

NSLA Strategy 2023-2026: Leading Together

NSLA is a collaboration between the national, state and territory libraries of Australia and New Zealand

Mission

We share knowledge, resources and expertise to advance our libraries and to drive positive, respectful change for the benefit of Australians and New Zealanders.

National and
State Libraries
Australasia



Vision

Our collective action creates long-term benefits for our libraries and communities

Our collections are connected, rich and sustainable

Libraries are at the heart of the cultural life of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand

Our workforce is skilled and diverse

Libraries are trusted and valued

Strategic Priorities

Collections

Evolve our understanding of, and approach to, collection development and stewardship

First Nations

Strengthen respectful and responsive relationships between libraries, First Nations library professionals, and tangata whenua

People

Recognise and share expertise; develop our people

Audience and Advocacy

Champion equity, access, and the value of libraries

Collaborative Projects and Initiatives

- National edeposit service (NED)
- Sustainability, storage and security of growing physical and digital collections
- Solutions for born digital collecting, preservation and access
- Shared position on future of web and social media archiving
- Joint policies and training arising from the NSLA Culturally Safe Libraries Program
- Annual Indigenous cultural capability audits to track change in NSLA libraries
- Evolving approach to respectful collection management in partnership with First Nations subject matter experts
- Leadership development through NSLA projects and secondments
- Sharing of inclusion and diversity policies and initiatives
- Leveraging and advancing the digital expertise of library staff
- Championing best practice and the value of libraries
- Championing principles of open access
- Sharing strategies for audience development
- Demonstrating leadership against five United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

NSLA Operational Plan 2023-2024

Strategic Priorities	Collections	First Nations	People	Audience and Advocacy
Objectives	Evolve our understanding of, and approach to, collection development and stewardship	Strengthen respectful and responsive relationships between libraries, First Nations library professionals, and tangata whenua	Recognise and share expertise; develop our people	Champion equity, access, and the value of libraries
Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NED strategic plan (2023-2026), revised governance model and operational plan - Emulation as a Service Infrastructure (EaaSI) project for access to legacy born digital collections - Shared approach to social media collecting policies and platforms - Shared position on web archiving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Nations collection description guidelines, in partnership with sector peak bodies and advisory groups - Workshops and resources on Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP) - Indigenous Knowledges Symposium co-hosted with CAUL and ALIA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professional development webinar series for NSLA staff and broader GLAM sector, delivered in partnership with other sector organisations in Australia and New Zealand - In-person and online meetings for NSLA advisory groups professional and networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NSLA 50th anniversary campaign to highlight and share expertise within NSLA libraries and the library sector - Joint submissions in response to government inquiries of relevance - Sharing of audience development analysis and strategies
Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NSLA Heads of Collections Advisory Group - NED Steering Group & NED Operational Group - Australian Libraries & Archives Copyright Coalition - Trove Strategic Advisory Committee - Digital Preservation Coalition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NSLA First Nations Advisory Group - Blakforce (First Nations staff network) - OCLC – building upon the <i>Reimagine Descriptive Workflows</i> project - Australian Library & Information Association, Council of Australian University Librarians, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, CAVAL, Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa, Te Rōpū Whakahau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NSLA Heads of Corporate Services Advisory group - ALIA Professional Pathways Program - NSLA professional networks: Conservation, Oral History, Digital Preservation, Storage, Community Engagement, Visitor Experience, Learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NSLA Copyright Advisory Group - Australian Media Literacy Alliance - National Early Language and Literacy Coalition - Australian Open Science Network - Open Access Australasia