

Other collections of interest

State Library of Queensland collections cover most areas of knowledge and contain a wealth of interesting and valuable material. It retains its older collections and also holds significant collections of rare books and an extensive collection of newspapers. The main subject strengths are featured in specific guides, but other areas of interest are listed below.

What other collections are included in the State Reference Library?

Motor manuals

The State Library holds car repair manuals, dating from the early twentieth century to the present. The collection also includes service station manuals and current and historical automotive magazines featuring indexed information about repair and maintenance. Manuals for small engines such as outboard motors and lawnmowers used in Australia are also held. Search the collection at *The Garage* located at www.slq.qld.gov.au/garage

Journals and magazines

Long runs of serials which offer coverage on a wide range of subjects, including engineering, fashion, sport, the arts, current events and scientific works. Some of the State Library's collection of serial holdings begin in the nineteenth century, such as *Punch* magazine (held 1841-1992).

Exploration and travel

Comprehensive collection of current and historical travel guides, such as Fodor's and the *Lonely Planet* series. The Reference collection also includes specialised atlases, publications detailing expeditions of discovery and works about significant regions in world politics and history.

Jane's information series

Extensive holdings of this series of publications detailing military information and defence technology, including *Jane's Fighting Ships*, *All the World's Aircraft*, *Dictionary of Naval Terms*, *Guns Recognition Guide* and many more. This series currently features 72 different titles, many of which are published as annual volumes.

Horticulture and gardening

Extensive holdings in areas of garden history, garden plants and gardening techniques, with comprehensive coverage of gardening for Australian conditions, and alternative methods, including permaculture, hydroponics and organic gardening.

Cook books

Historical, classic and current works on a range of national cuisines, encyclopaedias of methods and techniques, nutrition, home economics and family living. A collection of works from the Slow Food Association is a feature.

Alternative energy and environmental technology

A growing collection of current works on technologies which respond to social and environmental concerns, such as renewable energy sources, environmentally sensitive architecture and urban design.

Audiovisual collection

This collection includes both film study and documentary material, primarily in video and DVD formats. The documentary component is strong in anthropology, art and architecture, history, language and literature, health and medicine, music and dance, and political and social issues. The film study component has an emphasis on foreign language features, experimental film, independent productions, and classic film including silent cinema.

What is a Rare Book?

A rare book may be defined as rare because of its age, its format, its limited print run, its association, or because the small number of copies which have survived render it a scarce and valued item requiring particular care in both its use and its ongoing preservation.

What does the Rare Book collection include?

The State Library houses rare books in the following collections:

The John Oxley Library

This is the major collection of rare published material of relevance to Queensland's history, development and cultural life. The John Oxley Library rare books collection also includes works of Australian literature, the private library of the Rt Hon Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Matthew Nathan GCMG, Governor of Queensland from December 1920 to October 1925, and 400 books and pamphlets dating from the eighteenth century to the late twentieth century on the theme of whaling in southern waters.



The Australian Library of Art

The Australian Library of Art features the documentation of Australian art, Australian artists' books, and comprehensive holdings of Australian private press material. The collection also includes the Lindsay Collection of Pat Corrigan, the James Hardie Library of Australian Fine Arts, and the History and Art of the Book collection.

What does the Newspaper collection include?

State Library holds extensive collections of Queensland newspapers, representative Australian capital city newspapers, national titles of significance and a selection of overseas titles.

In many instances these newspapers range from current issues back to the first issues published. Depending on the issues you are seeking, some will be available in hardcopy (paper) while others will be available only on microfilm. The online database *NewsBank* provides the complete non-commercial content of over 200 Queensland and interstate newspapers, and 120 international titles. *NewsBank* is available statewide to holders of an e-services card, or members of Queensland public libraries.

- Queensland newspapers include *The Courier-Mail*, *Queensland Times*, *Toowoomba Chronicle*, *Western Times*, *Sunshine Coast Daily*, *Bundaberg News Mail*, *Rockhampton Morning Bulletin*, *Longreach Leader*, *Mackay Daily Mercury*, *Townsville Bulletin*, *North West Star*, *Cairns Post*, and many other titles, including hundreds no longer in publication.
- Australian capital city newspapers include the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Melbourne Age*, *Adelaide Advertiser*, *West Australian*, and *Northern Territory News*.
- National titles include *The Australian*, *The Australian Financial Review*, and *The Bulletin*.
- Overseas titles include the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *London Times*, and *New Zealand Herald*.

How do I locate these resources?

Use the State Library's online catalogue to identify what you need and where it is located. Note that newspapers can not be ordered online using the "request" function of the catalogue. The current month of a range of papers can be used in the Tim Fairfax Newspaper Room on level 3 of the State Library at South Bank, Brisbane. Newspapers on microfilm are also on level 3. Rare books are available in the John Oxley Library on level 4.

See additional Info Guides: *How to Search the Catalogue* and *How to request an item*.

NewsBank and other databases may be accessed on the State Library website via www.slq.qld.gov.au/find

How do I borrow it?

Rare books, serials (magazines) and newspapers are not available for loan. Material held in the State Reference Library can be made available on inter-library loan via your local public library. They are not available for loan directly to individuals.

Need further information?

State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank

Reference Services: 07 3840 7810

John Oxley Library: 07 3840 7880

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