

ANNUAL SUMMARY 2015

NSLA is a collaboration between the ten National, State and Territory libraries of Australia and New Zealand. We are committed to achieve more through working together. *Leading Collaboration*, our strategic plan for 2015-2017 was released in April 2015, outlining our priorities for the next three years under two key strategies.

STRATEGY 1: SHARED SOLUTIONS

Working together maximises efficiency, innovation and sustainability, and provides better outcomes for library users.

In 2015:

- twenty-four staff undertook the Library of Congress's **Digital Outreach and Education Program** (DPOE), a train-the-trainer workshop in the principles and practices of preserving digital materials; the group presented more than 40 sessions based on DPOE in their libraries in 2015
- six member libraries participated in a **digital preservation proof-of-concept pilot** to explore the potential benefits of collaborative approaches to system solutions
- our collections were comprehensively audited identifying nearly 400,000 items on **obsolete physical carriers** (e.g. floppy disks, videotape) that are at risk from degradation or the lack of software or playback devices by which the information they hold can be played, read, rendered or copied.
- thirty staff working in copyright, Indigenous collections, archives, pictures and maps attended the **Heritage Collections Forum** to strengthen networks and discuss issues of common interest, such as appraisal and valuation, digital collecting and copyright
- detailed analysis of **pictures digitisation and description workflows** for large collections provided a framework for NSLA libraries to map their own workflows and business rules to assess and improve digitisation processes
- seven **communities of practice** were established in areas of strategic importance to NSLA libraries to share knowledge and insights, to build relationships between specialists in our network and to foster shared practice and innovation.

STRATEGY 2: COMMUNICATIONS AND INFLUENCE

We will use our influence to remove barriers to collecting materials and providing access to information for the community.

In 2015:

- NSLA was a founding member of **Digital Access to Cultural Collections**, a core group of collection sector peak bodies, collaborating to develop a national framework for digital access and to update copyright provisions
- ninety professionals from libraries, government and cultural sector organisations attended *Linked up, Loud and Literate*, a NSLA seminar focusing on **libraries' role in digital citizenship**, at the National Library of New Zealand
- NSLA provided submissions or comment on: Review of the Protection of Movable Cultural heritage Act; National Arts and Culture Accord Digital technology Survey Report; Telstra Digital Inclusion Index; Australian Heritage Strategy; Productivity Commission Inquiry on Intellectual Copyright.
- NSLA was represented at the West Australian Government inquiry into Standards Australia online products, seeking to expand **public access to standards**

2014-2015 ANNUAL STATISTICS

Combined data from the 10 libraries



12.4 million people visited our library buildings



37.9 million visits were made to our websites, including Trove



12.7 million visits were made to library catalogues



4,756 terabytes of digital collections were stored



\$36.7 million was the total spend on collections



\$5 billion was the asset value of our collections



\$993 million was the asset value of our buildings/sites.

PROGRAM AND MANAGEMENT

Dr Alex Byrne, Chief Executive and State Librarian, State Library of New South Wales, is NSLA Chair for 2015-2016. The NSLA Executive Officer and the NSLA Office are based at the State Library of Victoria.

PROJECTS

Copyright
Digital Preservation
Digital Skills
eResources Consortium
Heritage Collections
Indigenous
Legal Deposit
Literacy and learning

COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

Communications and Marketing
Corporate Services
Funding and Sponsorship
Public Libraries
Storage
Trove
Visitor Experience

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PRIORITIES FOR 2016:

- continued planning for a collaborative approach to legal deposit of digital materials
- the next stage of training for digital preservation practitioners, concentrating on technical skills and on workflow tools and design for NSLA libraries
- presenting digital citizenship events in Australia, focusing on e-government, digital inclusion and the role of libraries in supporting communities to engage online
- highlighting the importance of digital preservation during a week of activities and digitally-driven communications.
- progressing digital preservation and infrastructure projects, including system partnerships, the next stages of a technical registry and obsolete physical carriers, and supporting practitioners and capability in our libraries
- developing the program for a commemorative activity in Australian member libraries in 2017 to mark fifty years since the 1967 federal referendum on Indigenous citizenship.