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Welcome

Welcome to the July issue of the Spydus Newsletter! Another busy month with two libraries in NSW enjoying the launch of their new Spydus 8 systems. Wollongong City Library, south of Sydney went live on June 30 and Central West Libraries, headquartered in Orange NSW, went live on Managed Services on June 22. Read on for all the news of their fun-filled launch days!

The new Narellan Library opened by Camden Council in June combines a truly eye-catching architectural design with a fantastic range of services for the community. Don't miss the story and photos on this exciting new library. Site of the Month for July is the recently opened Lithgow Library Learning Centre, another example of Council commitment to delivering high quality learning and information services to the community.

We also review the new Spydus 8 Bookings Module in detail this month and Hot Tip #16 focuses on Acquisitions System Defaults, which will help make the task of ordering new resources fast and easy for library staff.

Suggestions and ideas for Spydus News are always welcome, please contact your Account Manager.

Central West Live with Spydus 8 via Managed Services

On Wednesday June 22, 2005, Central West went live with Spydus and not even the snowy weather outside prevented borrowers from coming to the library to be greeted by library staff in their bright, purple shirts. Another treat that awaited them were the matching purple-iced donuts for morning tea!



Jan Richards (Manager) and Ros Dorsman (Technical Services Librarian)

"We were excited to go live with Spydus and enjoyed celebrating the launch simultaneously with the library patrons and staff at each of our 7 branches," commented Ros Dorsman, Technical Services Librarian and Project Manager.

"For the first time, Central West Libraries' catalogue is available via the internet and open 24/7 for our local users and the wider community. The response to the web OPAC from our library patrons has been enthusiastic and immediate, especially after the TV coverage went to air, and has completely exceeded our expectations."

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PLA Albury 9-11 November

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"The donuts are finished, but purple shirt Friday will reign during July!" said Ros.

The Spydus library catalogue is available 24 hours a day on the web at <http://cwl.spydus.com/>

Wollongong City Live on Spydus 8!

Wollongong City Library made sure their Spydus 8 go-live on June 30 was a fun-filled day, with staff and patrons enjoying a funk band and morning tea to celebrate the launch of the new software.

Librarians donned specially designed purple T-shirts and were on hand to provide patrons with tips on how to search the Spydus catalogue. Patrons also received a gift bag that included a stress ball, pen, a stick on holder for Onloan slips and a Help Sheet for catalogue searches.



City of Wollongong, Lord Mayor, Alex Darling attended the launch and officiated over the cutting of the 'Spydus Launch Cake'. Councillor Darling said the Spydus system would provide customers of the City Library with a wide variety of benefits including faster access to information and answers to queries.

"The introduction of this new management system translates to convenience for members and other users of our City Library in terms of the much reduced time it will take to complete routine transactions," Councillor Darling said.



"In combination with the dedicated and helpful staff working within the City Library, the system will help realise an ongoing goal of the service, which is to move with the times in order to cater to customer expectation and demand."

From left to right: Susan Roberts, Manager Wollongong City Council Library; Lord Mayor Alex Darling; Phil Barr, Civica; Cr Alice Cartan; Cr David Brown and Neroli Blakeman, Project Manager LMS Implementation.

Wollongong City Library staff have been in training with the Spydus system for the past month and training will also be offered at a future date to interested customers once the system has become further established.

The Spydus Library catalogue is now available 24 hours a day on the web at <http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library/>

Camden Council opens new Library at Narellan



On June 6, Narellan's new and exciting Library and Community Space opened its doors to the public and more than 2500 loans occurred throughout the day and evening.

Residents of Narellan now have access to a state of the art library offering an extensive range of technology facilities including public access PCs, internet, scanner and colour printing facilities.

A Technology Volunteer is also available to help patrons learn to search the internet or send email.

To encourage the youth of the area to visit the library, services such as Homework Help, CD Listening Posts, Playstation and CD, DVD and Playstation Game hire are also provided.

