Ever wondered what SALUS means?

Maybe South Australian Library ... Service or perhaps SA library users? Well actually it’s none of these and isn’t even an acronym.

**Salus** (Latin: *salus*, "safety", "salvation", "welfare") was a Roman goddess. She was the goddess of safety and well-being (welfare, health and prosperity) of both the individual and the state. She is sometimes equated with the Greek goddess **Hygieia**, though her functions differ considerably. (Wikipedia)

We adopted the name SALUS to represent our online library service back in 2000 and today, our SALUS is a well known name in the health industry.

The new SALUS website at [http://salus.sa.gov.au](http://salus.sa.gov.au) was launched in August 2015 along with a new authentication system via EzProxy and a new catalogue shared between all SA Health library sites.

Via SALUS, users across all of SA Health have access to thousands of online journals and databases via subscriptions to core publishers like Elsevier, Wolters Kluwer, Wiley, Ebsco, OVID, Springer, Proquest, APP and Informit.

Via SALUS, SA Health staff can also access point of care information such as UpToDate, MIMS, eTG’s, AMH, Injectable Drugs Handbook, Toxinz, Australian Standards and more with one click from the SALUS page.

**The “SALUS Search” box – what is it and what does it do?**

SALUS Search allows you to cross search all our subscribed databases and the catalogue at the same time. Your results list will show the items most relevant and readily available with links for electronic access or links to the catalogue where you can view the call number for print materials. You are also able to narrow your results to books, ebooks, ejournals or articles.

Of course, this does not replace quality searches that still need to be done via databases. Please contact your library staff to request an in depth search or for help.

Welcome, Natalie Dempster. new librarian at WCHN.

In October 2015 we welcomed a new face in the WCHN library. Natalie Dempster comes to the SA Health Library Service from Santos Ltd and is a qualified Librarian as well as previously working as a registered nurse. Natalie will be providing research and reference services as well as user instruction in the WCHN library.

We have 2 staff off on travels until the middle of 2016. Both Caryl Armstrong at the RAH/SA Pathology library and Robyn Davis at the Repatriation General Hospital library are taking some well-earned long service leave, so you won’t be seeing them around for a while. Other staff at those sites will be able to help you with your library requests.
What can I do with the new SA Health Library Catalogue? How is it better?

You can now do almost everything you can do with your university library catalogue or your public library catalogue.

With your new sign in for SALUS, you can login to your own library account and place books on hold, request books from another site, extend your loans and check your account for due dates. The “check your library account” link can be found on the SALUS home page. Or you can use this link to login to the catalogue and then select My Library account at the top of the page.

All SA health staff can now request books from any hospital site via the catalogue. You are also able to return your books to any site and we will transfer them back to their home.

We hope this new service and catalogue will make it easier for all staff to locate, borrow and return print materials. Please ask your library staff to show you how to use the system if you are unsure.

Why do some sites have different electronic resources?

Whilst SA Health Library Service is now one single library service, before 2012 the libraries were individually funded and managed. Historically, some were better funded than others leading to inequity of access to resources across SA Health. Over the last 2 years, we have worked hard to redress this situation and stay within budget. For the most part, the majority of subscriptions are now available to everyone. There will always be the need for some site specific subscriptions where services are only offered at specialised sites, e.g. paediatrics or renal transplantation.

Remember that a request for material that we do not subscribe to can always be made via Inter-library loan. An Electronic Interlibrary loan request form can be found on the home page of each library site on SALUS.

Christmas Closure Dates for 2015-2016

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