

Adult fiction Stock Quality Health Check

2017



Background/history

In 2011 the adult fiction Stock Quality Health Check was done to explore depth and breadth in NSW public libraries. It comprised five hundred titles, within genre clusters. These were representative across designated areas of reading interest which indicate the breadth and depth of an adult fiction collection in New South Wales. They were indicative titles rather than prescriptive, and not a list for purchase. Each author had only one title in the list. This was done to increase the diversity being investigated. The novels had to be written targeting adults, not, for example young adult titles which are read by adults as these would be addressed in another way.

When the adult fiction stock quality health check was available in 2011, 32 libraries across NSW participated. Thirteen of these were libraries from the metropolitan area, while the other nineteen were from country areas, including five regional libraries.

Method

It was decided to revisit this methodology to help libraries explore their collections. In September 2016 an expression of interest was sent to NSW public library email lists encouraging NSW public library staff to participate in a working group to plan an adult fiction stock quality health check. Collections and readers' advisory staff were sought from libraries of different sizes. 17 people volunteered, and because of the range of skills all were accepted. This brought involvement from libraries in a range of sizes and locations.

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For the 2017 project the previous list and size of each genre was not consulted as it was felt better to look at things without being influenced by the earlier stock quality check. This was a suggestion from the project steering committee.

The group met together on 15 February 2017 to discuss likely genres to include in the 500 titles, and then started suggesting authors and titles. After this meeting the information was placed on the NSW public library readers' advisory wiki¹ with a page per possible genre. This way library staff across NSW could add their suggestions to the lists as well as suggest other genres or names for some general topic areas. It also showed if there were suggested genres which were a better fit combined with another topic.

At the meeting in February there was discussion about the kind of authors and titles to include. This list is to help libraries check the depth and breadth of their adult fiction, so it was important that a wide range of writers was included. It needed to include new as well as established writers as public libraries should have a mix of styles in their collection. It was decided by the group that generally publications should be newer, and ideally still in print. This last point took a lot of checking by a small number of the steering group, especially Lana Aksenova, Anne Moten and Gabrielle Winter.

On 2 May there was a meeting to decide on which 500 titles would be indicative for adult fiction health. The size of the genres varied based on proportions which public library staff felt were representative of their collections.

Table 1 List of genres and number of titles for each genres

Genre	Number of titles in list
Action/Adventure	20
Australian	30
Classics	20
Crime/mystery	60
Everyday life	20
Fantasy	30
LGBTQI ²	20
Gentle reads	10
Historical	40
Horror	20
Humour	10

¹2017 adult fiction collection health, NSW public library readers' advisory wiki
<http://readersadvisory.wikifoundry.com/page/2017+adult+fiction+collection+health>

² Lesbian Gay Bisexual Queer Transgender Intersex

Indigenous ³	10
Literary fiction	20
Paranormal	10
Romance	40
Sagas	20
Science Fiction	40
Short stories	10
Thriller	20
War	10
Westerns	10
World Fiction	30

The complete list of titles is in Appendix 1.

These divisions were to make it simpler for libraries to explore their collection strengths. The steering group acknowledged that the genres such as Indigenous were totally artificial as the writing within this fits in many genres. The separate genre was done to make sure that public libraries were including fiction by Aboriginal and Torres Strait writers. If these writers were scattered through other genres, this would be harder to track. As well as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait writers included in the Indigenous section, others were included elsewhere. Similarly, with fiction by or about Lesbian Gay Bisexual Queer Transgender Intersex (LGBTQI) people it was thought important for these works not to be lost or buried. This is also true for short stories as their content is across many genres, but it was important that this format was included. Graphic novels, because they are a format rather than a genre, were included in several genres. It was decided to try and have near even numbers of female and male writers on the list.

