STATE LIBRARY

Giving at the State Library of Western Australia

Join us in writing a new chapter

WELCOME TO OUR GIVING PROGRAM

Welcome to the State Library of Western Australia's Giving Program. Our organisational mission is to treasure stories, inspire possibilities and strengthen communities—and our new Giving Program is designed to enable us to do exactly that. With your help, we can take the State Library's important work to new heights and explore exciting future opportunities.

This brochure outlines your options for how you can make a tangible difference by joining one of our giving circles and becoming an important partner in our mission to enable knowledge and inspiration for all Western Australians.

Our Giving Program is designed to be much more than just the financial support it provides. It is designed as your opportunity to grow closer to both the State Library and other like-minded supporters by means of investing into the enrichment of minds and lives of Western Australians across the State.

Your commitment will enable the wide sharing of Western Australian stories and content with the world, securing their place in history and informing our collective future.

As a supporter to the State Library, you will become an active contributor to our programs and a part of the wider State Library family.

I invite you to make a tax-deductible donation towards the program area you feel most passionate about. Your involvement in vital impact areas such as Education and Literacy; Thought Leadership and Collections Research; Communities and Access; Reading and Writing; Aboriginal Empowerment; and WA Family Histories will ensure that we are able to continue offering our services free of charge for all Western Australians and undertake important, strategic projects to fully enable our potential into the future. 100% of your donation will be invested in the impact area you specify.

I am proud to present this new program to you, which will be integral to our future ability to sustain, grow and further develop our work. Please consider becoming a part of it. I am sure you will find it a fulfilling experience.

Catherine Clark

Catherine Clark
CEO and State Librarian

GIVING AT THE STATE LIBRARY

As an icon of community, creativity and culture for all Western Australians, we are privileged to be enjoying more popularity than ever, with over 1 million visitations per year. However, we are only able to share the 'tip of the iceberg' of our 35km of collections shelving, including the incredible stories they all hold. We are sitting on a treasure trove of untold stories waiting to be made access-ready and shared through events, exhibitions and digital experiences—and we require your help to do so.

Your financial support of the State Library will help us to fully enable our potential, deliver important strategic projects and make our vast collections accessible. It will foster the joys of reading, curious inquiry and lifelong learning; crucially, it will help enable positive life outcomes through literacy and digital inclusion and connect communities across our vast State. It will also ensure that our vital services will continue to be offered free of charge and provide open access to education and opportunity for Western Australians from all ages, backgrounds and walks of life.

Everyone's story is important to us, and we invite you to write yourself into our story today by joining one of our giving circles. Your support will help us continue to write the ongoing, diverse and multifarious West Australian story.

We are a registered charity and deductible gift recipient, so all donations to the State Library are tax-deductible.

Your gift can be directed towards the State Library as a whole or directly support the area you feel most passionate about, with the entirety of your gift going towards the area specified. You will have the pleasure of knowing that your contribution will be one for all Western Australians to enjoy.

Join us in writing a new chapter today—together we can achieve amazing things.

Donors giving $500 and above annually will be invited to join our supporter community, be acknowledged on our website and in annual reports and receive regular written updates.

They also get to enjoy an in-depth connection to the State Library and like-minded peers through invitations to exclusive events, talks and tours, tailored to their individual level of support.

AREAS OF SUPPORT

The State Library's work covers the entirety of one of the largest states in the world, and a wide range of collaborations with different communities and partners. Together, they form our priority areas of support that provide you with exciting engagement opportunities to become closer to the State Library.

You can choose to support the State Library as a whole or direct your support towards any of the priority areas, depending on what you feel most passionate about. 100% of your donation will be directed toward your chosen area of support.

- Education and Literacy
- Thought Leadership and Collections Research
- Communities and Access
- Reading and Writing
- Aboriginal Empowerment
- WA Family Histories

EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Our Education and Literacy Fund supports literacy across the ages, including through our award-winning Better Beginnings program. Better Beginnings fosters the development of early childhood literacy through reading, talking, singing, drawing and playing sessions at our dedicated learning space for children, families, carers, and public libraries statewide. Literacy is a key criterion to successfully engage with society throughout life, and the State Library provides important resources for WA families in their children's crucial first years.

