

Tips for authors – getting your publication into South Australian Public Libraries



The South Australian Library Network and its customers are strong supporters of local authors. To have your publications included in the Network collections follow the instructions included below.

Physical items

To ensure your book is made available to South Australian libraries for purchase, contact our Libraries SA library suppliers individually to let them know of your book's availability.

<p>ALS Library Services https://www.alslib.com/authors/ newtitles@alslib.com.au 1300 136 490</p>	<p>James Bennett https://bennett.com.au/publisher-services datacollection@bennett.com.au 02 8988 5000</p>
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Provide the suppliers with the following details:

- Full author name details
- Full title
- ISBN (if there is one, or for DVDs provide a product code)
- Publisher/distributor information – this may be the author in some cases
- Publication date
- Price (including postage and handling)
- A short summary of the subject or topic of the work (2 -3 sentences)
- Other information about contributing people involved in producing the item
- For DVDs, information about the format, run time and the number of discs
- Web address where relevant

These suppliers prepare the monthly selection list data for the SA public library network and can include your titles. The supplier will contact your nominated distributor or publisher to place orders for any items selected by libraries.

If you wish to promote your book directly to public libraries, a listing of all branches and their contact information are available on the Libraries SA website <https://bit.ly/3hbMKqF>

eBooks / audiobooks

To have your digital title included in the SA Libraries digital collection, it needs to be available to purchase through one of our eCollection platforms. Ask your publisher to form a

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relationship with Borrowbox and/or Overdrive, or if you are self-published, work with one of the suggested distributors listed below.

If you have chosen to publish your title exclusively through Amazon, unfortunately we won't be able to include it in our collection. Amazon do not work with companies that offer eCollections for public libraries.

Once your title is in one of the stories, contact your local public library to request it be purchased and added to the statewide collection <https://bit.ly/3hbMKqF> .

Overdrive:

Overdrive (For publishers)	https://company.overdrive.com/publisher-inquiry/
Draft2Digital (incorporating Smashwords)	https://draft2digital.com/steps/
Kobo Writing life	https://kobowritinglife.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360059385651-OverDrive-Distribution
eBook Alchemy	https://ebookalchemy.com/

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Legal deposit

In South Australia, Section 35 of the [Libraries Act 1982](#) requires publishers to deposit a copy of all their publications, including every issue of a periodical or newspaper, free of charge to the State Library. The library also has the authority to claim items from interstate and overseas publishers, whose publications have particular relevance to South Australia.

For full information on Legal Deposit requirements please visit the SLSA website: <https://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/legal-deposit> .

Useful information for self-published authors

Arts Law Centre of Australia	https://www.artslaw.com.au/information-sheet/authors-and-self-publishing/
Australian Publishers Association	https://www.publishers.asn.au/
Australian Society of Authors	https://www.asauthors.org/

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National eDeposit	https://ned.gov.au/portal/
National Library of Australia	http://www.nla.gov.au/legal-deposit/what-is-legal-deposit
Self-Published Author by Bowker	http://www.selfpublishedauthor.com/home
State Library of SA	https://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/legal-deposit
Writers SA	https://writerssa.org.au/
Writers Victoria Guide to Self-publishing	https://writersvictoria.org.au/guide-self-publishing