

# Collection strategy

## INTRODUCTION

Nelson Public Libraries' strategic objective is to connect people to local, national and global ideas and communities<sup>1</sup>.

**The Strategic Plan identifies five key goal areas to assist in achieving this objective:**

- Accessing information, ideas and works of the imagination
- Supporting independent lifelong learning and literacy
- Enabling online access to the digital world
- Building community identity and a sense of belonging
- And working with others

**The Collection strategy objectives are:**

- To provide collections that reflect the community's needs and unique character
- To ensure collections provide high quality information that sustains and develops the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of Nelson citizens
- To preserve local heritage materials for current and future generations
- To provide a popular core collection of recreational reading and audio-visual material
- To contribute to the library's aspiration of establishing the lifelong habit of reading and increasing literacy levels in children and young adults
- To ensure physical collections are well integrated with electronic resources and the content available on the Internet

The scope and range of the collections are more fully documented in the Collection Management Policy. Generally they will be determined through staff expertise and customer demand ensuring high interest and usage. They will be attractive and up to date and will help achieve and maintain an appealing and accessible community space. The library will continue to build its physical collections (books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and other media) and integrate these with digital resources and content available on the Internet. Materials will be provided for reading, listening and viewing. They will be easily accessed by everyone.