

## Tips for authors - Getting your publication into South Australian Public Libraries

**Public Library Services does not make appointments with authors. It is not necessary to supply copies of items which you would like to be included in our public library selection list.**

Here are some tips to get your publication into SA's Public Libraries.

### Before publication

#### Prepublication Data Service

The National Library of Australia provides a free Prepublication Data Service at <https://www.nla.gov.au/pds>

If you're an Australian publisher or self-publishing author with an upcoming book, fill out their online form with your book's details. The NLA will use this information to automatically generate a mini-catalogue record. They share this catalogue record with over 1,000 libraries & library suppliers via Libraries Australia <http://www.nla.gov.au/librariesaustralia/about/> and Trove <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>, the national discovery service, which may lead to more pre-orders for your book.

#### Contact library suppliers directly

You can also contact some library suppliers individually to let them know when your book, DVD or CD is coming out.

<b>ALS Library Services Pty Ltd</b>	<b>James Bennett</b>
ALS How to list your book: <a href="http://www.alslib.com.au/how-to-list-your-book/">http://www.alslib.com.au/how-to-list-your-book/</a>	James Bennett FAQ: <a href="https://www.follett.com/jb/publisherservices.cfm">https://www.follett.com/jb/publisherservices.cfm</a>
Email: <a href="mailto:newtitles@alslib.com.au">newtitles@alslib.com.au</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:datacollection@bennett.com.au">datacollection@bennett.com.au</a>
Address: 12-14 Tooronga Avenue, Edwardstown SA 5039	Address: Locked Bag 537 Frenchs Forest NSW 2086
Tel: (08) 8276 5500	Tel: (02) 8988 5000

## You will need to provide the suppliers with the following details:

- Full author name details
- Full title
- ISBN (if there is one, or for DVDs, you may 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 or 3 sentences)
- Other information about contributing people involved in producing the item
- For DVDs or CDs, 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 selection lists are viewed by selecting librarians in every public library across the state each month. The supplier will contact your nominated distributor or publisher to place orders for any items selected by libraries.

## After publication

### Legal deposit

Australian publishers and self-published authors are required to send a copy of their works to the National Library and relevant State Library for legal deposit <http://www.nla.gov.au/legal-deposit/what-is-legal-deposit> . Legal deposit ensures that a comprehensive collection of published material relating to Australia and its people is preserved for the community and future generations.

But legal deposit also benefits you.

When the legal deposit copy of your book is processed, it receives a full catalogue record, which is uploaded to Libraries Australia <http://www.nla.gov.au/librariesaustralia/about/> and Trove <http://trove.nla.gov.au/> . Libraries and library suppliers can see that your book has been published, and the general public can see this and request that their local library purchase a copy.

### References

Australian Publishers Association: <https://www.publishers.asn.au/>

Australian Society of Authors: <https://www.asauthors.org/>

Self-Published Author by Bowker: <http://www.selfpublishedauthor.com/home>

Small Press Network: <http://smallpressnetwork.com.au/>

National Library of Australia blog titled "Attention Self-Publishers! How to get your book into libraries": <https://www.nla.gov.au/blogs/fringe-publishing/2017/12/07/attention-self-publishers>