

New University of Melbourne Archives catalogue

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why have the University of Melbourne Archives changed their catalogue?

A. The old catalogue was implemented in 2010. The way that UMA describes the collection has changed greatly since that time and the old catalogue is unable to provide access to our metadata and digital assets in a way that makes sense to our researchers. Advances in database and web technology also offer significant improvements for user experience.

Q. What happened to the old catalogue?

A. The old catalogue will remain online until June 2024, but will not be updated.

Q. When can I start using the new catalogue?

A. The new catalogue will be open to all users on the Monday 20th November 2023.

Q. What are the new features of the new catalogue? How will they make searching the collections easier for me?

A. The new catalogue implements many features that were not possible in the old catalogue. These include the ability to search across the whole collection (including items) from a single search page, tools for narrowing and filtering search results, full page display of digital items and functionality to save records as bookmarks and collections for later use.

Q. Do I have to create an account for the UMA catalogue?

A. No, however an account allows you to save and organise your searches within the system and share your searched items with other catalogue users.

Q. I'm a University of Melbourne staff member – can I use my Single Sign On (SSO) to log in to the catalogue?

A. Yes, you can login to the catalogue using your University of Melbourne credentials.

Q. I have an Aeon account - can I use it to log in to the catalogue?

A. No, Aeon and the UMA catalogue are separate systems. University staff and students can use their SSO credentials to log in to both, however users from outside the University would need to create a separate account to use the bookmarking function within the catalogue. UMA will be exploring integrations between Aeon and the catalogue in the future.

Q. Will the citations that I have used for previous work still be functional?

A. All collection items will receive new identifiers in the new catalogue, but we have retained all previous identifiers so that they can be easily linked. Researchers are also able to search on previous identifiers.

Q. How can I provide my feedback on the new catalogue?

A. We welcome your feedback. You can provide your comments [here](#).