



# update

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STATE LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

## The Library's collections

### Find Flinders online

The State Library's Digital Library Strategy is to digitise images and text from the Library's collections and make them accessible through the website. The images and text are attached to catalogue records, either as individual images, or in the form of web books (or Ebind). Rather than being viewed in isolation, images and text can be seen in a wider context — whether this be a manuscript, album, published book or a collection. The online collections include Federation Ephemera, Sir Joseph Banks Electronic Archive, Australian Cooperative Digitisation Project, 1840-45, and the Matthew Flinders Collection.

Marking the bicentenary of Matthew Flinders' epic circumnavigation of Australia (1801-03), the Library is presenting the world's first national touring exhibition of the intrepid British explorer — *Matthew Flinders: The Ultimate Voyage*. As well as visiting the exhibition in the galleries of the Mitchell Wing, you can visit the website and enjoy the James Fairfax Matthew Flinders Electronic Archive to view the Library's extensive Flinders collection. The comprehensive electronic archive reproduces many of Flinders' personal papers including the journals of his voyages in the sloop *Norfolk*, the log books and Flinders' journal from HMS *Investigator*, his private letters, charts and personal memorabilia.

Go to [www.slnsw.gov.au/flinders/](http://www.slnsw.gov.au/flinders/) to view the digitised collections and transcripts of Flinders material, and to [www.slnsw.gov.au/virtual/](http://www.slnsw.gov.au/virtual/) to see other online collections.

### Recent acquisitions

Notable recent acquisitions to the Original Materials manuscripts collection include the papers of the journalist David McNicoll, letters of the poet Francis Webb, scrapbooks of the Mercury Theatre in Sydney, papers of the Sydney Bushwalking Club, and further papers of Marie Byles, noted conservationist and bushwalker.

The **State Reference Library**, which includes the **Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC)** and the **Health Information Service (HIS)**, has information on all subjects in a variety of print and electronic formats. You can search the catalogues to find your information or ask at the Information Desk for assistance. The State Reference Library is not a lending library.

The **Mitchell Library** and the **Sir William Dixon Research Library** make up the Australian Research Collections of the State Library. The collections contain published and unpublished materials in a variety of formats, including original materials. Clients requesting material from the Mitchell, Dixon and Special Collections are required to apply for a Reader's Card. Ask at the Information Desk.

## Services and resources

### From the comfort of your own home

You can prepare for your next Library visit before you leave home!

The State Library provides a number of services via our web page [www.slnsw.gov.au](http://www.slnsw.gov.au)

You can:

- check the catalogue for material purchased or catalogued since 1980
- check our indexes to the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Koori Mail*
- check the Pictures and Manuscripts catalogue for material purchased or catalogued since 1992
- find out about current exhibitions or any events happening on the day (please check booking requirements).

You can also ring the Telephone Inquiry Service on (02) 9273 1414 to set aside material ready for you to pick up. Please ask our staff for information on any of these services.

### Popular microfilm titles

Some popular microfilm titles are now located in microfilm cabinets near the entrance to the State Reference Library Reading Room. Issues for the following titles are available:

- all past popular Sydney and Melbourne newspapers:  
*Argus* (Melbourne), *Sun* (Sydney), *Truth* (Sydney), *Daily Mirror*, *Sunday Mirror* and *Referee*
- all current popular journals and regional newspapers:  
*Australian Women's Weekly*, *Illawarra Mercury*, *Maitland Mercury*, *Newcastle Morning Herald*
- the last ten years of interstate newspapers that are usually on display:  
*Age* (Melbourne), *Courier-Mail* (Brisbane), *Advertiser* (Adelaide), *Mercury* (Hobart), *Canberra Times*, *West Australian* and *Northern Territory News*
- the last ten years of *Herald Sun* (Melbourne)
- some titles previously on the Open Access shelves:  
*Australian Town & Country Journal*, *Illustrated Sydney News*, *Koori Mail*, *Sydney Gazette*, *Sydney Mail*.

The microfilms are filed in the cabinets in alphabetical order by title. A list of these titles is located at the end of the cabinets and at the Request Desk. The cabinet drawers are labelled with the title of the publication and period it covers. When using the microfilm cabinets please only open one drawer at a time.

## What's On

**Pick up a *What's On* brochure for more information about exhibitions, events, movies and courses at the State Library. The brochure, which is available from the foyer information desks, includes details about bookings. Phone (02) 9273 1770 to obtain your mailed copy and to make bookings.**

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### Library opening hours

Monday to Friday 9 am to 9 pm, Saturday, Sunday and selected public holidays 11 am to 5 pm.

Mitchell Library and Sir William Dixon Research Library closed Sundays.

Exhibition Galleries and the Library Shop close at 5 pm every day.

The Legal Information Access Centre is open Monday to Thursday 9 am to 6 pm, Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. Access is also available on request during Library opening hours.