There were discussions about criteria for particular genres, for example romance had to have a happy ending (happy ever after or happy for now). Novels which included elements of romance but did not have happy endings was placed in other genres. The aim was to include novels with different appeal characteristics and styles. This is an indicative list not a shopping list, so if a library had a lower rating in a particular genre they were encouraged to have a look at that part of their collection in more depth and see if they need to do more work in that area. It was also decided that each author should only have one title on the list. If the author uses pseudonyms it was still one title for all of the output of an author

³ Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander novelists

Results

Sixty three libraries from all over NSW provided their results. No library held all 500 titles. One library held 499 titles, just missing one of the horror ones, see table 1 on spreadsheet for a detailed coverage. The data is available for each council, but has been coded for anonymity. The Australian Classification of Local Governments (see Appendix 3) was used, except for Regional libraries (libraries which are formed because of a formal agreement between two or more councils) which were given a separate classification of *RL*.

The genres which were strongest in public libraries were action/adventure, Australian, classics, crime and sagas (see table 1 on spreadsheet). The genres more libraries struggled with were LGBTQI, gentle reads, horror, Indigenous, science fiction, short stories and Westerns (see table 1 on spreadsheet).

What happens now?

While this short report looks at the state wide view, there is work for individual libraries to do. Each library should be looking at how they scored, and in genres where their scores were lower, do a more detailed exploration looking at what they hold and where are their gaps. To help this work, talks by genre specialists will be organized to assist all libraries with their genre understanding. These will be by videoconference and be recorded, so that they are available to as many library staff as possible. This will be taking a collection focus to help all libraries, regardless of their size and budget improve their collections.

The libraries with the highest total percentage of holdings have been contacted to discuss their acquisition methods. From early discussions, the libraries with the highest percentage of holdings use a combination of standing orders (reviewed each year) and direct selection. These were the consistent variables.

Appendix 1 2017 list of titles

1	Action/Adventure	Berenson, Alex	Prisoner
2	Action/Adventure	Connolly, Bram	The fighting season (2016)
3	Action/Adventure	Crichton, Michael	Pirate latitudes (2009/2016)
4	Action/Adventure	Cussler, Clive	Cutthroat (2017)
5	Action/Adventure	Flynn, Vince with Kyle Mills	Order to kill (2016)
6	Action/Adventure	Higgins, Jack	Midnight bell (2016)
7	Action/Adventure	Lehane, Dennis	World gone by
8	Action/Adventure	Lustbader, Eric van	Bourne enigma (2016)
9	Action/Adventure	Marsden, John	South of darkness (2014)
10	Action/Adventure	McGuire, Ian	North water 2016
11	Action/Adventure	McNab, Andy	Cold blood (2016)
12	Action/Adventure	O'Brian, Patrick	Master and Commander
13	Action/Adventure	Park, Tony	An empty coast (2015)
14	Action/Adventure	Preston, Douglas	The obsidian chamber
15	Action/Adventure	Rollins, James	The seventh plague (2016)
16	Action/Adventure	Ryan, Chris	Bad soldier (2016)
17	Action/Adventure	Silva, Daniel	The black widow
18	Action/Adventure	Smith, Wilbur	Golden lion (2015)
19	Action/Adventure	Stockwin, Julian	Tyger (2015)
20	Action/Adventure	Tonkin, Peter	Blind reef
21	Australian	Allinson, Miles	Fever of animals (2015)
22	Australian	Behrendt, Larissa	Legacy (2009)
23	Australian	Bitto, Emily	The strays (2014)
24	Australian	Brooks, Geraldine	People of the book (2008)
25	Australian	Carey, Peter	True history of the Kelly Gang (2000)
26	Australian	Corris, Peter	Win, lose or draw (2016)
27	Australian	Flanagan, Richard	The narrow road to the deep north (2013)
28	Australian	Garner, Helen	The spare room (2008)
28	Australian	Grenville, Kate	The secret river (2005)
30	Australian	Harper, Jane	The dry (2016)
31	Australian	Keneally, Meg & Tom	The soldier's curse: (No. 1: Monsarrat series) (2016)
32	Australian	Kent, Hannah	The good people (2016)
33	Australian	Laguna, Sofie	The eye of the sheep (2014)
34	Australian	London, Joan	The golden age (2014)
35	Australian	Maguire, Emily	An isolated incident (2016)
36	Australian	Maitland, Barry	Slaughter Park
37	Australian	Moriarty, Liane	Big little lies (2014)

