

## UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY LIBRARY INFORMATION - 2019

### 1. LIBRARIES

The Libraries affiliated with the University of Divinity and its Colleges are critical to the University's mission. Their combined collections, together with the online resources available via the University's Library Hub, provide access for all members of the University community to an extensive range of resources that support excellence in learning, teaching and research.

Libraries associated with the University support the development and growth of quality theological education by:

- the provision of scholarly library resources (both print and online)
- engagement with the University's learning, teaching and research communities to deliver specialist library services
- development and promotion of our unique resources and special collections
- a commitment to the benefits of the library network working collaboratively in the provision of these resources and services.

All members of the University are entitled to access the University Library Hub, visiting and borrowing rights at all associated libraries, and to receive a University ID Card. A [Libraries Brochure](#) available online via the Library Hub provides further information about all libraries associated with the University. Access to library collections, including borrowing rights, are subject to reasonable constraints, which may be imposed by each library, governing opening or access hours, and access to reserve collections, special collections or sensitive materials.

**UDCat** - <https://divinity.on.worldcat.org/discovery> - is a combined library catalogue that allows the simultaneous searching of multiple libraries associated with the University. The search can be expanded to include WorldCat, the world's most comprehensive library database, enabling users to identify resources held in library collections around the world.

You are also searching UDCat when you use the *Books & eBooks* search on the Library Hub home page.

### 2. LIBRARY HUB

#### a. Introduction

The Library Hub - <http://library.divinity.edu.au/> provides access to an extensive range of online resources (databases, eJournals and eBooks) and a wealth of other library-related information. It is an online one-stop shop for all things "library", providing links to many useful tools and resources, including academic resources, library special collections, FAQs, and a range of general and subject-based LibGuides. A Google-like search box simultaneously searches multiple online resources and produces a single results list. Search results also include brief topic overviews called "Research Starters".

You can access individual databases via the A-Z Database List - <https://divinity.libguides.com/az.php>

#### b. History

In 2015 the University of Divinity, through its Library Committee, determined to establish a shared online Library Hub to provide a single point of access to online resources for members of the University. This aimed to create a consistent standard of access for all staff and students, regardless of

their home College or associated Libraries, and to reduce costs and increase resources by using a single licence where possible for online resources available to the whole University. The project was funded under the University's Strategic Plan, and after a competitive tender process, the project was established through an agreement between the University of Divinity and [Mannix Library](#).

The Library Hub was subsequently developed by Mannix Library on behalf of all members of the University, and officially launched in February 2016. The initial agreement was for three years (concluding on 31 December 2018) with an option for renewal. Since the Library Hub was established, additional resources have been added each year and significant service improvements have been provided to University staff and students. The original agreement was renewed for a further period of three years, on the recommendation of the University's Library Committee, in October 2018. The agreement authorises the Mannix Library Manager to liaise with vendors on behalf of the University and to liaise with libraries associated with the University to maximise the benefits of the Library Hub. Arrangements made under the agreement are reviewed annually, providing an opportunity to note ongoing projects to grow and improve the Library Hub, document targets for the following year and revise the annual budget.

### **c. Access**

Access to the Library Hub is available on site at all libraries. Remote access to all licensed content requires a username (email address) and password. These login details are the same as those used to access the University's Learning Management System ([ARK](#)) and the Theological Academic Management System ([TAMS](#)).

**Students:** Will automatically receive their login details as part of the enrolment process.

**Staff/Members:** All other eligible members of the University (including Honorary Researchers and University Scholars) who wish to access the Library Hub need to complete an [IT Systems Access Form](#) prior to them being issued with their username and password. The form needs to be approved by their home College. Please forward the completed application electronically to: [forms@divinity.edu.au](mailto:forms@divinity.edu.au)

## **3. UNIVERSITY ID CARDS**

The same University ID card can be used to borrow from all libraries associated with the University.

Please note that your card and contact details need to be added to each library's management system. This will generally already be done for you at the primary library associated with your home institution. If you wish to access any other library collections, please remember to register at each additional library before you borrow for the first time.

**Students:** A University ID card will be generated for all enrolled students of the University at the point of admission and may be collected from the student's home College.

**Staff/Members:** University ID cards for Staff and Member categories will be issued by either the relevant College of the University or the Office of the Vice-Chancellor.

## **4. CONTACT**

For any enquiries related to access to University-wide library resources and services please email [library@divinity.edu.au](mailto:library@divinity.edu.au)