



New South Wales

# Library Amendment Bill 2026

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*I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.*

*Legislative Council*  
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*Clerk of the Parliaments*



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Act No , 2026

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An Act to amend the *Library Act 1939* to provide that a local library is free to collect and make available library material and that the governing body of a library may make rules about the use of the library and the library's services; and for related purposes.

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—**

**1 Name of Act**

This Act is the *Library Amendment Act 2026*.

**2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

## Schedule 1 Amendment of Library Act 1939 No 40

[1] **Section 10 Requirements as to services to be provided by local libraries**

Insert after section 10(1)(f)—

(g) **Freedom to collect and make available library material**

A local library is free to collect and make available library material.

[2] **Section 10A Restrictions on borrowing entitlements and other matters**

Insert “and that a local library is free to collect and make available library material” after “free of charge” in section 10A(3)(a).

[3] **Section 15 Regulations**

Insert “or contravening the rules for the library” after “regulations” in section 15(2)(g).

[4] **Section 16**

Insert after section 15—

**16 Rules**

- (1) The governing body of a library may make rules, not inconsistent with this Act or the regulations, for the library relating to the use of the library and the library services and information services it provides, controls or manages, including about matters specified in section 15(2)(e)–(g), (j), (l) and (n).
- (2) The rules—
  - (a) must be published on the governing body’s website, and
  - (b) take effect on the date of publication or a later date specified in the rules.
- (3) In this section—

***governing body*** means—

  - (a) for the State Library—the Council, or
  - (b) for a local library—the local authority providing, controlling or managing the library, either directly or under an agreement or other arrangement to which the local authority is a party.