38	Australian	Morrissey, Di	Rain music
39	Australian	Morton, Kate	The lake house (2015)
40	Australian	Polites, Peter	Down the Hume (2017)
41	Australian	Reilly, Matthew	The four legendary kingdoms (2016)
42	Australian	Silvey, Craig	Jasper Jones (2009)
43	Australian	Stedman, ML	The light between oceans (2012)
44	Australian	Temple, Peter	The broken shore (2005)
45	Australian	Throsby, Holly	Goodwood (2016)
46	Australian	Treloar, Lucy	Salt Creek (2016)
47	Australian	Tsiolkas, Christos	Barracuda (2013)
48	Australian	Wilson, Josephine	Extinctions (2015)
49	Australian	Winton, Tim	Eyrie (2013)
50	Australian	Wood, Charlotte	The natural way of things (2015)
51	Classics	Austen, Jane	Pride and prejudice (1813)
52	Classics	Bronte, Charlotte	Jane Eyre (1847)
53	Classics	Dickens, Charles	David Copperfield (1850)
54	Classics	Eliot, George	Middlemarch (1871)
55	Classics	Fitzgerald, F. Scott	The Great Gatsby
56	Classics	Garcia Marquez, Gabriel	One hundred years of solitude
57	Classics	Golden, Arthur	Memoirs of a Geisha (1997)
58	Classics	Golding, William	Lord of the Flies (1954)
58	Classics	Hardy, Thomas	Far from the madding crowd (1874)
60	Classics	Johnston, George	My brother Jack (Aust) (1964)
61	Classics	Kafka, Franz	The metamorphosis (1915)
62	Classics	Lee, Harper	To kill a mockingbird (1960)
63	Classics	Lindsay, Joan	Picnic at Hanging Rock (1967)
64	Classics	Niland, Darcy	The Shiralee (1955)
65	Classics	Orwell, George	1984 (1948)
66	Classics	Park, Ruth	Harp in the south
67	Classics	Salinger, JD	The Catcher in the Rye
68	Classics	Steinbeck, John	Of mice and men (1937)
69	Classics	Tolstoy, Leo	War and Peace
70	Classics	White, Patrick	Voss (1957)
71	Crime/mystery	Aaronvich, Ben	Rivers of London (2011)
72	Crime/mystery	Atkinson, Kate	Case histories (2004)
73	Crime/mystery	Baldacci, David	Memory man
74	Crime/mystery	Beaton, MC	Agatha Raisin and the quiche of death
75	Crime/mystery	Billingham, Mark	Time of death (2015) ;

76	Crime/mystery	Bradley, Alan	Thrice the brinded cat hath mew'd
77	Crime/mystery	Camilleri, Andrea	Blade of light
78	Crime/mystery	Child, Lee	Night school
79	Crime/mystery	Childs, Laura	Devonshire scream
80	Crime/mystery	Christie, Agatha	Murder at the vicarage
81	Crime/mystery	Cleeves , Ann	The moth catcher (2015)
82	Crime/mystery	Coben, Harlan	Fool me once
83	Crime/mystery	Connelly, Michael	The crossing (2015)
84	Crime/mystery	Cornwell, Patricia	Chaos
85	Crime/mystery	Crombie , Deborah	Garden of lamentations (2017)
86	Crime/mystery	Deaver, Jeffery	The burial hour
87	Crime/mystery	Disher, Garry	Bitter Wash Road
88	Crime/mystery	Ellis, Kate	The house of eyes (2016)
89	Crime/mystery	Fairstein, Linda	Killer look (2016)
90	Crime/mystery	Fluke, Joanne	Banana cream pie murder (2017)
91	Crime/mystery	Flynn, Gillian	Gone girl
92	Crime/mystery	Fox, Candice	Crimson Lake (2017)
93	Crime/mystery	Galbraith, Robert	Career of evil (2015)
94	Crime/mystery	Grafton, Sue	V is for vengeance (2011)
95	Crime/mystery	Greenwood, Kerry	Dead man's chest
96	Crime/mystery	Griffiths, Elly	The woman in blue
97	Crime/mystery	Grisham, John	The whistler (2016)
98	Crime/mystery	Høeg, Peter	The quiet girl (2008)
99	Crime/mystery	Holt, Anne	Offline (2015)
100	Crime/mystery	James, Peter	Love you dead (2016)
101	Crime/mystery	Kellerman, Jonathan	Breakdown
102	Crime/mystery	La Plante, Lynda	Tennison (2015)
103	Crime/mystery	Läckberg, Camilla	The ice child (2016)
104	Crime/mystery	Larsson, Stieg	The girl with the dragon tattoo (2008)
105	Crime/mystery	Leon, Donna	The golden egg
106	Crime/mystery	Penny, Louise	A great reckoning (2016)
107	Crime/mystery	Mankell, Henning	The troubled man (2009)
108	Crime/mystery	Marston, Edward	Signal for vengeance (2016)
109	Crime/mystery	Pryor, Mark	The Paris librarian (2016)
110	Crime/mystery	Martini , Steve	Blood flag (2016)
111	Crime/mystery	May, Peter	Coffin Road (2016)
112	Crime/mystery	McDermid, Val	Splinter the silence (2015)
113	Crime/mystery	McKinty, Adrian	Police at the station and they don't look friendly (2016)

