List of councils participating in regional library services in 2017/18 and their cohorts

Section 12 of the Library Act, 1939 enables councils to agree to provide library services regionally, that is across more than one council area. Such arrangements are termed "regional libraries".

ACLG Abrev.	Council	Population 2017	2017/18 Cohort	Regional library
RAS	Brewarrina	1,687	Rural Regional Library Member	Big Sky Libraries
RAM	Bogan	2,664	Rural Regional Library Member	North Western
RAM	Warren	2,769	Rural Regional Library Member	North Western
RAM	Carrathool	2,805	Rural Regional Library Member	Western Riverina
RAM	Hay	2,969	Rural Regional Library Member	Western Riverina
RAM	Walcha	3,157	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Northern
RAM	Lockhart	3,245	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAM	Murrumbidgee	3,952	Rural Regional Library Member	Western Riverina
RAM	Coonamble	4,056	Rural Regional Library Member	North Western
RAM	Gilgandra	4,256	Rural Regional Library Member	North Western
RAM	Coolamon	4,400	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAL	Gwydir	5,316	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Northern
RAL	Narrandera	5,951	Rural Regional Library Member	Western Riverina
RAL	Bland	5,990	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAL	Uralla	6,115	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Northern
RAL	Walgett	6,231	Rural Regional Library Member	Big Sky Libraries
RAL	Temora	6,258	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAL	Narromine	6,554	Rural Regional Library Member	Macquarie Regional
RAL	Junee	6,555	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAL	Blayney	7,415	Rural Regional Library Member	Central West
RAL	Liverpool Plains	7,887	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Northern
URS	Edward River	8,907	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Murray
RAL	Kyogle	8,927	Rural Regional Library Member	Richmond Upper Clarence
RAL	Dungog	9,198	Rural Regional Library Member	Newcastle Region
RAL	Warrumbungle	9,421	Rural Regional Library Member	Macquarie Regional
RAL	Forbes	9,844	Rural Regional Library Member	Central West
RAV	Greater Hume	10,585	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAV	Cootamundra-Gundagai	11,238	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAV	Murray River ##	11,960	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Murray	Swan Hill	Campaspe Reg.
RAV	Federation	12,392	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAV	Cowra	12,697	Rural Regional Library Member	Central West
RAV	Bellingen	12,888	Rural Regional Library Member	Clarence Regional
RAV	Narrabri	13,387	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Northern
RAV	Moree Plains	13,408	Rural Regional Library Member	Big Sky Libraries
RAV	Cabonne	13,647	Rural Regional Library Member	Central West
RAV	Snowy Valleys	14,582	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
UDS	Hunters Hill	14,716	Regional Library Member	City of Ryde
URS	Richmond Valley	23,195	Urban Small	Richmond Upper Clarence
URS	Griffith	26,648	Urban Small	Western Riverina
URM	Byron	33,339	Urban Small	Richmond Tweed Regional
URM	Orange	41,636	Urban Small	Central West
URM	Ballina	43,064	Urban Small	Richmond Tweed Regional
URM	Lismore	43,816	Urban Small	Richmond Tweed Regional
URM	Clarence Valley	51,298	Urban Medium	Clarence Regional
URM	Dubbo Regional	52,084	Urban Medium	Macquarie Regional
URM	Tamworth	61,554	Urban Medium	Central Northern
URM	Wagga Wagga	64,416	Urban Medium	Riverina Regional
URL	Port Stephens	71,716	Urban Medium	Newcastle Region
URL	Tweed	94,547	Urban Medium	Richmond Tweed Regional
UDL	Ryde	124,798	Urban Medium	City of Ryde
URV	Newcastle	162,480	Urban Large	Newcastle Region

Sources: The 2017/18 cohorts are determined using the ABS population figures for June 2017 as this is the figure used for the 2017/18 NSW Public Library Statistics. The cohorts are used in conjunction with Living Learning Libraries: standards and guidelines https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/content/living-learning-libraries