

Logan Libraries Collection Statement

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Vision

Logan Libraries provides a diverse collection of physical and digital resources that reflect the needs, interests, and cultural heritage of the City of Logan community. Logan Libraries' collections support literacy, lifelong learning, recreation, and cultural engagement.

We aim to provide a collection that:

- Embraces the needs, interests, ages, and abilities of the whole community
- Promotes literacy, lifelong learning, creativity and well-being
- Responds to community demand and publishing trends
- Represents and respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices, perspectives and cultural values
- Delivers value for money, supports sustainable collection management practices, and enables timely access.
- Is discoverable through physical and digital formats
- Supports equity, inclusion and free access to information
- Provides access to a broad range of ideas and viewpoints
- Represents people of all cultural backgrounds, identities, sexualities and abilities.

Guiding principals

Logan Libraries supports intellectual freedom and equitable access, guided by:

- Australian Library & Information Association (ALIA) Free Access to Information Statement.
- International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Statement on Libraries and Intellectual Freedom.

Selection and acquisition

Funding

Logan Libraries is funded through Logan City Council's annual budget and supported by the State Library of Queensland through the Public Library Grant program and statewide e-resource subscriptions.

Selection criteria

1. Materials must demonstrate relevance to community demand, local interests, and regional significance.
2. Resources are selected from reputable national and international publishers, authors, producers, and illustrators with demonstrated authority and professional standards.
3. Works by Australian and Queensland authors are actively supported to promote local voices and cultural representation.
4. The collection reflects Logan's cultural diversity.
5. The collection supports inclusive access to a broad range of information, ideas, and viewpoints.
6. Materials support literacy, lifelong learning, information needs, and recreational reading and viewing.
7. Resources are assessed for construction quality, presentation, durability, ease of use, and availability of appropriate vendor support.
8. Materials must be accurate, current, and supported by credible sources and evidence-based research where applicable.
9. Format suitability is considered to ensure accessibility, usability, and alignment with service delivery needs.
10. Pricing, including purchase, licensing, maintenance, and renewal costs, is evaluated to ensure sustainable collection management and value for money.
11. Selection decisions consider available space, storage capacity, and ongoing management requirements.
12. Resources must comply with copyright, licensing, and classification requirements.

Exclusions

- Materials prohibited by law, classified as restricted, or prohibited by licensing.
- Materials that are demonstrably misleading, factually inaccurate, or that promote misinformation, or harmful, or discriminatory views.
- Textbooks, except where they are the most appropriate format for public use.
- Items unsuitable for public lending, including workbooks, consumable materials, fragile or non-durable formats, or items of inappropriate dimensions.
- Items of poor quality, including those with poor sentence structure, spelling, or formatting.
- R-rated DVDs, films, television series, console games and graphic novels with a recommended reading age of 18+ are generally not considered for inclusion in the collection.

- Materials containing outdated or superseded information.
- Materials in poor physical condition.
- Self-published items unless they support programming, are in high demand, fill a subject gap, or are by City of Logan residents and meet the selection criteria.
- Items unavailable through library specific or specialist suppliers.
- Old, out-of-date, or fragile items, unless acquired for the Local Studies collection.

Resource Sharing

Logan Libraries participates in resource sharing and interlibrary loan (ILL) services to provide customers with access to materials not held in the library collection, and to extend the range of resources available to the community beyond the library's own holdings.

Interlibrary loan requests are filled in accordance with national and state library network agreements, availability of materials, and the lending policies of participating libraries across Australia. The library will make every reasonable effort to obtain requested items; however, fulfilment is dependent on the willingness and conditions of the supplying library.

Materials excluded from Inter-Library Loan:

- Items under two years old.
- DVDs and music CDs.
- Items restricted by format, condition, or licensing.
- Digital resources are not permitted for ILL under vendor agreements.
- Materials prohibited by law or classified as restricted.

Donations

The library welcomes donations of materials that enhance and strengthen the collection and align with community needs. Donations are accepted with the understanding that all items become the property of the library and are incorporated into the collection only when they meet library standards for relevance, condition, quality, and suitability.

Donations of library items must meet the same selection and exclusion criteria as items purchased for the collection and may be declined where sufficient copies are already held, storage capacity is limited, or items are outdated, generally those published more than two years ago.

The library retains full discretion over the use, placement, and disposal of all donated items.

Local authors

The library encourages and supports local authors by considering their works for inclusion in the collection, provided they align with the Collection Development Statement and selection criteria. Local authors must be members of Logan Libraries and be a current resident of the City of Logan.

The library accepts physical books and eBooks. Authors wishing to have their work considered for the collection may submit a request through the Logan Libraries' website: libraries@logan.qld.gov.au or by providing a physical review copy to their local library branch. eBooks submissions must be available on Overdrive or Borrowbox. All submissions become the property of the library and are evaluated by qualified staff using the same standards applied to all other acquisitions.

Customer requests

Customers can suggest titles for purchase via the library website or Logan Library App. Items published over two years ago are generally not considered. Requests are evaluated according to the selection criteria.

Collection overview

The Logan Libraries collection includes but is not limited to:

- Physical resources: books including accessible formats, audiobooks, DVDs, console games, magazines, newspapers, music CDs, graphic novels, games and other educational items.

- Digital resources: eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers, graphic novels, streaming media, databases, and online learning tools.
- Special collections: Nyeumba-Meta (First Nations), Local Studies, professional resources, community languages, genealogy, Accessible collection, learning materials.
- Works of fiction and non-fiction.

The Logan Libraries collection is made up of:

- Junior collections, primarily aimed at ages 0-12 years.
- Young adult collections, primarily aimed at ages 13-25 years.
- Adult collections, primarily aimed at ages 18 years and older.

Not all material will be suitable for all age groups. The responsibility for the reading, listening to, and viewing of library resources by children and young adults rests with their parents or legal guardians.

Local Studies Collection

Preserves Logan's history and heritage through books, photographs, maps, oral histories, and ephemera. Items are acquired through purchase, donation, or partnership and are generally not for loan.

Nyeumba-Meta Collection

This is a special collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander material. The collection includes books, journals, kits, audio/visual items and various artefacts. Items added to this collection will be assessed for cultural safety before being included. This collection will include items written by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, or those that are peer reviewed by appropriate publishers, organisation and/or professional bodies.

Requests for Review

A formal process is available for reconsideration or review of library items in the collection.

Requests must be submitted using the Request for Reconsideration form, found on the Library Website.

Before submitting a request for review or removal, customers should familiarise themselves with the Collection Statement. All submitted items will be assessed using the selection criteria outlined in the Collection Statement.

Deselection and collection evaluation

Deselection (or weeding) is an essential component of library collection management. It ensures that the library's resources remain current, accurate, relevant, and in good physical condition, while optimising space and maintaining a balanced, accessible, and high-quality collection. Deselection supports the community's changing needs and reinforces the library's commitment to providing reliable, up to date, and well-used materials.

Items may be deselected based on one or more of the following criteria:

- Condition
- Accuracy and currency
- Usage
- Relevance
- Format
- Quality
- Space and collection balance
- Licensing and access restrictions
- Superseded editions.

Deselected items are managed according to library procedures, which may include donation, recycling, or ethical disposal. Items are not automatically replaced; replacement decisions are based on relevance, demand, accuracy, and alignment with selection criteria.