

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 Books

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

ALS Library Services	James Bennett
https://www.alslib.com.au/authors/	https://www.follett.com/jb/public_herservices.cfm
newtitles@alslib.com.au	datacollection@bennett.com.au
Tel: (08) 8276 5500	Tel: (02) 8988 5000

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 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 supplier will contact your nominated distributor or publisher to place orders for any items selected by libraries.

If you should 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 eBook title included in the SA Library eCollection, it needs to be available to purchase through one of our eCollection platforms. Ask your publisher to form a relationship with BorrowBox and/or OverDrive, or if you are self-published, work with one of the suggested distributors below.

Once your title is in one of the stores, 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/connect-application/
Smashwords	https://www.smashwords.com/distribution
Draft2Digital	https://draft2digital.com/steps
Kobo Writing Life	https://kobowritinglife.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360059385651-OverDrive-Distribution
BorrowBox	
eBook Alchemy	http://ebookalchemy.com/

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

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

Useful Resources	
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/
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 South Australia	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