114	Crime/mystery	Nesbo, Jo	The thirst (2017)
115	Crime/mystery	Neuhaus, Nele	Snow White must die (2010)
116	Crime/mystery	Parris, SJ	Conspiracy (2016)
117	Crime/mystery	Parsons, Tony	The hanging club (2016)
118	Crime/mystery	Patterson James	Private London (2011)
119	Crime/mystery	Rankin, Ian	Rather be the devil (2016)
120	Crime/mystery	Reichs, Kathy	The bone collection
121	Crime/mystery	Rendell, Ruth	The girl next door
122	Crime/mystery	Robinson , Peter	When the music's over (2016)
123	Crime/mystery	Robotham, Michael	Life or death (2014)
124	Crime/mystery	Schmidt, Sarah	See what I have done (2017)
125	Crime/mystery	Scottoline, Lisa	Damaged (2016)
126	Crime/mystery	Sigurdardottir, Yrsa	Silence of the sea (2014)
127	Crime/mystery	Slovo, Gillian	Ten days (2016)
128	Crime/mystery	Turow, Scott	Identical (2013)
129	Crime/mystery	Walker, Martin	Fatal pursuit (2015)
130	Crime/mystery	Winspear, Jacqueline	In this grave hour (2017)
131	Everyday life	Berg,Elizabeth	The dream lover (2015)
132	Everyday life	Byrski, Liz	The woman next door (2016)
133	Everyday life	Foster,Zoe	The wrong girl (2014)
134	Everyday life	Genova, Lisa	Still Alice (2009)
135	Everyday life	Haruf, Kent	Our souls at night (2015)
136	Everyday life	Healey, Emma	Elizabeth is missing (2014)
137	Everyday life	James, Wendy	The golden child (2017)
138	Everyday life	Jewell, Lisa	Girls in the garden (2016)
139	Everyday life	Kelly, Cathy	Between sisters (2015)
140	Everyday life	Mallery, Susan	A million little things (2017)
141	Everyday life	McCall Smith, Alexander	44 Scotland Street 2005
142	Everyday life	McInerney, Monica	Hello from the Gillespies (2014)
143	Everyday life	Morgan, Christopher	Currawalli Street
144	Everyday life	Moriarty, Sinead	The good mother (2017)
145	Everyday life	Moyes, Jojo	Me before you (2012)
146	Everyday life	Picoult, Jodi	Small great things
147	Everyday life	Simonson, Helen	Major Pettigrew's last stand (2010)
148	Everyday life	Strout, Elizabeth	Olive Kitteridge (2008)
149	Everyday life	Sweeney, Cynthia D'Aprix	The nest (2016)
150	Everyday life	Toibin, Colm	Nora Webster (2014)
151	Fantasy	Canavan, Trudi	Angel of Storms (2015)

