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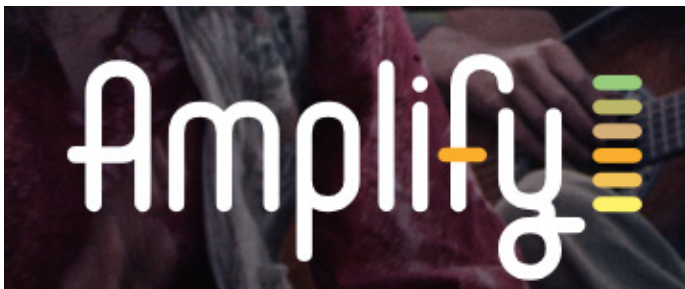
2023–24 public library funding announced

The 2023–24 public library funding has been approved by the Minister for the Arts the Hon John Graham MLC, with a record \$40,892,000 announced.

A population decline for some councils has resulted in a reduction to the per capita subsidy for 2023–24. If your library is affected and you would like more information, please contact [Cameron Morley](#).

Subsidy applications are now live and the Public Library Infrastructure Grants program for 2023–24 will also open shortly.

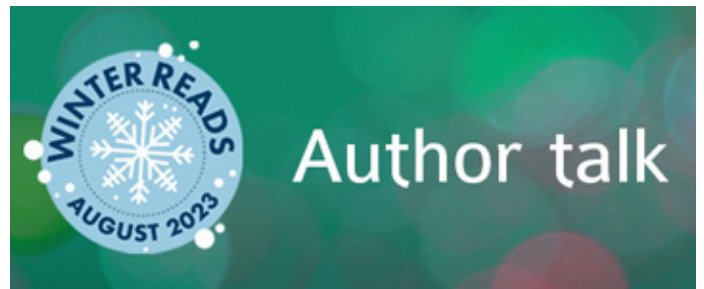
You can find more information about funding for your library [here](#).



Upcoming Amplify information sessions and training

The State Library's audio transcription tool [Amplify](#) is a platform where libraries can upload oral histories paired with machine-generated transcripts. These audio files can then be accessed and listened to by your community, who can correct any errors they find in the transcripts.

Does your library have digitised oral history collections ready to be transcribed? We will shortly be calling for expressions of interest from libraries to join Amplify. To be eligible to participate, you will



BM Carroll in conversation with Dr Rachel Franks

The indyreads WinterReads campaign draws to a close with a free online author talk on Thursday 7 September.

Join BM Carroll, author of featured title *The Other Side of Her*, in conversation with Dr Rachel Franks, Coordinator of Scholarship at the State Library of NSW and author of *An Uncommon Hangman*, for a lively discussion about the book, crime stories and why they are so compelling and more. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions during the event.

need to attend one of the two information sessions we are holding before submitting your EOI.

Monday 18 September, 2–3 pm. Register [here](#).

Tuesday 19 September, 11 am–12 pm. Register [here](#).

The EOI will be sent out after the information sessions, with training sessions for successful libraries to be held in November.



Representation in adult fiction collections

Following on from the recent adult fiction stock quality health check, a series of online talks about developing representative fiction collections are being held. These talks will be targeted for collections staff, but they will also be relevant for readers' advisory staff. The sessions will be recorded and made available later.

Horror

Wednesday 6 September, 9.30–11 am.
Register [here](#).

Becky Sprattford is the author of *The Readers' Advisory Guide to Horror* and will talk about how to collect diverse, equitable and inclusive titles for your readers of horror.

Science Fiction

Tuesday 12 September, 10.30 am–12 pm.
Register [here](#).

Allyson Rogers is a subject specialist at Galaxy Books for fantasy, science fiction and romance. Allyson will help you think about how your library collects science fiction.

Romance

Wednesday 11 October, 11 am–12.30 pm.
Register [here](#).

Robin Bradford is an experienced collection librarian, and the author of the recently published *The Readers' Advisory Guide to Romance*. Robin will provide suggestions for purchasing diverse,

Details

Thursday 7 September, 6.30–7.30 pm.
Register [here](#).

Resources to promote the author talk are available [here](#).



