

Queenstown Lakes Libraries Summary of Collections

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1 OVERVIEW

This document provides an overview of the collections available at Queenstown Lakes Libraries (QLL), detailing the purpose and content of each. QLL offers collections that cater to everyone in the community, curating collections to meet the needs of local communities and which reflect the surrounding environment. Most collections are regularly updated with new items. Collections include material in physical and digital formats.

Physical formats include books, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks, board games, library of things. Digital formats include e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, and downloadable and streaming digital resources.

2 BOOK COLLECTIONS

2.1 ADULT COLLECTIONS

2.1.1 Adult Fiction (F)

This collection offers a wide variety of titles that meet the recreational, entertainment, and educational interests of our community. It features a broad selection of bestselling and popular fiction, classic literature, works by new and local authors, and award-winning books across multiple genres.

2.1.2 Adult Non-Fiction

This collection is designed to support lifelong learning and cater to the informational, recreational, and cultural needs of our community. It features a range of both current and historical materials that reflect diverse viewpoints. The collection provides reliable, high-quality information on a wide array of subjects and interests.

The Adult Non-Fiction Collection includes specialised collections such as:

- Books on Prescription - a programme run by WellSouth Primary Health Network and the libraries of Otago and Southland to increase access to high quality health information.
- Local History Collection - provides access to books that document our community's history, culture, and heritage.
- Parenting Collection - supports parents and caregivers with resources on child development, guidance, education, health, and family dynamics, offering practical advice, strategies, and perspectives for all parenting stages.
- Sustainability Collection – highlights the latest concepts, strategies, innovations, and insights, offering inspiration and raising awareness about sustainable living trends both nationally and internationally.
- Te Ao Māori Collection - offers resources on Māori culture, language, and history, supporting informational and cultural needs, while celebrating and preserving Māori heritage and perspectives.

2.1.3 Adult Graphic Novels (GNOV)

This collection offers a diverse selection of visually engaging, narrative-rich materials that promote literacy, creativity, and entertainment for adult readers. The collection spans various genres, artistic styles, and cultural perspectives, supporting lifelong learning and recreational reading through contemporary and classic graphic novels, literary adaptations, and works by both established and emerging creators.

2.1.4 Adult Large Print (LP)

This collection provides accessible reading materials for individuals with visual impairments or those who prefer larger text. This collection enhances readability and supports lifelong learning, recreation, and enjoyment by offering a broad selection of popular fiction and non-fiction titles in both hardback and softcover.

2.2 CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS

This collection includes various genres and formats to support literacy development, educational needs, and recreational reading, fostering a love of reading and learning aimed at children from birth to 12 years.

2.2.1 Children's Board Books (CBB)

These books are typically crafted from sturdy cardboard, making them durable for very young children. They feature vibrant colours and simple text making them an ideal introduction to reading.

2.2.2 Children's Picture Books (CPIC)

These books are illustrated works for young readers, blending artwork with simple text to develop literacy skills and spark imagination. Picture books introduce storytelling concepts and themes to foster early reading.

2.2.3 Emergent and Decodable Readers (CR)

These books are designed to build literacy skills of children starting to read independently and feature simple text, larger print, and engaging illustrations.

2.2.4 Early Chapter Books (CYF)

These books are designed for young readers transitioning from picture books to more complex texts. They feature short chapters, simple language, and engaging illustrations, making them accessible and encouraging independent reading.

2.2.5 Children's Life Skills (CLS)

These titles support children's social and emotional learning, aiding understanding and discussion of special situations, such as first experiences like starting school or visiting the hospital, emotions like anger or grief, and topics like blended families.

2.2.6 Children's Sophisticated Picture Books (SPIC)

These titles engage older children with intricate illustrations and complex narratives. They explore deeper themes and emotions, fostering advanced literacy skills and critical thinking through rich storytelling and artistic design.

2.2.7 Children's Puzzle Books (CPUZ)

These books engage young readers and enhance problem-solving skills, critical thinking, and creativity, offering both entertainment and educational value.

2.2.8 Children's Comic Books (CCOM)

These books use illustrations and engaging stories to captivate young readers, enhancing reading skills and visual literacy while offering entertainment through humour, adventure, and relatable characters.

2.2.9 Children's Graphic Novels (GNOV)

These books combine illustration and text to enhance reading skills, foster visual literacy, and provide entertainment through dynamic storytelling and relatable characters.

2.2.10 Children's Fiction (CF)

This collection, aimed at primary school-aged children, includes chapter books and imaginative fiction. It fosters a love for reading, develops literacy skills, and features diverse themes. Popular series are kept complete wherever possible.

