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Welcome to PLS eNews

Public Library Services eNews provides an up-to-date report on the work of our services to public libraries, and lets you know about upcoming opportunities for professional development and promotion.

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Review of the Library Regulation

NSW regulations are reviewed every five years, and it is time for the review of the *Library Regulation 2018*.

The State Library has prepared a [consultation document and an accompanying feedback form](#) for consultation with public libraries.

Feedback on the regulation is welcomed by 5 pm, Friday 13 October 2023.

2023/24 Public Library Infrastructure Grants

The [2023/24 Public Library Infrastructure Grants](#) are now open. Applications are due by 5 pm, Friday 27 October 2023.

Public Library Infrastructure Grants of up to \$500,000 are for projects that will assist NSW councils to improve public library infrastructure, such as buildings, spaces and information technology (including digitisation projects).

Join us for an online grants information session. You do not need to book for the sessions, just join using the links below. The sessions are from 11 am to midday.

[Wednesday 27 September](#)

[Monday 9 October](#)

[Contact a PLS consultant](#) if you have any questions about the grants.



Seniors in Focus seminar

Book your place at the [Seniors in Focus seminar](#) on Monday 30 October. Join in person at the State



Books in your language banners

Multicultural Services has a new pull-up banner and double-sided flyers to promote the bulk loans

Library or online.

The seminar is hosted by the Home Library Service working group.

This seminar aims to connect people that provide services to older people and to foster information sharing to enhance the delivery of appropriate programs and services that support older people.



Representation in adult fiction collections – romance

Join us for the last in our series of online talks about developing representative fiction collections.

Romance, with Robin Bradford

Wednesday 11 October, 11 am–12.30 pm.

[Register here.](#)

Robin is an experienced collection librarian, and the author of the recently published *The Readers' Advisory Guide to Romance*. Robin will provide suggestions for purchasing diverse, equitable and inclusive romance titles for your community.



Gale resources overview

Every library member in NSW has access to free, quality information through the Gale online databases.

Join Damien for an overview of the Gale resources available to NSW public libraries.

Tuesday 10 October, 9–9.30 am.

Register [here](#).

service.

[Order the banner and flyers](#) for your library.

More multicultural bulk loan promotional resources to download can be found [here](#).

Contact [Joanna Goh](#) to find out more about Multicultural Services.



Watch BM Carroll in conversation with Dr Rachel Franks

The indyreads WinterReads campaign concluded with an online author talk on Thursday 7 September. BM Carroll, author of featured title *The Other Side of Her*, was in conversation with Dr Rachel Franks, Coordinator of Scholarship at the State Library of NSW and author of *An Uncommon Hangman*.

If you missed it, you can [watch it here](#).

Check out our [other videos](#).



Gale Tech Talk with Lynette

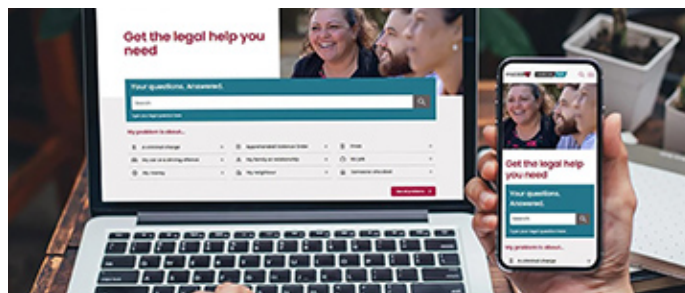
Find out how to integrate your Gale resources into your Library Management System.

Wednesday 4 October, 1–1.30 pm.

Register [here](#).

Find more information about using and promoting the databases on the [Gale Support Hub](#).

Learn how **alcohol, vaping, cannabis, MDMA, and other drugs** affect a developing brain



Drug Info for youth areas and digital signage

The information available through Drug Info can help provide young people with the facts they need to make informed choices about alcohol and other drugs. There is a range of resources available to help promote this information to your adolescent library users.

The [Respect Your Brain](#) video series explores how five commonly used drugs can affect the developing brain. The campaign page on the PLS website has been updated to include captioned versions of the five videos which can be downloaded and added to your library's display screens. You can access the videos as well as Respect Your Brain social media resources [here](#).

Don't forget our [Party Safe youth campaign page](#) for more ideas on promoting Drug Info in the youth areas of your library.

New Legal Aid NSW website

Legal Aid NSW has launched a [new website](#).

The new website replaces the previously separate Legal Aid NSW and LawAccess NSW websites. It is designed to be simple and user-friendly, with a powerful search engine.

The best place to start is on the [My problem is about](#) section.

The [guided pathways](#) help people find the best way to deal with their legal problem, and there is a section on [ways to get help](#).

You will find links to information on the new Legal Aid website on the [Find Legal Answers](#) website.

Legal Aid produces a range of legal information pamphlets on a variety of subjects. Order free pamphlets for your community to take away from their [Order a publication](#) page.



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