

# History of the library

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

Erected in 1882 as part of Whinham College, the 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 accredited courses in higher education, and vocational education and training.

In 2025, the library moved from North Adelaide to its current location in Pulteney Street, Adelaide.

The collections of the library now number over 113,000 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 New Zealand and in Lutheran schools, holding quality collections in Christian Studies and pastoral care.*



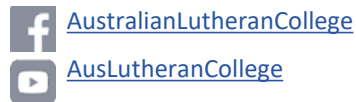
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# Collections

## Main Collection (print)

113,000 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

Ebooks (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

- Fill out the online form [alc.edu.au/library/using-the-library/apply-online](http://alc.edu.au/library/using-the-library/apply-online)
- Print and post an application form downloadable from [alc.edu.au/library/using-the-library/membership](http://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 and lay workers
- staff of congregations and schools of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand (LCANZ)
- reciprocal borrowers.

## Circulation & information services

A staffed service point is provided Tuesday to Friday (8.30am–4pm during teaching semesters and 9am–4pm outside teaching periods) 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:

- University of Divinity libraries
- Australian Catholic University 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.



## Facilities available on campus

Library visitors can access:

- study and collaboration areas
- general study areas
- reference study area
- meeting and socialising area
- collaboration/group study area.

## 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-site students

All off-site 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 ebooks
- 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. The ALC Library is embracing new possibilities of cooperation with the libraries of the University of Divinity. It is one of the multiple affiliated theological libraries that you can access via UD's combined library catalogue.

