Legislation

The Library Act and Regulation are key to the provision of NSW public library services.

[1]

**Library Act 1939**

The Library Act 1939 led to the provision of free public library services for the people of NSW.
The Library Regulation outlines elements of the provision of library services within NSW.

Guidelines for local government authorities

Guidelines developed to help local authorities in interpreting the provisions of the Library Act 1939 in relation to local public libraries.
Guidelines to Section 10

This Guideline is issued pursuant to Section 10(5) of the Act, which sets out that the Library Council of NSW may issue guidelines to local authorities for the purposes of Section 10
Guidelines to Section 12a

These guidelines have been developed by the Library Council of New South Wales to assist local authorities in interpreting the provisions of the Library Act 1939 in relation to Section 12a regional library arrangements.
In 2014 the State Library and NSW public libraries celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Library Act 1939.