



## Indigenous library services

The State Library of Queensland delivers library services for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders from both Brisbane and Cairns through public libraries and the network of Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKCs). IKCs are located in Cherbourg and in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the Cape York and Torres Strait region.

### What collections and services are offered?

- *kuril dhagun* IKC located on level 1 of the State Library, has existed as a space in the State Library of Queensland since November 2006. In 2009, the State Library developed a new strategic direction for *kuril dhagun*, to be implemented through a three phase process. Phase 1 of the new strategy has been an investment in the refurbishment of the physical space (completed). Phase 2 will be the development of a framework for the use of the space including confirmation of the strategic direction (in progress). Phase 3 will be the delivery of programs under the developed framework (to be completed in the first half of 2010), at which stage, you will be able to experience a wide range of examples of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge and culture, from the traditional to the contemporary.
- Indoor and outdoor spaces, including a talking circle and fire pit, attached to *kuril dhagun* for use by groups holding meetings, community events or celebrations.
- State Library Resource Officers provide assistance to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders researching their family histories. Also see the *Family History* Info Guide.
- Onsite and online access to the historical and contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collections of the State Library.
- Protocols for accessing and using Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collections.
- Advice and assistance for local governments wishing to provide or improve library services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients through the State Library's *Welcoming Places – Ideas for public library services for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders*.

### How do I access these services?

- Visit the State Library of Queensland at South Bank, Brisbane to access:
- *kuril dhagun* Indigenous Knowledge Centre on level 1
- family history resources on level 3
- research collections in John Oxley Library on level 4

Log on to the State Library's website at [www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/ind](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/ind)

### Need further information?

State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place, South Bank

Reference Services: 07 3840 7810

John Oxley Library: 07 3840 7880

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