NEW LIBRARY SYSTEM COMING SOON
NT LIBRARIES JOIN WORLDWIDE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE

The Northern Territory Library, together with Alice Springs Public Library, will be delivering a new library system across the Territory from mid-2016, providing Library customers with a simpler and smarter Library experience.

The new system:
- Is very user friendly – if you can “Google it”, you’ve already got the skills needed to search the new catalogue.
- Can be accessed easily and securely on any device with web access, such as smart phones and tablets.
- Will allow the Library the opportunity to “work outside the box” visiting schools, communities and public events and offering membership and borrowing services in remote locations.
- Will be more reliable, with less system drop-outs and down-time.

Alice Springs Public Library Manager, Georgina Davison emphasised the importance of upgrading systems.
“Technology is constantly moving forward and if we – as information providers and caretakers - don’t move with it, we will eventually become outdated and obsolete. Our current system is over 16 years old and simply doesn’t allow for essential improvement and support for the services required by our libraries and customers.

“The new system – provided by OCLC, a worldwide library cooperative that is owned, governed and sustained by members – will provide a complete set of library management applications built on an open, cloud-based platform, while adhering to strict international standards around privacy and handling of data,” she said.

NT Libraries need customer’s consent to move data
According to Northern Territory Government’s Information Act, in order to transfer and store a resident’s details outside of the Territory, express permission must be obtained from all Library members in order for their membership to continue.

“The last thing we want is to lose valued customers through this process, but in order to remain a member of any Northern Territory public library, we require your consent to move your information to the new system’s database. “We truly believe this system will be a wonderful enhancement to our service and we hope Library users will embrace and welcome this exciting new technology,” she said.

Customers have until the new system goes live later in the year to give their consent - the Library will be keeping members informed throughout the process via email, SMS and letter. Once permission is granted, there is no further action needed on a customer’s behalf.

Residents who miss the deadline will not have their details migrated to the new system but are welcome to re-join any time after the Go Live date by visiting the Library – located at the corner of Leichhardt and Gregory Terraces – with personal identification.

For more information, visit the Library’s webpage here. You may also visit the Library, call 8950 0555 or email library@astc.nt.gov.au for more information.

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Background information for fact checking

**Northern Territory Government Legislation**
  Northern Territory Information Act

  Appendix 2 - Information Privacy Principles
  Information Privacy Principles (IPPs) taken directly from the *Information Act*.

**Northern Territory Government Media Releases**
- [New library system - a simpler, smarter future](#)
  7 March 2016

- [Budget 2015 - Helping libraries to manage their catalogues](#)
  28 April 2015

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Through OCLC, member libraries cooperatively produce and maintain WorldCat, the most comprehensive global network of data about library collections and services.

Libraries gain efficiencies through OCLC’s WorldShare, a complete set of library management applications and services built on an open, cloud-based platform.

It is through collaboration and sharing of the world’s collected knowledge that libraries can help people find answers they need to solve problems.

Together as OCLC, member libraries, staff and partners make breakthroughs possible.

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