2.2.11 Children's Non-Fiction (CNF)

This collection includes informative books that cover a wide range of topics, such as science, history, and nature. These books educate, engage curiosity, and support learning through facts and illustrations.

2.3 YOUNG ADULT COLLECTION

This collection for teenagers and young adults features a diverse range of genres and topics addressing issues relevant to this age group and supporting their literacy and personal growth.

2.3.1 Young Adult Fiction (YAF)

Young adult fiction includes novels aimed at teenagers and young adults, covering diverse genres and themes. It explores issues relevant to their age group, such as identity and relationships.

2.3.2 Young Adult Non-Fiction (YANF)

This collection includes factual books, covering a range of topics such as self-help and social issues. These books provide educational content, real-life information, and personal development resources, tailored to engage and inform.

2.3.3 Young Adult Graphic Novels (GNOV)

These books combine engaging artwork with compelling stories. They cover various genres and themes, offering an appealing visual storytelling experience often explores relevant social, emotional, and personal issues.

3 AUDIO VISUAL COLLECTIONS

These collections provide a range of multimedia resources for entertainment, education, and informational purposes.

3.1 TALKING BOOKS (TB)

This collection makes literature accessible to those who are unable to read printed books because they: are blind or vision impaired; have physical disabilities that limit their ability to hold or manipulate printed texts; or have perceptual or other disabilities that limit their ability to follow a line of text or affect concentration. Talking Books allow patrons to listen to books in CD format. The collection contains a diverse selection of fiction and non-fiction texts for children and adults. QLL collections of Talking Books are supplemented by Talking Books borrowed from National Library's Print Disabilities Service.

3.2 VOX BOOKS (VOX OR TB) AND KITS (KIT)

These collections for young readers and language learners combine print books with a recorded reading of the book. VOX books feature a built-in reader, while Kits combine print books with an audio CD. These sets provide an interactive reading experience, helping to enhance literacy skills by allowing readers to follow along with the audio while engaging with the text. VOX books are available in a variety of Languages Other Than English (LOTE).

QLL collections of VOX books are supplemented by VOX books borrowed from National Library's Print Disabilities Service.

3.3 DVDS

This collection includes a range of films and television series across various genres. It features popular titles, classics, and educational content, catering to diverse interests and age groups. This collection provides an accessible way for patrons to enjoy movies and media at home, enhancing entertainment and learning opportunities.

4 MAGAZINES

This collection covers a broad range of subjects, including cooking, crafts, gardening, interior design, parenting, and sport. Selections are variously tailored to adult, child and young adult readers. Magazines are distributed based on the interests, demographics and population of each library branch.

5 BOARD GAMES

This collection includes a variety of classic and modern board games for all ages. These games promote social interaction, critical thinking, and problem-solving, offering both entertainment and educational benefits.

6 LIBRARY OF THINGS

This collection offers non-traditional items for borrowing, such as binoculars and telescopes. It supports literacy by providing resources that enhance practical skills and knowledge, enhancing overall educational and community engagement. Library of Things items can only be borrowed by permanent adult borrowers.

7 DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

Digital resources are a core part of QLL collections. QLL supplies some items only in digital form.

7.1 ONLINE DATABASES

QLL subscribes to online databases which give online access to downloadable and streaming digital resources such as journals, magazines, audio and video content, images, and educational courses. Most of these subscriptions are managed through the EPIC (Electronic Purchasing in Collaboration) Consortia administered by the National Library of New Zealand.

7.2 ELECTRONIC BOOKS (EBOOKS)

QLL's eBook collections are offered through several suppliers. Overdrive (Libby app) and Bolinda (Borrowbox app) offer a range of non-fiction and fiction titles and graphic books across all genres and age ranges. QLL belongs to two consortia of South Island libraries and offerings from these two suppliers are made available as shared e-book collections. Most of the eBooks available on Libby and Borrowbox can be read with dyslexia-friendly settings.

QLL provides access to digital comics, graphic books and manga for all age ranges through the Comics Plus app by Library Pass. Other eBook suppliers include Bridget Williams Books, with a focus on non-fiction texts from

Aotearoa New Zealand, and children's specialist suppliers such as TumbleBooks Library, Era Books Online and LOTE 4 Kids.

7.3 ELECTRONIC MAGAZINES

QLL provides access to a range of popular eMagazines through Libby and Borrowbox as well as providing access to scholarly journal articles through online databases.

7.4 ELECTRONIC AUDIOBOOKS (EAUDIOBOOKS)

QLL provides access to a range of eAudiobooks through Libby and Borrowbox. EAudiobooks make texts accessible to those who cannot read printed books due to difficulty or inability.