



## New Library Catalogue

Adelaide University Library's exciting new catalogue system is now available from all terminals in the Barr Smith Library and branch libraries, and may be accessed remotely from our website at:

[www.library.adelaide.edu.au/catalogs/adelaide.html](http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/catalogs/adelaide.html)

The most obvious feature of the new system is a dramatically improved interface which provides very effective access to the Library's resources, both traditional paper and electronic.

The screenshot shows the Adelaide University Library Catalogue interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: [Library Home](#), [Search](#), [Headings](#), [Titles](#), [myLibrary](#), [Requests](#), [Search History](#), [Other Catalogues](#), and [Exit](#). Below the menu, the text "Database Name: Adelaide University Library" is displayed. There are three search tabs: "Basic Search", "Guided Keyword Search" (which is selected), and "Reserve Search". A "Search for:" input field is present. To the left, a "Quick Limit:" dropdown menu is open, showing options: None, Electronic Resources, Barr Smith Library, Law Library, Music Library, Roseworthy Library, and Waite Library. To the right, a "Search by:" dropdown menu is open, showing options: Title (all items), Journal Title, Author's Name, Keywords (using and, or, not), Subject Heading, Series Title for Books, Composer/Author - sorted by title, and Call Number. At the bottom, there is a "25 records per page" selector, "Search" and "Reset" buttons, and a "Limit search" button.

In addition to the familiar basic searches by Title, Journal title, Author, and so on, there is a powerful new option, **Guided Keyword Search**, which gives you great control over how you can search the Library's resources. The system lets you limit your search to items in a particular Library, such as the Waite Library, or to only Electronic Resources, and you can also apply other search limits such as language and publication date.

The new interface is web-based and will work with all commonly-used browsers.

It completely replaces the previous WebPAC and Telnet catalogue access options which will no longer be available.

NEWSLINE is also on the Library's website: [www.library.adelaide.edu.au/ual/publ/Newsline/](http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/ual/publ/Newsline/)

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## Using the Catalogue

The new Library catalogue has a very intuitive interface; we are confident that most of our users will have little difficulty in using it. There are help screens built into the system to answer any immediate questions you may have, and a printed guide, **Catalogue Basics**, is freely available. Don't hesitate to ask a member of the Library staff to help you if you are having any difficulty. If you want to find out how to make most effective use of all of the new catalogue's many features, we have written a detailed online **Library Catalogue Tutorial**.

## Familiarisation sessions

Library staff will be happy to show you just what makes our new catalogue so useful, and to explain the differences between search techniques using the old WebPAC and Telnet versions, compared with the new system. There will be familiarisation sessions in the Barr Smith Library's Ira Raymond Room at **1.00pm from Monday 18 to Friday 22 February** — everyone is welcome!

*'Library users can expect a more attractive and efficient computer interface to Library services and resources, and greatly enhanced access to the burgeoning range of materials accessible electronically. We expect to see benefits in the Library's internal operations, and these also will strengthen the quality of our services to users.'*

**Ray Choate, University Librarian**

## Cooperative features

The selection of the new Library catalogue system was conducted in partnership with the libraries of Flinders University and the University of South Australia. The common use of the same software by the three libraries is expected to provide substantial benefits to users. Some procedures may change, but cooperative features such as reciprocal borrowing and access to catalogues will be maintained.

## Background notes

The Adelaide University Library's new catalogue is part of an Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) which underpins many operations including lending (with holds, overdue systems and demerit points), Reserve collection operations, book orders and journal subscriptions, cataloguing, and management information. The ILMS also serves as a portal to scholarly information located on the Web and on remote databases.

Following a detailed review process, the Voyager system, developed and marketed by Endeavor Information Systems of Des Plaines, Illinois, was identified as the system to take the Library into the future.

The selection process was begun in January 2000, and included system demonstrations in Adelaide, visits to site libraries in Australia and overseas, detailed reviews of documentation, and the specification and negotiation of unique requirements. Throughout these processes there has been consultation with specialist staff in the three university libraries, with interested Library users, with colleagues in the other university libraries, and with staff of Adelaide University Information Technology Services.

The selected system has a strong orientation towards large academic and research libraries and is used widely around the world, including at the libraries of Cornell University, CSIRO, the Library of Congress, Monash University, and Princeton University.

All Library staff have had some involvement with the huge tasks of installation, data migration, interface development, fine tuning and training. The Library's Voyager Implementation Team has worked extremely hard over the past few months to make sure that the new catalogue system runs as smoothly as possible. The excellence of the end product is our just reward.