

Podcast 1: Welcome and Introduction to CDU Library

Welcome to CDU Library's Introductory Podcast.

In this Podcast I'll be talking to you about ways in which the Library and Library staff can help you find the information you will need to make your journey through to graduation easier and more enjoyable, whether you are studying at one of our CDU campuses, or externally.

So, how can you access Library resources?

If you are studying at either our Casuarina, Palmerston or Alice Springs campus, come in and say hello & organise to join a Library tour.

Wherever you are based, if you have Internet access you can begin by checking out our Library website, which you can get to by clicking on the Library link on the right hand side of the CDU homepage.

The Library homepage will explain to you how you can access the resources you need, whether you are on campus or not.

The main types of resources that will be available to you are:

- Hardcopy resources, such as books, DVDs and print journals on the many different subject areas taught here at CDU
- Electronic resources available via our website, such as databases that contain electronic journal articles, books, newspapers and more;
- Referencing guides;
- e-Reserve – an area within the library website where lecturers place useful journal articles;
- subject guides called "Find-it" guides and
- an "Ask Us" reference service if you would like to email the library staff with a question

To be able to utilise these library services - such as borrowing a book and accessing the electronic resources, you need to have a current student card that has been activated. The card is available from the Info Shop and your student computer account can be activated through clicking on the CDU Homepage, Current Students and My Student Info.

If you are new to tertiary study, you will probably need some help accessing these electronic resources. You can contact our specialist Library staff who know all about your subject area - we call them Liaison Librarians. They can make your life a lot easier and provide you with training in using databases to find information about your subject area. Their contact details are on the website. You can book a class online, or email them for help when you need it.

Also, check out the Library Catalogue on the website. The catalogue lists all the resources I have been talking about, both hard copy and electronic and is the best place to start looking for information for an assignment. You can also use the My Account Icon on the catalogue web page to check what you have borrowed, renew your loans and place a hold on materials someone else has borrowed.

Best wishes - do your best to make the most of what the Library has to offer - it can make your study and your life so much easier!