

Responsible directorate	<i>Community and Business Services</i>
Responsible team	<i>Customer and Library Services</i>
Responsible officers	<i>Manager Customer and Library Services, Branch Librarian and Senior Local History Librarian</i>
Affected teams	<i>Library and Local History Centre</i>
Legislation / local law requirements	<i>Public Libraries WA Framework Agreement 2010 (CM D20/172082)</i>
Relevant delegations	Nil.
Related policy procedures and supporting documentation	<i>ALIA free access to information statement 2018 (CM D20/172196)</i> <i>Please note that all documents with an external focus will be hyperlinked for publication to the City's website. Documents with internal and external focus will be hyperlinked for publication to the City's Vintranet.</i>

PURPOSE

To guide the development and management of the Library and Local History Collections in order to meet the needs of the community.

OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the Library and Local History Collections are to ensure they:

1. Cover a wide range of interests;
2. Are unbiased and uncensored; and
3. Support and enrich community understanding of the history, culture and heritage of the City of Vincent.

POLICY

The City of Vincent aims to provide the community free and equitable access to high quality and comprehensive Library and Local History Collections, supported by contemporary technology and services. The Collections and associated services aim to promote literacy, lifelong learning and an appreciation of the history and heritage of Vincent.

To ensure equitable access to the Collections, a balance between digital and physical content will be maintained. Our commitment to learning and technology considers the needs and preferences of different demographic groups, such as youth, aged and multi-cultural.

Librarians will adhere to the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) Statement on free access to information. This statement addresses the free flow of information and ideas to ensure a thriving culture and democracy in the interests of all Australians, and focuses on equity of access and inclusivity, balanced with the powers of censorship legally vested in state and federal governments.

SCOPE

This policy applies to the Library and Local History Collections.

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