for the material being put there!

No Card, No Entry 24/7

In case you missed it last month, we make no apologies for repeating the message this month!

In order to strengthen security during our 24 hour opening period (Monday 9th January 0800 to Friday 27th January), we're having to implement a strict 'No Card, No Entry' at all times during the day. **This will include staff!**

Please ensure that you bring your campus card with you when visiting the Library to save time and embarrassment.