152	Fantasy	Chan, Kylie	White tiger (2007)
153	Fantasy	Jemisin, N.K.	The fifth season (15)
154	Fantasy	Eddings , David	Pawn of prophesy (1982)
155	Fantasy	Feist , Raymond	A kingdom besieged (2013)
156	Fantasy	Fforde, Jasper	The Eyre affair (2001)
157	Fantasy	Forsyth, Kate	The beast's garden (2015)
158	Fantasy	Goodkind, Terry	Severed souls (2014) Sword of truth series
159	Fantasy	Hearn, Lian	Emperor of the eight islands (2016)
160	Fantasy	Hobb, Robin	Fool's quest (2015)
161	Fantasy	Kristoff, Jay	Nevernight (2016)
162	Fantasy	Lackey, Mercedes	Closer to the chest (2016)
163	Fantasy	Lay, Duncan	Bridge of swords (2012)
164	Fantasy	Logan, Kirsty	The gracekeepers (2015)
165	Fantasy	Lynch, Scott	The Lies of Locke Lamora
166	Fantasy	Marillier, Juliet	Den of wolves (2016)
167	Fantasy	McCaffrey, Anne	Dragonflight (1968)
168	Fantasy	Miller, Fank	Batman the dark knight returns (2015)GN
169	Fantasy	Moore, Alan	V for vendetta (2008) GN
170	Fantasy	Morgenstern, Erin	The night circus (2012)
171	Fantasy	Novik, Naomi	Empire of Ivory (2007)
172	Fantasy	Pratchett, Terry	Snuff (2011)
173	Fantasy	Rothfuss, Patrick	Wise man's fear (2011)
174	Fantasy	Sanderson, Brandon	Arcanum unbounded (2016)
175	Fantasy	Schwab, Victoria	A gathering of shadows (2016)
176	Fantasy	Showalter, Gena	The darkest torment (2016)
177	Fantasy	Mandel, Emily St. John	Station Eleven (2014)
178	Fantasy	Tolkien, JRR	The fellowship of the ring (1954 + recent eds)
179	Fantasy	Weeks, Brent	The blood mirror (2016)
180	Fantasy	Wilkins, Kim	Sisters of the fire (2016)
181	LGBTQTI	Boyne, John	The heart's invisible furies (2017)
182	LGBTQTI	Brown, Rita Mae	Cakewalk (2016)
183	LGBTQTI	Cunningham, Michael	The hours (1999/2003)
184	LGBTQTI	Ebershoff, David	The Danish girl (2000)
185	LGBTQTI	Eugenides, Jeffrey	Middlesex (2002)
186	LGBTQTI	Flagg, Fannie	Fried green tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café (1987)
187	LGBTQTI	Ford, Kelly J	Cottonmouths: A Novel (2017)
188	LGBTQTI	Frankel, Laurie	This is how it always is (2017)
189	LGBTQTI	Gale, Patrick	A place called Winter (2015)

190	LGBTQI	Haddad, George	Populate and perish (2016)
191	LGBTQI	Highsmith, Patricia	Carol (1991/2011)
192	LGBTQI	Lear, James	While My Wife's Away (2017)
193	LGBTQI	Louis, Edouard	The End of Eddy: A Novel (2017)
194	LGBTQI	Malouf, David	Johnno
195	LGBTQI	Maroh, Julie	Blue is the warmest color (2013) GN
196	LGBTQI	Maupin, Armistead	Tales of the city
197	LGBTQI	Okparanta, Chinelo	Under the Udala Trees (2017)
198	LGBTQI	Scott, Manda	Into the fire (2015)
199	LGBTQI	Waters, Sarah	The paying guests (2014)
200	LGBTQI	Winterson, Jeanette	Oranges are not the only fruit (1997)
201	Gentle reads	Chiaverini, Jennifer	The wedding quilt (2012)
202	Gentle reads	Gray, Shelley Shepard	Daybreak (2013)
203	Gentle reads	Kingsbury, Karen	Chasing sunsets (2015)
204	Gentle reads	Lewis, Beverly	The photograph (2015)
205	Gentle reads	Macomber, Debbie	If not for you (2017)
206	Gentle reads	Oke, Janette	When calls the heart
207	Gentle reads	Ryan, Jennifer	The Chilbury ladies' choir (2017)
208	Gentle reads	Sparks, Nicholas	The notebook (1996/2017)
209	Gentle reads	Trigiani, Adriana	Kiss Carlo (2017)
210	Gentle reads	Zevin, Gabrielle	The collected works of AJ Fikry (2014)
211	Historical	Ashley, Melissa	The birdman's wife (2016)
212	Historical	Baker Kline, Christine	A piece of the world (2017)
213	Historical	Barry, Sebastian	Days without end (2017)
214	Historical	Burton, Jessie	The miniaturist (2014)
215	Historical	Catton, Eleanor	The Luminaries (2013)
216	Historical	Cornwell , Bernard	The empty throne (2014)
217	Historical	Donoghue, Emma	The Wonder (2016)
218	Historical	Dunant, Sarah	In the name of the family (2017)
219	Historical	Dyer, David	The midnight watch (2016)
220	Historical	Fabbri,Robert	Tribune of Rome (2011)
221	Historical	Fellowes, Julian	Belgravia (2016)
222	Historical	Funder, Anna	All that I am (2011)
223	Historical	Ghosh, Amitav	Flood of fire (2015)
224	Historical	Gilbert , Elizabeth	Signature of all things (2012)
225	Historical	Gregory, Philippa	The other Boleyn girl (2001)
226	Historical	Hannah , Kristin	The nightingale (2015)
227	Historical	Hoffman, Alice	The dovekeepers (2011)