The Education and Literacy Fund further supports our vast range of metro and regional primary and secondary school excursions and incursions which, coupled with our holiday programs and teacher classroom resources, provide an extensive range of literacy support. Our WACE Study Space provides a designated exam preparation space for secondary students and continues to be a popular resource for students preparing for their 'big day'.

Your support of the Literacy and Education Fund will go to the heart of what we aim to achieve at the State Library, ensuring literacy and access to knowledge for all Western Australians. It will help build a brighter future by igniting young minds, introducing new ways of thinking and empowering the next generation of learners.

Things your support could help fund:

A Story Time and Baby Rhyme Time session	$350
A school holiday program	$600
A school excursion or Incursion with a WA author	$650
Learning infrastructure for the WACE Study Space	$1,500
Bespoke teacher classroom resources for K-12 narrative workshops	$2,000
A Learning English Through Story Time (LETS) program	$2,300
Development of a Better Beginnings book into a sensory Story Time session	$7,500
Interactive learning infrastructure for our education programs	$10,000

The above are select examples only—your donation of any amount to the Education and Literacy Fund is welcome and will make a difference to how we can operate.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP AND COLLECTIONS RESEARCH

Our Thought Leadership and Collections Research Fund places the State Library at the heart of a thoughtful dialogue with our times through interpretation and in-depth research into our State Library collections. It supports curated content for public talks, exhibitions, lectures and symposiums, and enables us to share WA stories with the rest of the world, saving them for future generations.

The Thought Leadership and Collections Research Fund contributes to a wide range of research projects in collaboration with local and national partners, including through our Researchers-in-Residence, who investigate our collections and make them readily accessible for the wider public. Together with our popular Fellowship program, this significantly improves public interaction with our collections, including through creative interpretation.

This in-depth research is supported by our ongoing partnerships with universities, cultural organisations and thought leaders nationally, which enhance the public conversation and academic dialogue in Western Australia through our participation in prestigious Australian Research Council (ARC) linkage projects.

Your support of the Thought Leadership and Research Fund will ensure a stimulating, thought-provoking interpretation of the State Library's collections for the Western Australian public and provide you with enriching personal experiences to get up close and personal with the best minds in the State. It will strengthen the library sector's status as a beacon of intellectual freedom and ask important questions at a time when they are more pertinent than ever.

Things your support could help fund:

Recording and sharing a State Library lecture	$500
Travel costs and speaker fees for visiting lecturers	$1,000
Delivery of a public history lecture at the State Library	$2,500
Support a J.S. Battye Memorial Intern	$5,000
Collection Conversations: Interviews with researchers, historians and curators on our West Australian collections	$10,000
A State Library Researcher-in-Residence	$20,000
A State Library Fellowship	$20,000

The above are select examples only—your donation of any amount to the Thought Leadership and Research Fund is welcome and will make a difference to how we can operate.

COMMUNITIES AND ACCESS

Our Communities and Access Fund supports our engagement with WA's diverse communities and their many significant stories. A third of WA's population was born overseas and our work reflects the importance of these multicultural communities that make up our State.

Our highly popular adult English language and conversation classes, in addition to our Community Languages book collection comprised of over 40 different languages, continue to be popular resources. Our work with regional and remote communities is enriched through our partnership with the network of 233 public libraries across the State, ensuring equitable access for all Western Australians regardless of where they live.

The Communities and Access Fund also supports a wide range of measures to improve inclusion and access to our programs, such as the Auslan interpretation of our workshops and events, the creation of sensory storytelling experiences for those with neurodivergent needs and the subsidy of bus transportation for outer-metro schools who wish to come to the State Library.

Your support will break down the barriers to experiencing the power of knowledge and access to information. It will improve the sharing of our diverse communities' stories and ensure we are able to ignite minds across the State, building brighter futures for all Western Australians.

