sort of content should be included? Should you load resources into the VLE or merely link to them? What is the place of digitised material and how do we control the use of such material that academic staff may include? Authentication is touched upon in a couple of places, but I expected more on the solutions needed when students can be trying to access resources from anywhere in the world. It would also have been of interest to learn how library staff are helping academic staff to use electronic resources and confront the problems of access, copyright, stable URLs and the like – what sort of staff development is being provided? Another area of practical importance not dealt with is how to support students needing help with electronic resources when the demand is round the clock and from different time zones. LSE's Follow the Sun helpdesk (http://www.lse.ac.uk/itservices/help/Helpdesk/FollowTheSun.htm) is an isolated example of a solution, though it is limited in that it doesn't operate at weekends. And what of technologies like IM, chat, VoIP and co-browsing, in this context?

I suppose I was expecting much more in the way of real examples of what is being done by libraries to support e-learning, but then this is a management book, so it takes a more theoretical and higher level approach. Thus, I find it disappointing. Its not especially coherent in its treatment of the subject which I find also detracts from its value.

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Press Releases

Oxford Journals launches Oxford Open – a new open access initiative
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Oxford Journals, a division of Oxford University Press (OUP), has announced its latest Open Access (OA) project, Oxford Open. Commencing July 2005, it will offer an optional author-pays model to authors of accepted papers in a range of Oxford Journals titles. Oxford Journals has also amended its post-prints policy to be compliant with the latest National Institutes of Health (NIH) Public Access Policy. Both of these announcements further support Oxford Journals' central remit, as a leading not-for-profit publisher, to bring the highest quality research to the widest possible audience.

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eBook version of Digital Libraries: Principles and Practices in a Global Environment available
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