228	Historical	Iggulden, Conn Stormbird (2013)
229	Historical	Jefferies, Dinah The tea planter's wife (2015)
230	Historical	Jenoff , Pam The orphan's tale (2017)
231	Historical	Jordan , Toni Nine days (2012)
232	Historical	Kane, Ben Hunting the eagles (2016)
233	Historical	Kiernan , Stephen P The baker's secret (2017)
234	Historical	Lovett , Charlie The lost book of the grail (2017)
235	Historical	Correa, Armando Lucas The German Girl (2016)
236	Historical	Mantel, Hillary Wolf Hall (2009)
237	Historical	McLain, Paula The Paris wife (2011)
238	Historical	Miller , Andrew Pure (2011)
239	Historical	Kidd, Sue Monk The invention of wings (2014)
240	Historical	Perry, Sarah The Essex serpent (2016)
241	Historical	Sansom, CJ Lamentation (2014)
242	Historical	Saunders, George Lincoln in the Bardo (2017)
243	Historical	Scarrow, Simon Invictus (2016)
244	Historical	See, Lisa Shanghai girls (2009)
245	Historical	Serov, Banafsheh The Russian tapestry (2013)
246	Historical	Spufford, Francis Golden Hill (2016)
247	Historical	Stockett, Kathryn The help (2009)
248	Historical	Watt, Peter Beneath a rising sun (2015)
249	Historical	Weir, Alison Anne Boleyn : a King's obsession (2017)
250	Historical	Whitehead , Colson The underground railroad (2017)
251	Horror	Barker, Clive, The scarlet gospels (2015)
252	Horror	Carey, MR Fellside (2016)
253	Horror	Oates, Joyce Carol The accursed (2013)
254	Horror	Cook, Robin Cell (2014)
255	Horror	Crouch , Blake Pines (2012) (Wayward pines series)
256	Horror	Hill, Joe The fireman (2016)
257	Horror	King, Stephen Finders Keepers (2015)
258	Horror	Kirkman , Robert The walking dead: Volume 1: Days gone by (GN) 2013
259	Horror	Koontz, Dean Ashley Bell (2016)
260	Horror	Levin, Ira Rosemary's baby (1967/2017)
261	Horror	Lukyanenko, Sergei Night watch (2006)
262	Horror	McDaniel , Tiffany The summer that melted everything (2016)
263	Horror	McMahon, Jennifer The winter people (2016)
264	Horror	Rice, Anne Prince Lestat and the realms of Atlantis (2015)
265	Horror	Shelley, Mary Frankenstein

