

## QUT Library Collection Development Manual

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###### Policy statement

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##### 3.6.5a Separate Collecting Areas: Australian Children's Literature Collection

###### 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 staff and students from the Faculty of Education and researchers of children's literature.

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### 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Material not fitting specified criteria was either relocated to appropriate parts of the collection at Kelvin Grove or withdrawn.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 the Carseldine Store and subsequently lost due to a mould outbreak.

### 4. Description

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

The collection is made up of two components:

- Significant historical children's literature more than forty-five years old in the current year
- All nominations and winners of Australian children's literature awards post 1946

Material forty-five years or older 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 the short listed titles for the award are purchased annually, following the April announcement of the results. Results are posted on the *Children's Book Council of Australia Awards* website.

One copy of the award winning and nominated titles from each category is placed in the Australian Children's Literature Collection following the August announcement of the winners. 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 items more than forty-five years old and not held in the Australian Children's Literature Collection are assessed for addition 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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## Modification history

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