

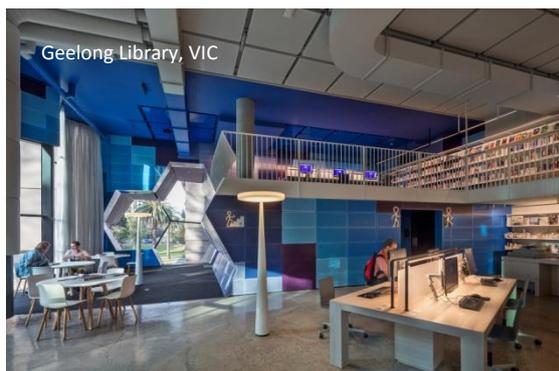
About libraries in Australia 2018

- There are 5,000 members of the Australian Library and Information Association
- 13,650 library locations in metropolitan, regional and remote Australia.
- 27,500 workers in libraries and information services.
- 12.9 million users in communities, schools, universities, TAFEs, government departments, research agencies, hospitals, NGOs, law firms, banks, media channels, technology companies and other knowledge-based enterprises across Australia.
- \$2.8 billion is the estimated annual investment in library and information services in Australia.



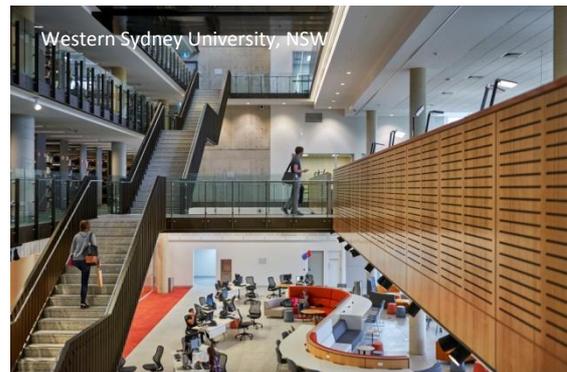
School libraries

In 2016 there were 9,414 schools in Australia. Almost all schools have a library of some description. The best school libraries have qualified teacher librarians and provide a range of services to students, including safer online experiences, group discovery-based learning and study spaces, and more electronic resources.



Public libraries

In 2015 to 2016 there were 1,656 public library service points, 113 million customer visits and 9.4 million registered library members. Total expenditure on public libraries was \$1.18 billion or the equivalent of \$49.11 per Australian. Independent studies have shown that for every dollar invested in public libraries, there is a \$2.90 return in terms of community benefits.



University libraries

There are 199 libraries in Australian universities, employing approximately 7,000 staff and providing library and information services to 1.3 million higher education students. The outstanding service provided by Australia's university libraries supports the government's international education agenda.

TAFE libraries

There are 250 libraries in TAFE (government-funded vocational education institutions) around Australia. TAFE library teams give every TAFE student the best chance of success, supporting their training and helping them develop lifelong learning skills.



Special libraries

We estimate in 2016 to 2017, there were 2,100 special libraries in Australia. Special libraries include government, health, law, corporate and other libraries that serve the public sector, institutions, businesses, arts and heritage, charities and not for profit organisations.

Collecting institutions

The National Library of Australia, State Libraries of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia, the Northern Territory Library and ACT Heritage Library collect, manage and make accessible the Australian human record. In

2016 to 2017, these libraries had collections valued at \$5.3 billion. They welcomed some 12.5 million visitors to their buildings and 74.2 million visits to their websites. The National Library's Trove is the home of Australian collections on the web, including digitised newspapers, pictures, journals and other items.

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