266	Horror	Stoker, Bram	Dracula
267	Horror	Warren, Kaaron	Grief hole (2016)
268	Horror	Straub, Peter	Interior darkness (2016)
269	Horror	Jamieson, Trent	Day boy (2015)
270	Horror	McDermott, Kirstyn	Perfections (2012)
271	Humour	Adams, Douglas	The hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy (1979/2004)
272	Humour	Backman, Fredrik	My grandmother asked me to tell you she's sorry (2015)
273	Humour	Evanovich, Janet	Turbo twenty-three (2016)
274	Humour	Fielding, Helen	Bridget Jones's diary (1996)
275	Humour	Kinsella, Sophie	My not so perfect life (2017)
276	Humour	Nicholls, David	One day (2010)
277	Humour	Oswald, Debra	Useful (2015)
278	Humour	Semple, Maria	Where'd you go, Bernadette (2012)
279	Humour	Simsion, Graeme	The Rosie Project (2013)
280	Humour	Townsend, Sue	The women who went to bed for a year (2012)
281	Indigenous	Coleman, Dylan	Mazin' Grace (2012)
282	Indigenous	Heiss, Anita	Barbed wire and cherry blossoms (2016)
283	Indigenous	Janson, Julie	The Crocodile Hotel (2015)
284	Indigenous	Lucashenko, Melissa	Mullumbimby (2013)
285	Indigenous	Munkara, Marie	A most peculiar act (2013)
286	Indigenous	Scott, Kim	That deadman dance (2011)
287	Indigenous	van Neervan, Ellen	Heat and Light (2014)
277	Indigenous	Watson, Nicole	The boundary (2011)
289	Indigenous	Winch, Tara June	Swallow the air (2006)
290	Indigenous	Wright, Alexis	Carpentaria (2006)
291	Literary fiction	Barnes, Julian	The sense of an ending (2011)
292	Literary fiction	Amsterdam, Steven	The easy way out (2016)
293	Literary fiction	Nabokov, Vladimir	Pale fire
294	Literary fiction	Carroll, Steven	A world of other people (2013)
295	Literary fiction	Fowler, Karen Joy	We are all completely beside ourselves (2014)
296	Literary fiction	Franzen, Jonathan	Purity (2015)
297	Literary fiction	Johnson, Adam	The orphan master's son (2012)
298	Literary fiction	Joyce, Rachel	The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry (2012)
299	Literary fiction	Kingsolver, Barbara	The Poisonwood Bible (1999)
300	Literary fiction	McEwan, Ian	Nutshell (2016)
301	Literary fiction	Patchett, Ann	Commonwealth (2016)
302	Literary fiction	Foer, Jonathan Safran	Here I am (2016)
303	Literary fiction	Searle, Nicholas	The good liar (2016)

304	Literary fiction	Smith , Ali	How to be both (2014)
305	Literary fiction	Smith, Dominic	The last painting of Sara de Vos (2016)
306	Literary fiction	Smith, Zadie	Swing time (2016)
307	Literary fiction	Tartt, Donna	The Goldfinch (2013)
308	Literary fiction	Nguyen, Viet Thanh	The refugees (2017)
309	Literary fiction	Tinti, Hannah	The twelve lives of Samuel Hawley (2017)
310	Literary fiction	Wyld, Evie	All the birds singing (2014)
311	Paranormal	Connolly, John	A time of torment (2016)
312	Paranormal	Day, Sylvia	A hunger so wild (2012)
313	Paranormal	Feehan, Christine	Power game (2017)
314	Paranormal	Gaiman, Neil	American Gods (2006)
315	Paranormal	Harris, Charlaine	Night shift (2016)
316	Paranormal	Lindqvist, John Ajvide	Let the right one in (2007)
317	Paranormal	Kenyon, Sherrilyn	Born of vengeance (2017)
318	Paranormal	Littlewood, Alison	The hidden people (2016)
319	Paranormal	Singh, Nalini	Angels blood (2009)
320	Paranormal	Ward, J.R.	The beast (2016)
321	Romance	Andre, Bella	Since I fell for you (2016)
322	Romance	Appleyard, Meredith	No job for a girl (2017)
323	Romance	Ashley, Trisha	The little teashop of lost and found (2016)
324	Romance	Balogh, Mary	Someone to love (2016)
325	Romance	Colgan, Jenny	The bookshop on the corner (2016)
326	Romance	Cooper, Tea	The currency lass (2017)
327	Romance	Dailey, Janet	Sunrise Canyon (2016)
328	Romance	de Botton, Alain	The Course of Love (2016)
329	Romance	Evans, