



# *ANZTLA South Australia Chapter Report 2012*

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## *South Australian Members of ANZTLA (2012)*

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**T**he major project for the chapter this year, has been preparing for the 2013 ANZTLA Conference. The main goals we wanted to achieve were: venue, dates, brochure, program and assigning roles to various committee people.

Alison Morin from EBL gave a presentation/demo about EBL during one of our chapter meetings. She answered questions that people had at the presentation and handed out a brochure called *An introduction to EBL Library*. The Chapter appreciated Alison's readiness to listen to our suggestions, and our request for EBL to negotiate with particular theological publishers.

Jan Barwick (former Tabor College Library Manager) retired in December 2011. We have welcomed new Tabor College Library Manager Oksana Feklistova to the ANZTLA SA Chapter.

We sometimes have staff members from Church archives attending our chapter meetings and being involved with the 2013 ANZTLA Conference preparations. Sue Ryan (Adelaide Catholic Archdiocesan Archives) is retiring in 2013.

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## Abraham Tversky Memorial Library, Beit Shalom Synagogue

The library continues to be a focal point for the Beit Shalom synagogue and for the Cheder (Religion School). New titles are added at regular intervals although limited shelving space means that the book selection policy has to be applied rigorously. The children's collection is frequently refreshed by the donation of recently published titles, purchased by members of the congregation.

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In July 2013, management of the library will be passed to a new volunteer librarian. ANZTLA membership is valued and will be maintained.

## Adelaide College of Ministries Library

The year was very quiet for the ACM Library with most work going into processing donations and second-hand texts, including a significant volume from the break-up of the New Creation Ministries Library and a private donor. The strategic work for 2013 will include improvement of journals access and development of an acquisitions policy.

## Adelaide Theological Library (ATL)

ATL is responsible to the Adelaide Theological Colleges Campus, Inc. for the provision of support for the teaching and research of the Adelaide College of Divinity (ACD). We also support theology students enrolled through Flinders University, and members of the church communities may register as community borrowers.

ATL will have new arrangements relating to ownership, management, access etc. following the withdrawal of St Barnabas' Theological College from the ACD at the end of 2012, and the withdrawal of Catholic Theological College from the end of 2013.

41% of our students are studying by distance mode, with an increased reliance on electronic resources, more individual assistance over the phone, and the loss of benefits from face-to-face contact.

ATL is purchasing ebooks where possible. We held 257 ebooks at the end of 2012.

The breadth and depth of our collection means we are a useful contact for inter-library loans. In 2012 we supplied 260 items to other libraries (55% of which were emailed as PDFs of journal articles or book extracts), and a further 239 items were provided to Flinders Library for their distance students.



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We value our strong formal and informal working relationships with other libraries eg ANZTLA SA Chapter, Flinders University, and the wider ANZTLA community.

We appreciate our volunteers, who provided over 170 hours’ assistance in 2012 with accessioning periodicals, re-shelving, database creation, and book sales.

### Australian House of Prayers for All Nations Library

Preparation for a third library site at the property on Kangaroo Island and assisting the local indigenous group at Raukkan Community, who have just begun to set up a new cultural centre, have been our aims this past year, along with much sorting and weeding. Raukkan Community is situated on the edge of Lake Alexandrina, South East South Australia.

800 - 900 books approximately have been removed from our library and donated to either Raukkan Community, the local mission shop or into a shipping container for transport to an overseas destination.

### Burrow Library, Bible College of South Australia

Bible College of South Australia has successfully introduced Moodle across all subjects over 2012. In the Burrow Library refurbishment continues with the current flooring being replaced in stages to ensure minimal disruption to our students and other clients.

### Catholic Resource & Information Service

The Catholic Resource & Information Service supports the mission of parishes, schools, church agencies and the Catholic community. Membership at CRIS is open to all and is free.

Resources available; include books, journals, DVD’s, videos, CDs, reference material, picture books, big books, posters, and on-line information.

The Service also holds the Indigenous Education, Asian Studies and Graduate Certificate collections.

Resources are available in the areas of:

- Contemporary religious education
- Liturgical and sacramental practice
- Scripture and theology
- Adult faith formation
- Pastoral care
- Contemporary issues
- And the needs of the Catholic and wider community

Extensive book reviews and topical resource lists are available online in current and earlier newsletters.

In 2012 the service had holdings of 27,698 items. There were 7435 borrowers with 3037 of these involved in tertiary and Graduate Certificate study. A total of 7741 items were borrowed in the year.



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CRIS provided access through the provision of online readings for teachers completing Graduate Certificate studies and university students involved in Catholic studies. Online usage through the Archdiocesan website also increased as patrons accessed the catalogue, newsletters and reservation facilities. Professional development and resource provision was highlighted as a major focus throughout the year. CRIS also continued outreach resourcing which involved facilitation and resource opportunities provided to Universities, parishes, schools and interested groups.

During 2012 CRIS hosted a number of eConferences at the centre. The Graduate Certificate Collection continued expansion with a total of 1915 items for the areas of Scripture, Theology, Methodology, Curriculum Design and the Made in the Image of God human sexuality program for Catholic schools.

Other collections include the Asian Studies collection, Indigenous Studies, SA Christian Meditation Community Collection and the historical Catholic Central library collection. The general collection includes resources on the Catholic tradition, contemporary religious education, liturgical and sacramental practice, adult faith formation, spirituality, retreats, pastoral care and religious leadership. Acquisition focus includes materials for catechesis, early years faith formation, vocations, young people’s ministry, sustainability and ecological conversion.

### Löhe Memorial Library, Australian Lutheran College

Australian Lutheran College is a member college of the MCD University of Divinity. Library cooperation includes participation in the web catalogue (MCD Cat) and a proposed new online library portal and being a recipient of library research acquisition grants.

The library is acquiring ebooks, with a particular focus on supplying online access to texts for our many off campus students.

### Tabor Adelaide Library

Tabor Adelaide library has been focusing on developing the library as a learning and mobile content environment. The library has been refurbished with flexible furniture for collaborative group work, places for quiet individual study and increased power outlets for laptop users. A secure wireless network is available everywhere on campus. Students can now print to student printers using their own wireless devices. The library has been adding an increasing number of electronic books, journals and video downloads over the year. Services to external students have been improved with electronic document delivery. Tabor Adelaide has extended reciprocal borrowing rights for current staff and students at Flinders University and UniSA libraries. There is also a Study Help Desk in the library staffed by postgraduate student mentors, that provides undergraduate students with learning assistance and information searching.