

## 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.*

### Physical Books

Contact our One Card library suppliers individually to let them know when your book is coming out.

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<a href="https://www.alslib.com.au/authors/">https://www.alslib.com.au/authors/</a>	<a href="https://www.follett.com/jb/publis Herservices.cfm">https://www.follett.com/jb/publis Herservices.cfm</a>	<a href="http://www.peterpal.com.au/index.php/contact-us/">http://www.peterpal.com.au/index.php/contact-us/</a>
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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 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 public libraries across the state

each month. 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, all branches and contact information are available on the Libraries SA Website <http://bit.ly/2CCpxJx>

## eBooks

To get your eBook title into the SA Library Catalogue, it needs to be available to purchase through OverDrive's Marketplace. Ask your publisher to form a relationship with OverDrive, or if you are self-published, work with one of the suggested distributors below.

OverDrive	Smashwords	Draft2Dibital	Kobo Writing Life
<a href="https://company.OverDrive.com/connect-application/">https://company.OverDrive.com/connect-application/</a>	<a href="https://www.smashwords.com/distribution">https://www.smashwords.com/distribution</a>	<a href="https://www.draft2digital.com/blog/distribute-ebooks-to-overdrive/">https://www.draft2digital.com/blog/distribute-ebooks-to-overdrive/</a>	<a href="https://kobowritinglife.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/115003508773-OverDrive-Distribution">https://kobowritinglife.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/115003508773-OverDrive-Distribution</a>

Once your title is in OverDrive's Marketplace, contact your local public library to request it be purchased and added to the statewide collection <http://bit.ly/2CCpxJx>.

## 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 (in South Australia, the legal deposit provisions are within section 35 of South Australia's [Libraries Act 1982](#)) for 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.

*Legal deposit also benefits you.* When the legal deposit copy of your book is processed, it receives a full catalogue record, which becomes part of the Libraries Australia database: <https://www.nla.gov.au/librariesaustralia/tcs>. 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.

The State Library of South Australia has a preference for electronic publications and the National eDeposit (NED) is a new online service for the deposit, archiving, discovery and delivery of published electronic material across Australia. It enables a publisher to deposit *once* to fulfil its state and national legal deposit obligations simply and efficiently. Publishers can create an account and login to the NED online portal to deposit: <https://ned.gov.au/portal/>

If you have published offline, you are legally required to deliver a physical copy to the National Library of Australia and the State Library of South Australia within one month of publication.

Legal Deposit  
**National Library of Australia**  
Canberra ACT 2600

Legal Deposit  
**State Library of SA**  
PO Box 419  
Adelaide SA 5001

## 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/>  
State Library of South Australia: <https://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/legal-deposit>  
National eDeposit: <https://ned.gov.au/portal/>  
National Library of Australia: <http://www.nla.gov.au/legal-deposit/what-is-legal-deposit>