Things your support could help fund:

Bus transport to a State Library education program from outer-metro areas or under-resourced schools	$25* $850* $2,500*
A Sensory Kids session for neurodivergent kids	$450
A Let's Chat English class at the State Library	$525
Engaging two Auslan interpreters for a one-hour State Library event	$550
An online Author Workshop for a Regional School	$600
Digital Storytelling for a migrant community	$1,000
Community publishing of a bilingual story for a migrant community	$5,000

*Costs for a student / class / year group

The above are select examples only—your donation of any amount to the Communities and Access Fund is welcome and will make a difference to how we can operate.

READING AND WRITING

Our Reading and Writing Fund supports what unites many of us—our love for reading and writing. It supports the State Library's important advocacy work for the State's literary sector, including our Read WA collection and the annual Western Australian Premier's Book Awards, which supports, develops and recognises excellence in writing.

The Reading and Writing Fund also supports our in-person and online author workshops across the State for those seeking to enhance their writing. It provides employment opportunities for emerging writers as Writers-in-Residence and underpins a range of sector initiatives in collaboration with the WA writing sector.

Supporting Western Australia's place in the national and international literary landscape at a critical time of sector professionalisation, the Reading and Writing Fund supports our emerging writers and ensures important Western Australian voices of today and tomorrow can continue to be heard. Your involvement will connect you with the most exciting talent coming out of Western Australia and provide you with the opportunity to meet and hear from current and future generations of readers, writers and storytellers.

Things your support could help fund:

An online author workshop for a regional school	$600
A half-day author workshop for emerging local writers	$1,000
Literary sector advocacy initiatives	$2,500
A Stories from the West panel conversation with WA authors	$3,000
A regional live steam for a WA authors panel	$3,500
An in-school event with WA authors	$5,000
A Writer-in-Residence for the State Library	$15,000
Prize money for an individual category at the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards	$20,000

The above are select examples only—your donation of any amount to the Reading and Writing Fund is welcome and will make a difference to how we can operate.

ABORIGINAL EMPOWERMENT

Our Aboriginal Empowerment Fund supports our critical contribution to the state-wide conversation on truth-telling and reconciliation by strengthening and enabling Aboriginal-led perspectives. We aim to stimulate public dialogue and present contemporary perspectives through our Dialogues 2029 program of events, working in partnership with Aboriginal people to enable an enhanced understanding of who we are and where we come from, as we approach the bicentenary of Western Australia's colonisation.

The Aboriginal Empowerment Fund supports Aboriginal self-determination by empowering Aboriginal peoples, families and communities to make decisions about their stories, recognising that our collections hold significant connection to country, culture and kinship. It fosters Aboriginal leadership, including through employment opportunities at the State Library, and supports culturally responsive, shared decision-making. The fund also supports Storylines, our award-winning Aboriginal family archive, as well as inclusive public library programming to increase engagement with local Aboriginal families and communities. Guided by their priorities, it also supports research into Aboriginal family histories and our Aboriginal collections, including music and oral histories.

Your support will strengthen the State Library in positioning itself at the nexus of an important state-wide dialogue with the oldest continuous culture on earth and share our learnings through public programming leading up to 2029.

Things your support could help fund:

A Little Fulla Yarns backpack filled with books	$40
An Aboriginal Family History Session at the State Library	$500
Contributing to the delivery of our Aboriginal Engagement Strategy and Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)	$1,000
A public talk as part of Dialogues 2029	$5,000
A regional outreach initiative for our Storylines program	$5,000
An Aboriginal Research Fellow for the State Library	$20,000
A Researcher-in-Residence for our Storylines program	$20,000

The above are select examples only – your donation of any amount to the Aboriginal Empowerment Fund is welcome and will make a difference to how we can operate.

WA FAMILY HISTORIES

Our WA Family Histories Fund supports your research into the 'hatchings, matchings and dispatchings' of your and other Western Australian families' history. With the State Library holding an overwhelming amount of records, ephemera and collection items and providing a wide range of family research resources, we are the go-to for everyone wishing to dig deeper into family histories.

