

National & State Libraries Australasia

NSLA represents the National, State and Territory Libraries of Australia and New Zealand. We are collaborating to strengthen the information infrastructure; to improve access to library services; and to provide a single voice for member libraries to governments, the cultural and education sectors, and other relevant bodies.

It is a forum for strategic and innovative thinking, advocacy and cooperation.

All NSLA members endorse *The Big Bang* and will be working to incorporate these directions into strategic planning during 2007–08. Some of these directions entail collaborative or joint projects, and some will be developed wholly within each library service.

In August 2006, NSLA published *Libraries in the Digital Environment* for stakeholders and interested parties outside the library sector. It describes our key achievements, the body of work for libraries and our aspirations for the national digital agenda. *The Big Bang* is a companion document to *Libraries in the Digital Environment*.

NSLA member libraries

ACT Library & Information Service
National Library of Australia
National Library of New Zealand
Northern Territory Library
State Library of New South Wales
State Library of Queensland
State Library of South Australia
State Library of Tasmania
State Library of Victoria
State Library of Western Australia

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References

These five papers/speeches/productions have been influential in 2006–07. They are available on the NSLA website.

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- > 'Libraries and the Creative Economy', Charles Leadbeater, Library of the 21st Century Symposium, February 2006, slv.vic.gov.au/programs/events/2006/symposium/economy/leadbeater.html
- > 'Library 2.0 Theory', Jack Maness, June 2006, webology.ir/2006/v3n2/a25.html
- > 'Web 2.0 ... The machine is Us/ing Us', Mike Wesch, You Tube, January 2007, youtube.com/watch?v=6gmP4nk0EOE

Companion paper

Libraries in the Digital Environment, NSLA, August 2006, nsla.org.au/publications/papers/

NSLA strategies for 2007–09

Reshaping our collections

- > NSLA Libraries will reshape their collections, guided by Principles 1–4.
Project responsibility: All NSLA Libraries
- > A core set of e-resources will be defined for Australia and New Zealand.
Project responsibility: National Library of Australia, with the NSLA Consortium to assess and advise; NSLA to approve

Finding our collections

- > NSLA will assess whether Libraries Australia and LibrariesNZ can be the first point of search for all library users. Assessment to be completed by 2009.
Project responsibility: National Library of Australia; National Library of New Zealand; all NSLA Libraries
- > NSLA will assess the impact of changes to Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (AACR) on cataloguing.
Project responsibility: All NSLA Libraries to send representatives to Australian Committee on Cataloguing meeting in Brisbane in September 2007; NSLA working group may be established following this meeting
- > NSLA Libraries will encourage collecting institutions in their state or territory to implement open source.
Project responsibility: All NSLA libraries; NSLA Chair

Delivering our collections

- > Digitisation of newspapers
Project responsibility: All NSLA libraries; project convened by the National Library of Australia
- > Rethinking Resource Sharing Working Group
Project responsibility: Group convened by the National Library of Australia; collaboration with ALIA
- > Investigating home delivery
Project responsibility: Rethinking Resource Sharing Working Group
- > NSLA Libraries will accelerate digitising efforts.
Project responsibility: All NSLA libraries

Collecting and preserving our digital heritage

- > Investigation of shared tools for managing or curating digital heritage, and assessment of national and international efforts
Project responsibility: National Library of Australia; National Library of New Zealand
- > NSLA Libraries will continue to collaborate on web preservation.
Project responsibility: All NSLA libraries
- > Recognition of digital repository achievements in other parts of the library sector, such as university libraries
Project responsibility: All NSLA libraries

Expanding user expectations

- > Re-imagining Library Services Project, 2007–08
Project responsibility: NSLA Chair and Secretariat; all NSLA libraries
- > Scope cost and implications of collaborative internet guides
Project responsibility: NSLA Information Access Group; all NSLA libraries
- > Scope federated Australian Memory and Digital New Zealand projects
Project responsibility: NSLA Information Access Group; all NSLA libraries
- > Use the New Zealand Digital Content Strategy to inform the advocacy and development of an Australian framework
Project responsibility: NSLA Chair, as ex-officio Director of Collections Council of Australia
- > Contribute to Australian Research Council Linkage Project 'Cultural Collections, Creators and Copyright', led by the University of Melbourne
Project responsibility: NSLA, on behalf of member libraries
- > Contribute to Australian Research Council Linkage Project 'Australian Information Searchers', led by Swinburne University, and other research projects, and consider the findings and emerging issues
Project responsibility: State Library of Victoria, as a member of the 'Searchers' project; all NSLA libraries