A beautiful, modern building, using red glass as exterior rendering, the Narellan Library features a section of red glass displaying an abstract design created by a local student.



On Saturday July 30, the Library will celebrate the new facility with the entire community at a Family 'Open Day'.

Visit the website at <http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au/>

Site of the month: Lithgow Library Learning Centre



The City of Lithgow is situated on the western slopes of the Blue Mountains about 2 hours drive from Sydney and has a population of around 20,000 people.

On the 9th February this year, the new Lithgow Library Learning Centre was opened by the Premier, an event that coincided with the 125th year of continuous library service in Lithgow. The library has moved from the traditional library, which was presented to the community early this century by the Hoskins family of Lithgow, and is now situated in the former Woolworth's department store, within the central business district, a much more accessible location for the community.



Today Lithgow Regional Library has a collection of more than 96,000 items, four branches, 14 staff and numerous volunteers. A Spydus customer since 1993 the library provides a range of services with access to a variety of resources, including books, videos, CD-ROMs, cassettes, and computer and Internet access.

The Lithgow Library Learning Centre incorporates a technology centre, as well as a special homework area where students, particularly schoolchildren, can study in relative

peace and quiet, with supervised help.

Included within the library's comprehensive collection are books on the history of the American civil war, as well as a number of Roman and Greek classics, together with their translations into English. Universities around Australia borrow from the collection and it is quite unique for a country town to have a library of such an eclectic nature.



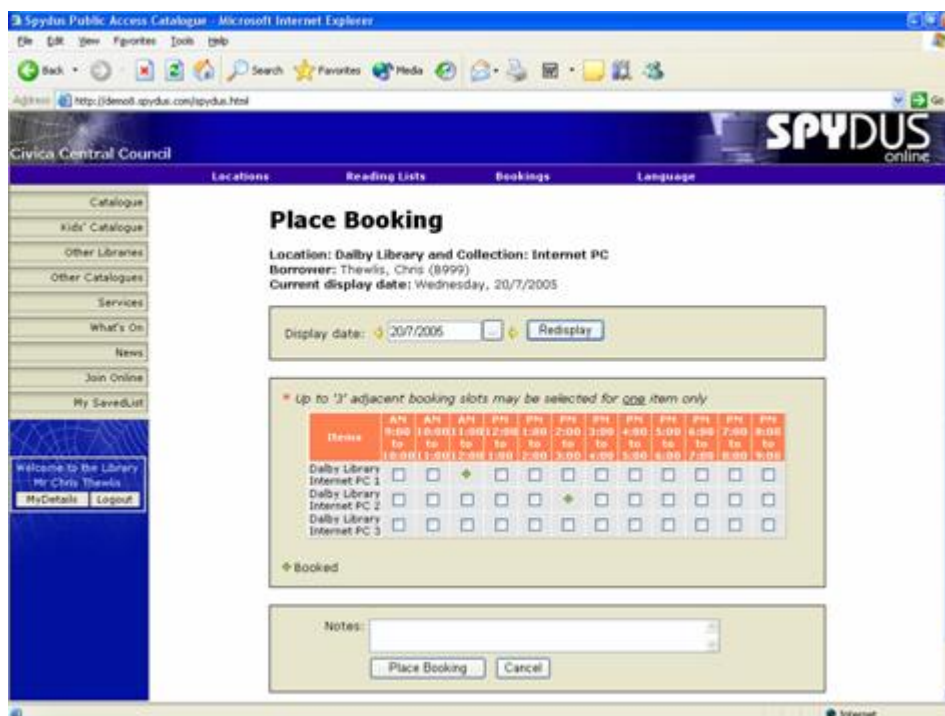
You can visit the Learning Centre at <http://www.learningcentre.lithgow.com/>

