

QUT Library Collection Development Manual

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1. Purpose and scope

The Australian Children's Literature Collection provides researchers in the field of children's literature with access to a body of work that is of significant cultural and historical value.

2. Primary user group served

Material within the Collection is available to all clients of QUT Library. It is of interest primarily to researchers of children's literature, and staff and students from the Faculty of Education.

3. Background history

Most books in the pre-1946 collection were acquired by donation.

In 2004 the collection was rationalised to fit with the policy established earlier that year. Material not fitting specified criteria was either relocated to appropriate parts of the collection at Kelvin Grove or withdrawn.

In most cases the relocations were to the Curriculum Collection or to Junior Fiction.

Some Australian children's literature titles were relocated to Store. These were titles published after 1946, not held elsewhere in the collection, and too brittle to return to the open shelves.

4. Description

Selection of material for the collection is undertaken by the Education Liaison Librarians.

The collection is made up of two components:

- Pre-1946 Australian children's literature
- All award winning Australian children's literature post 1946

Pre-1946 material comprises monographs published in Australia and items published elsewhere that have significant Australian content.

The collection does not include:

- Items published overseas that do not have Australian content
- Award winning titles published overseas

5. Scope of current collecting

Four copies of all award winning titles are purchased annually, following the announcement of the results of the *Children's Book Council of Australia Awards*.

One copy is placed in the Australian Children's Literature Collection; the remaining copies are placed in the Curriculum Collection.

In all instances, only single copies of titles are retained for the Australian Children's Literature Collection.

Any donated pre-1946 items not held in the Australian Children's Literature Collection may be added to the Collection. However, items of this nature will not be purchased. These items will be processed as rare books with acid-free wrappers.

6. Access

The Collection is housed as a separate location on Level 4 within the Kelvin Grove Campus Library.

Library clients may request access to the collection. All access is to be supervised by a Library staff member.

Gloves, provided by the Library, are to be worn when handling items.

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