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**Sun goes down on *Light from Light***

Art and library lovers have a last chance to get up close with State Library of Queensland's internationally-acclaimed *Light from Light* installation this month.

State Library Acting CEO Helen Brodie said *Light from Light* has surprised unsuspecting visitors since October 2010, with its artworks embedded amongst library collections and public areas.

The installation of 22 contemporary artworks that has been mirrored simultaneously across China, closes on 31 January.

"I encourage visitors to explore *Light from Light* with Curator Kim Machan, of Multimedia Art Asia Pacific, and artists Archie Moore and Grant Stevens on a special tour on Saturday 21 January.

"This is the final chance to view works by Australian and Chinese artists, that explore the properties and metaphors of light, and the notion of 'the library' as a site of enlightenment," Ms Brodie said.

"The light-inspired and light-generating artworks include neon art objects, light-sculptures, sounds generated by the sun and illuminated texts and an outdoor photovoltaic geodesic dome."

Ms Brodie said what makes *Light from Light* extraordinary is the fact it has been also touring major libraries throughout China since 2010, where visitors have been able to see copy cat versions of these works, mirrored over 7,000km away.

"It was first mirrored simultaneously in State Library and Shanghai Library, before it toured to Beijing's National Library of China, National Art Museum of China and Hangzhou Public Library, enabling Australian and Chinese audiences to experience the same artworks at the same time."

Bilingual maps help State Library visitors discover the artworks and installations. For details visit [www.lightfromlight.net](http://www.lightfromlight.net)

*Light from Light* is an initiative of Brisbane-based contemporary media art organisation MAAP-Multimedia Art Asia Pacific, in partnership with State Library.

It is supported by the Queensland Government from art+place Queensland Public Art Fund; Australian Government through the Australia Council; the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through the Australian International Cultural Council and the Australia China Council.

*Light from Light* runs until 31 January 2012.

***Light from Light* Curator and Artists Tour**

**Sat 21 Jan, 2pm**

**State Library of Queensland**

**Free, no bookings required**

Ends

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