

State Library of Victoria

The State Library is Victoria's premier reference and research library, the hub of a statewide information and communications network and a gateway to the world's information. The Library plays an important role in preserving and collecting Victoria's cultural heritage, making its collections available to the community through a range of services, exhibitions and cultural programs. The Library offers sophisticated information services for the 21st century, housed in a sympathetically restored heritage building.

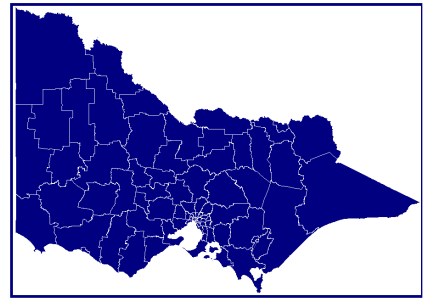
Today, the Library holds and collects diverse and complex materials in a variety of formats and covering a wide range of subject areas, with over 2 million books, serials and newspapers, plus hundreds of thousands of pictures (many available digitally), maps, manuscripts, sound and video recordings and other materials.

The collection includes thousands of significant and unique items reflecting Victoria's history, such as John Batman's journal, Ned Kelly's armour, and paintings such as William Strutt's *Black Thursday, 6 February, 1851*.

The Library boasts unique exhibition spaces that enable all Victorians to appreciate its treasures. The Cowen Gallery features a permanent exhibition of 150 artworks, including oil paintings and portrait sculptures, drawn from the Library's Pictures Collection. The Dome Gallery, overlooking the magnificently refurbished La Trobe Reading Room, houses two free permanent exhibitions: *The changing face of Victoria*, which highlights the people, places and events that have shaped Victoria; and *Mirror of the World: books and ideas*, which showcases many of the rare, beautiful and historically significant books held in the Library's collections.

Hours	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
State Library	10-9	10-9	10-9	10-9	10-6	10-6	10-6

The Library is closed public holidays and 25 December to 2 January.



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ENQUIRIES

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Information & Research Enquiries	8664 7002
Australiana & Heritage Collections Enquiries	8664 7009
Disability Services	8664 7005
Document Supply/Inter-library Loans	8664 7159
Ref Support Service (for metro public libraries)	8664 7162
Ref Support Service Toll-free Line (for country libraries)	1800 066 028
Ref Support Service (Email)	refsupport@slv.vic.gov.au
Centre for Youth Literature	8664 7014
Conference Centre	8664 7291
Education Programs (for schools)	8664 7015

BOOKINGS

Event Bookings	8664 7016
Tour Bookings	8664 7279

Features

Loan Period

- 4 weeks - Inter-Library Loan (if approved)
- Extension on request & subject to approval.

PCs & Internet

- 110 PCs for Internet research and email
- 34 PCs for catalogue and database use only
- Free wireless Internet access available
- eMacs with Adobe Creative Suite, plus Xboxes, Playstations and Gameboys (in Experimedia)

Adaptive Technology

- 3 computers with large screen and trackball mouse
- Magnifiers
- ScanR
- Braille Blazer Embosser Printer
- Telephone typewriter (TTY) - 9639 7006
- Software: Duxbury, ZoomText, Jaws, Kurzweil, UReader, Dragon Naturally Speaking

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Public Libraries and Community Engagement

Public Libraries and Community Engagement is a Division of the State Library of Victoria, reporting to the Director, Community, Learning and Public Library Partnerships.

Public Libraries and Community Engagement is the primary interface between the State Library of Victoria and Victoria's public libraries.

The role of the State Library in relation to public libraries is aligned to the responsibilities of the Library Board of Victoria (its governing body) defined in the *Libraries Act 1988*:

- To oversee cooperation in libraries and information organisations to promote access to library and information resources
- To exercise leadership and promote high standards in the provision of library and information services
- To provide advice and information to the Minister on any matters concerning libraries and information organisations.

Specifically Public Libraries and Community Engagement

- Supports the Library Board of Victoria's Advisory Committee on Public Libraries and *Framework for Collaborative Action*
- works to build the State Library relationship with public libraries
- communicates on behalf of the State Library across the public library sector and its stakeholders
- advocates for public libraries within the State Library and at other fora
- coordinates industry knowledge, research and innovation
- coordinates development and delivery of collaborative programs and projects that meet statewide public library needs, including the Statewide Public Library Development Projects
- facilitates strategy development

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