The latest from Gale

Every library member in NSW has access to free, quality information through the Gale online databases.

New Australian content available on Gale OneFile: Australia and New Zealand

Content from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) has been added to the Gale OneFile: Australia and New Zealand database this year. You can find ABC Now news videos and ABC news articles and program transcripts. Over 100 new magazines and periodicals have also been added. With over 850 full-text publications from Australia and New Zealand, this database is a great place to start research from a local perspective.

Online training with Gale in September

Discover your next great book using Gale Books and Authors

Tuesday 5 September, 9–9.30 am.
Register [here](#).

Tech Talks with Lynette

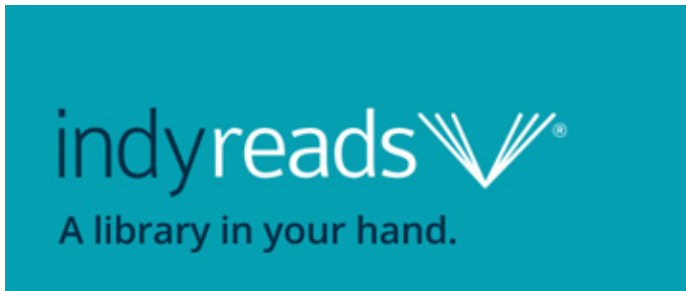
Find out how to promote the Gale resources to your community using social media

Thursday 7 September, 1–1.30 pm.
Register [here](#).

Engage the kids during the school holidays with Gale Databases

equitable and inclusive romance titles for your community.

Thursday 21 September, 9–9.30 am.
Register [here](#).



New promotional resources for indyreads

A updated suite of resources for public libraries to promote indyreads has been released. They feature a new visual identity and are based on the concept of indyreads as a library in your hand.

You'll find digital signage, printable posters and social media graphics and suggested posts for Instagram and Facebook. We have also created some templates in Canva, which your library can customise if you have a Canva account.

There are currently resources for a variety of content on indyreads including how to get started, audiobooks, books for children and teens, LOTE collections and more. We'll continue to add new resources as they are created.

You can find everything you need to promote indyreads [here](#).

Interested in training for your staff?

We offer training workshops to all NSW public libraries. The training suits all levels of staff including new public library staff and those seeking to refresh their knowledge. Two workshops are available:

Legal, Drug and Alcohol Information workshop

This 3.5-hour workshop builds the capacity of library staff to answer enquiries about the law, drugs and alcohol, as well as how to promote your library's Find Legal Answers and Drug Info information services. Learn more [here](#).

Uncover SL

A 2-hour workshop to assist public library staff with getting the most out of the State Library, looking at the Library's collections and the specialist services and resources provided to public libraries. Learn more [here](#).

Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in hosting training at your library.



Drug Info: Party Safe youth campaign

September is a busy time for NSW school students preparing for their upcoming HSC exams. It is an even busier time for public libraries with study desks at full capacity with students studying and socialising.

This makes for a great opportunity to promote Drug Info to your young adult library users. Drug Info's new

Spring-clean your law collection

Spring is in the air, and it's a great time to make sure your Find Legal Answers collections and promotional material are up to date.

Is your Tool Kit up to date? Is it time to move it to a fresh location? Have you printed out the latest Tool Kit flyer? Check the list and download the flyer [here](#).

Party Safe youth campaign page has some great resources for promoting the quality information about alcohol and other drugs available to young people in their libraries and adding some fun interactive elements to your HSC lock-ins and other youth-focused events. Learn more [here](#).

We will also be sending out Party Safe packs of promotional material, including showbags, pens, Your Room wallet cards and more. This promotion closes on Friday 15 September — you can place your orders [here](#).

Did you know that the Law Books for Libraries core collection and recommended list have just been updated? Check the latest lists [here](#). The update includes the latest edition of *Libraries and copyright*, an important book that all libraries should hold.

Need to know about collection updates, training opportunities, legal events and programs? Make sure you're in the know by being on the Find Legal Answers email list — subscribe [here](#).

And don't forget to make sure you have our latest promotional material on display — order for free [here](#).



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