

History of the library

In 2010 the Löhe Memorial Library celebrated fifty years in the service of theological education for the Lutheran Church of Australia. The library is named after Johannes Paul Löhe who was principal of Immanuel Seminary from 1923–1944.

Erected in 1882 as part of Whinham College, the current building was dedicated as the Löhe Memorial Library on 2 October 1960. The development of the library owes much to a group of dedicated people associated with the newly formed Luther Seminary in 1967, and in particular the first full-time professional librarian, Rev Trevor Zweck.

The Seminary was renamed Australian Lutheran College (ALC) at the beginning of 2004 and now offers higher education courses through the University of Divinity and Vocational Education & Training through the Australian Centre for Advanced Studies.

The collections of the library now number over 90,000 items, in addition to a large collection of digital assets. The library also holds an important collection of rare books, including a 1551 imprint of the Luther Bible and an original edition of the Book of Concord.



*The library serves all those in ministry
in the Lutheran Church of Australia
and in Lutheran schools,
holding quality collections
in Christian Studies
and pastoral care.*



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Collections

Main Collection (print)

90,000 items (books, DVDs and CD-ROMs) on theology, education and related topics—new item displays each month

Periodical Collections (print)

11,000 print-based periodicals (200 journal, magazine and newsletter titles) on theology, education, the Lutheran Church of Australia, mission and church history

Rare Books

Books dating back to the 16th century—this collection includes a 1551 imprint of the Luther Bible and an original edition of the Book of Concord

Christian Studies Collection

Resources for children's education including parish education, school worship and Christian Studies curriculum framework units for schools

Pastoral Studies Collection

Devotional and teaching materials for parish teaching programs, Bible study and youth programs

Online Collections

Online databases (ATLA, AULOTS, Gale, Informit, OBSO, EBSCO) to access online articles and other resources

E-books (EBSCO and EBL)

Online resources for students

- The University of Divinity (UD) Resources Portal (UD catalogue, Religion & Philosophy collection, ProQuest databases, and the UD Theses repository)
- Video streaming for online learning

How to apply for membership

- www.alc.edu.au/library/using-the-library/apply-online
- Print and post an application form downloadable from www.alc.edu.au/library/using-the-library/membership
- Visit the library in person

Library services at Australian Lutheran College

The ALC Library provides services to on campus and off campus students and to the general public.

Membership

As well as ALC students and staff, the following are entitled to membership:

- pastors, lay workers, staff of congregations and schools of the Lutheran Church of Australia
- residential college students
- reciprocal borrowers (members of affiliated libraries).

Circulation & information services

A staffed service point is provided Monday to Friday (9am–5pm during teaching semesters and 9am–4pm during holidays and mid-semester breaks) offering:

- quality reference, information and research services to meet the research and learning needs of all users
- guidance on the use of collections and structured information literacy
- training as required
- interlibrary loan services to faculty and postgraduate students.

Collection management

The library provides:

- at least one copy of all prescribed texts for ALC course units and most recommended texts
- relevant and up-to-date collections, shelved and regularly maintained
- access to print collections during work hours.

Reciprocal borrowing

ALC students and staff may apply for reciprocal borrowing rights at:

- Adelaide Theological Library (Adelaide College of Divinity)
- Australian Catholic University libraries
- University of Divinity libraries
- Tabor Adelaide Library (postgraduate students only)

Staff and students in theology or educational theology who are members at the above libraries may apply for reciprocal borrowing rights at the ALC Library.

On campus facilities

Library visitors can access:

- study and collaboration areas
- general study areas
- reference study area
- meeting and socialising area
- collaboration/group study area
- secure 24/7 study area with computer suite



Services to Queensland students

The Banyo Library of Australian Catholic University, Brisbane, located on the campus at 1100 Nudgee Road, Banyo, houses the John and Margaret Zweck Memorial Collection.

Members of the ALC Library may use the Banyo Library by presenting a current University of Divinity student card or an ALC Library card at the Brisbane Campus library.

Services to off campus students

All off campus students are entitled to:

- membership of ALC Library
- Reciprocal borrowing rights at participating libraries
- loans from the print collections
- access to online resources, including full text databases and e-books
- copies of journal articles sent on request
- posting of materials to students—up to 5 items at a time at no charge to the student.

The library supports all ALC courses and is one of twelve affiliated theological libraries that may be accessed online via the University of Divinity's combined library catalogue. The library is embracing new possibilities of cooperation with the libraries of the University of Divinity.