Our quarterly Family History Talks continue to be a popular starting point for many who wish to discover more about their family's history. Our various digital research resources, including our Dead Reckoning WA Family History Research Guide, the Ancestry database, Find My Past and Trove, are complemented by the opportunity to look at original family material in our Leah Jane Cohen Reading Room.

The WA Family Histories Fund will support the extension of our research tools to databases that cover a wider geographical range, reflecting that a third of Western Australians and more than half of their parents were born overseas.

Your support can help unlock access to still unknown knowledge and help us deepen our understanding of where we are from. Depending on your individual circumstances and level of giving, we may also be able to assist with social opportunities to connect with wider family.

Things your support could help fund:

- Quarterly Family History Talks at the State Library
- Improving records for significant WA family collections
- Digitisation and transcription of significant family collections
- Enhancing research tools for Non-British Isles and migrant families
- Ancestry, Find My Past and Trove subscription services for the State Library and WA Public Libraries

Please contact us for a discussion if you're seeking to improve a significant WA family collection, would like to donate significant original archival material for a family history collection that the State Library holds or would like to see said collection digitised and transcribed.

Your support will foster the joys of reading, curious inquiry and lifelong learning...

enriching the minds and lives of all Western Australians.

YOUR STATE LIBRARY JOURNEY

When you decide to join the State Library's Giving Program, you join a dedicated community of like-minded people who are committed to keeping WA stories alive and thriving. We will look forward to getting to know you personally and will be delighted to provide you with invitations to exclusive donor events and other experiences bringing you closer to everything the State Library does. You will also be acknowledged as a member of your giving circle and receive regular donor updates from our philanthropy team.

REGULAR GIVING

Regular Giving is an easy way to make a difference with smaller, manageable gifts that add up to something really meaningful.

The flexibility of Regular Giving is designed to make it easier for you to contribute and eliminates the need for a larger out of pocket donation. By choosing a donation amount that fits comfortably within your weekly or monthly budget, you can spread your support over time. For as little as $10 per week, you can become a part of our giving community and connect with like-minded supporters at exclusive State Library donor events.

If you would like to take up this option, please contact us at **philanthropy@slwa.wa.gov.au** and we will be more than happy to arrange it for you. You can determine how long you wish to continue this arrangement and can cancel or amend your involvement at any time.

"My donor journey with the State Library has been a tremendously rewarding and enjoyable one which keeps getting stronger every year. Everything associated with the library has made me feel very much at home and amongst friends.

I've loved knowing that my contributions will make a difference to how West Australian stories are being collected and shared with the world, and it is my hope that others might do the same for the benefit of all Western Australians and those who come visit the West."

Peter Williams, State Library Donor

OUR GIVING CIRCLES

Giving Circle members enjoy various opportunities throughout the year to grow closer to the State Library and engage with our programs on a more intimate level. All Giving Circle members will be acknowledged on the State Library website and in our annual reports in accordance with their giving level. Membership within a Giving Circle will be renewed at the time of your annual donation.

YOUR BENEFITS

Giving Circle benefits and engagement opportunities range from regular newsletters and invitations to State Library exhibition launches to guided curator tours, invitations to our annual Western Australian Premier's Book Awards, exclusive State Library collections and back-of-house tours, and opportunities to hear from select authors and researchers and bespoke engagement with State Library leadership.

READERS CIRCLE **$500+**

Be acknowledged for your generosity, kept up to date with our giving news and join us for State Library exhibition launches.

WRITERS CIRCLE **$1,000+**

Enjoy up to two guided curator exhibition tours per year

RESEARCHERS CIRCLE **$2,500+**

Join us at the annual Western Australian Premier's Book Awards, our main literary event of the year

SCHOLARS CIRCLE **$5,000+**

Join us for an exclusive tour of the extensive State Library Collections

CONSERVATORS CIRCLE **$10,000+**

Join us for a VIP back-of-house tour

COLLECTORS CIRCLE **$20,000+**

Hear from select authors and/or researchers on how they work with our collections

CURATORS CIRCLE **$50,000+**

Enjoy lifetime recognition and a bespoke engagement opportunity with State Library leadership

Each Giving Circle includes the benefits of the preceding level.

