

LIBRARY SERVICES

There are hundreds of libraries throughout NSW including the State Library of NSW, those run by local councils, resource centres, TAFES and Universities. Most have access to inter-library loans (where books held in one library may be sent for loan to a different library on request of a user – check for fees) and many allow access to the internet.

State Library Services

The State Library has a number of different special topic areas. The main collection is held at the Library in Sydney.

The State Library of New South Wales

The State Library holds all publications published in NSW. Items from the Library's collections can be borrowed through local public libraries in NSW. To do this you will have to get your librarian to contact the State Library for you. Items such as books, videos and 16mm films are available for inter-library loan, with over 30,000 items lent each year. The library offers access to international libraries, databases and other information sources using the latest information technology. You can also ask to see the library's collection of CD ROMS which cover a variety of subject areas. In addition, there are special facilities and services for people with disabilities, school holiday programs and facilities to learn how to use a computer.

Macquarie Street

Sydney NSW 2000

Switchboard: 1800 226 161

TTY: 02 9273 1541

Website: <http://www.slsw.gov.au>

**Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-9pm
Sat-Sun 11am-5pm**

Legal Information Access Centre

LIAC is a network of Legal Information Access Centres located throughout NSW at the State Library of NSW and in ten public libraries in regional areas. LIAC aims to provide the general public with access to information about the law. The centres provide free and confidential access to legal information for the general public, those in helping professions and legal studies teachers and students. **LIAC specifically resources the HSC Legal Studies curriculum.** LIAC produces a bibliography that provides information about legal studies, and *Hot Topics*, which is an ongoing series of information packages about recent changes and current debates in the law. This is distributed to all public libraries. Also available at 100 public libraries across NSW (metropolitan and country) is the *Legal Tool Kit*. The Legal Tool Kit is a regularly updated collection of plain language books about the law. An extra service available on the LIAC webpage is the Legal Eagle Update, which includes recent changes in the law, case summaries, further reading and future developments to watch out for. **The Legal Eagle Updates specific aim is to help legal studies students keep up to date with recent changes in the law relating to both the 2 and 3 Unit syllabus, and to alert them to important developments which are in the pipeline.**

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Phone: 02 9230 1558
Fax: 02 9223 8920
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E-mail: liac@ilanet.sl.nsw.gov.au
Website: <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/liac/>
Opening Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-6pm
Friday 9am-5pm
Sunday 11am-5pm

Regional LIACS are located in the following Public Libraries:

Bega Valley Shire Library	Ph: 02 6492 9427
Broken Hill City Library	Ph: 08 8080 2229
Coffs Harbour City Library	Ph: 02 6648 4900
Gosford City Library	Ph: 02 4324 6711
Great Lakes Shire Library (Forster)	Ph: 02 6554 5827
Hawkesbury City Council Library Service (Windsor)	Ph: 02 4560 4469
Liverpool City Library	Ph: 02 9821 9440
Macquarie Regional Library (Dubbo)	Ph: 02 6884 7366
Northern Regional Library Info Service (Moree)	Ph: 02 6752 1889
Upper Murray Regional Library (Albury)	Ph: 02 6023 8198

Health Information Service

This service will help you find up-to-date, reliable information about health and well being. The Health Information Service can help you find the information on many topics such as drug information, menopause, pregnancy, eating disorders, osteoporosis and HIV/AIDS.

State Library of NSW

Level 7, General Reference Library

Macquarie St

Sydney NSW 2000

Switchboard: 1800 226 161
Ph: 02 9273 1684
Fax: 02 9273 1252
Email: slinfo@ilanet.sl.nsw.gov.au

Infocus: Linking People and Information

This service is provided by the Education Service at the State Library of NSW. This service aims to provide schools, teachers and students with hard to locate information in the form of journal articles, newspaper clippings and reproductions of heritage materials all chosen for their relevance to NSW HSC courses. **Infocus resources are available for more than 20 HSC courses.** To receive information, schools and institutions need to subscribe to this service. For subscription information, your librarian needs to contact the Education Service at the State Library.

Switchboard: 1800 226 161
Ph: 02 9273 1519
Fax: 02 9273 1248

The Women's Library-Sydney

The Women's Library collection focuses on feminist literature. Many of the books are self-published and/or by small women's presses and are not otherwise widely available. They also hold copies of texts that are currently required reading for Women's studies courses at Sydney universities. If you have a disability or live outside the metropolitan area, you may borrow books by post. The library will cover the cost of sending the items to you, but you must cover the return postage. Alternatively, you can nominate another person to pick up and return the books for you. There is a small membership fee and holding deposit. The Women's library also has available a VCR, computer, access to the Internet and fax and photocopy facilities.

8-10 Brown St

Newtown NSW 2042

Phone: 02 9557 7060

Fax: 02 9557 5720

E-mail: twl@rainbow.net

Opening Hours: Tues-Fri 11.00am-8.00pm

Sat-Sun 11.00am-5.00pm

Closed Monday

Jessie Street Women's Library

The Jessie Street Women's library is an educational and information centre that has an excellent and rapidly growing collection of books, journals, reports, posters, archival material and the beginnings of an oral history section. It is a library for readers and researchers that collects material relating to women and issues of importance to them. This library is not a lending library, but has photocopying facilities available. To use the library, you should ring and check the availability of material that you are interested in, and then make an appointment. It is also possible for the librarian to photocopy and post some material for students who are unable to visit the library.

Town Hall House

Corner Druitt and Kent Sts

PO Box 2656

Sydney NSW 1043

Phone: 02 9876 3927

Fax: 02 9876 3927

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10.00am-2.00pm

TAFE and University Libraries

Your local TAFE and /or University Library is able to offer you a wide range of information and technology that perhaps would not be available at your local library. Many TAFE and University libraries allow citizens to join them who are not enrolled at the institution. If you are not able to join you will still be able to photocopy information. To contact your local TAFE and /or University library check your local phonebook for your nearest campus. TAFE's and Universities are located around the state.