Spydus 8 New Bookings Module

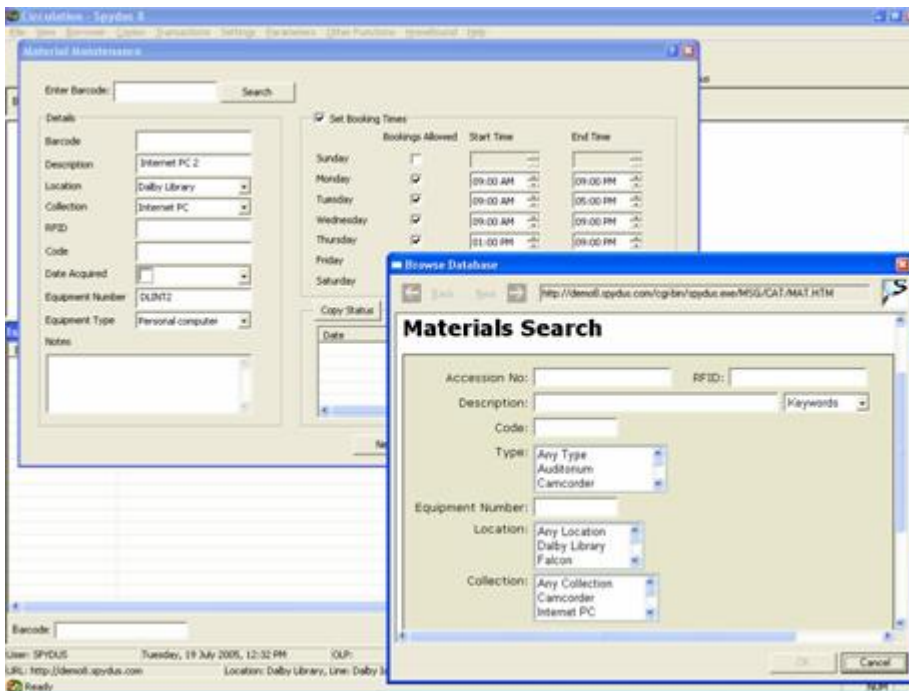
The Spydus 8 Bookings Module now features an improved user interface and allows library staff to add resources to the database via a specially designed interface. This provides library staff with far greater flexibility than the previous method of cataloguing resources as items attached to a MARC record.

Library staff can set-up each individual resource with a unique calendar that overrides the settings for the library's opening and closing times. Bookings and cancellations are conveniently accessed from the front desk function and a complete history of all bookings is retained with booking details easily accessed via the staff enquiry interface.

Civica has thoroughly reviewed the Booking Module system parameters, incorporating new parameters as requested by existing users of the module to deliver increased flexibility.



Placing a booking and selecting the Resource and Scheduled Time from the Menu.



Spydus 8 Materials Maintenance screen including the Materials Search Request form



Hot Tip # 16 – Acquisitions System Defaults

- **Session defaults** are applied to the first order in an order list
- **Current defaults** are applied to each order in the current list

To maintain the defaults when entering an order, click on Session defaults or Current defaults on the Settings menu. Note the Session Defaults command is only available when there is no order list open, while the Current Defaults command is only available when an order list is open.

Select the tab you wish to change using your mouse or press Ctrl + Tab to move between Tabs. Click OK to save your changes. If you change any of the defaults in an order, the changes are automatically saved as the current defaults. These will then be applied as the defaults to the next order in the list.

Note if you chose to select the Assign Defaults command the Current defaults will be applied.

New Spydus Staff

This month we welcome Tim Godfrey to the Spydus Support Team in our Collingwood office. Tim joins Civica with software development and support experience gained within the Wireless Communications industry. Away from the office, Tim leads a very active social life combining participation in Melbourne's dance music community (including occasional DJ'ing) with Mountain Bike riding and in the winter months, Snowboarding. Welcome aboard Tim!



Civica Sponsors CPLA 2005 Conference Dinner



The CPLA Conference was very well attended again this year and Ruza Obradovic was kept very busy catching up with our many customers during the three day event at Erina Fair, Gosford.

Civica was delighted to sponsor this year's CPLA "Medieval Feast" Conference Dinner held at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club and a fun-filled evening was enjoyed by all!



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