We are also deeply grateful for all other donations, which together make a substantial difference to how the State Library can operate.

HOW TO DONATE

Online: Please go to **slwa.wa.gov.au** or scan the QR code.

EFT: Acc Name: Library Board of Western Australia
BSB: 066-040 Acc No: 10500161 Reference: 'Donation – Surname'

Phone: **(08) 9427 3176** to donate over the phone.

Mail: Please complete this donation form and return to:

State Library of Western Australia
Philanthropy and Partnerships
25 Francis Street, Perth WA 6000

MY DETAILS

Name/s:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Date/s of birth (we love sending birthday wishes!)

Name: dd/mm/yy

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MY GIFT

I would like my donation to go towards:

- ○ Education and Literacy
- ○ Thought Leadership and Collections Research
- ○ Communities and Access
- ○ Reading and Writing
- ○ Aboriginal Empowerment
- ○ WA Family Histories

MY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are deeply grateful for donations of any size, which together make a substantial difference to how we can operate. Donors giving $500 and above annually will be invited to join our Giving Circles, receive regular written updates and be acknowledged on our website and in annual reports. They will also receive invitations to exclusive events at the State Library, tailored to their individual level of support.

○ Please acknowledge my gift as coming from (your name):

Name:

○ I wish for my gift to be made anonymously.

PAYMENT

○ I wish to make a one-time donation today to the value of:

$

○ I wish to make a regular donation of:

$

○ Annually ○ Monthly ○ Quarterly

(We will contact you to confirm this arrangement.)

CARD DETAILS

Name on card:

Card No:

Exp: **CVC:**

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○ Enclosed to the Library Board of Western Australia.

DIRECT DEBIT (for regular donations)

Account Name:

BSB: **Acc No:**

FURTHER INFORMATION

○ I would like to receive non-binding and confidential information about how to leave a bequest to the State Library.

○ I have already left a bequest to the State Library. (Bequestors will be invited to join the Custodians Circle.)

Thank You!

Thank you for your support. We will provide you with a tax receipt. Your gift will enrich the minds and lives of all Western Australians.

BEQUESTS – YOUR LIBRARY, YOUR LEGACY

Are you interested in supporting the State Library now and into the future? A simple, rewarding and versatile way to support us for years to come is a gift in your will, also known as a charitable bequest. If you feel you may not have the means to contribute during your lifetime, you can plan for the future by leaving a bequest through the distribution of your assets, regardless of age or financial situation. This can ensure peace of mind while providing for the future of an organisation you love by crowning your long relationship with it through a bequest.

Bequests are a wonderful way of making a positive statement about what you believe in and can ensure that your loved ones as well as the cultural organisations and practices that have shaped your life are looked after long after you are gone. Looking to the future, these are very special gifts that we preserve as your ongoing personal legacy.

Monies from bequests to the State Library are invested and preserved to support our activities for many years into the future. This means that your money lives on forever, providing support for education and literacy, research, our vast collections and the elimination of access barriers to knowledge across the State.

Our bequest program is not designed for the rich but rather for the enriched, and we invite you to join us in making sure future generations get to enjoy everything the State Library has to offer.

If you have already made a provision for a bequest to the State Library, please allow us to thank you appropriately by welcoming you to our Custodians Circle. Being part of this special community will give you access to special experiences around the State Library and ensure your generous and forward-thinking support is acknowledged on our website and in printed materials.

If you would like to have a confidential conversation about leaving a bequest to the State Library or would like to arrange a home appointment, please contact:

Head of Philanthropy and Partnerships
Telephone: **(08) 9427 3176**
Email: **philanthropy@slwa.wa.gov.au**

Your enquiries are in no way binding and will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Thank you for your support.

We'd love to hear from you!

If you have additional questions about giving at the State Library or would like to discuss your ideas, please contact us at **philanthropy@slwa.wa.gov.au** or call **(08) 9427 3176**.

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