

LIBRARY POLICY

(COMMUNITY POLICY)

1. Scope

The Library Policy (this 'Policy') applies to all facets of the Livingstone Shire Council library service.

2. Purpose

To establish Livingstone Shire Council's commitment to:

- 1) promoting the free flow of information and ideas in the interests of all community members and visitors to support a thriving community and culture; and
- 2) promoting and improving the services provided by its library.

3. References (legislation/related documents)

Legislative reference

Libraries Act 1988

Related documents

Library Membership Procedure

Livingstone Shire Council Schedule of Fees and Charges

Service Level Agreement between Livingstone Shire Council and the Library Board of Queensland

State Library of Queensland Public Library Standards and Guidelines

4. Definitions

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

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| Resources | Items available for use or to loan including, but not limited to, physical and digital formats such as books, magazines, audio or digital recordings, toys, games, public computers and photocopier. |
| Member | Any person registered as a member of the Livingstone Shire Council library. |

5. Policy Statement

Through its library service Livingstone Shire Council is committed to:

- Servicing its community through the provision of access to knowledge, information and works of imagination through a range of resources and services.

- Providing access to materials in various formats in order to meet the needs of individuals and groups for education, information and personal development through learning, including recreation and leisure.
- Monitoring and proactively responding to the changing demographic characteristics and trends of the Livingstone Shire Council communities, to consult with these communities and to meet the information, learning and recreational needs of these communities.
- Playing a central role in the development and maintenance of a democratic society by giving individuals access to a wide and varied range of information, ideas, opinions and skills.
- Developing an educated society through programmes which improve literacy and knowledge and provide opportunities for continued learning.
- Working in partnership with other local governments and levels of government to provide public library services to all library members and visitors.
- Providing and developing a local history collection and information service.

5. Changes to this Policy

This Policy is to remain in force until any of the following occur:

- 1) The related information is amended/replaced; or
- 2) Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Council.

6. Repeals/Amendments

This Policy repeals the Livingstone Shire Council Policy titled 'Library Membership Policy (v1.1)'.

| Version | Date | Action |
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| 1 | 25/11/2014 | Adopted |
| 1.1 | 30/08/2018 | Administrative Amendments – reflect organisational restructure and update of Chief Executive Officer |
| 2.0 | 19/09/2023 | Adopted – full review undertaken |

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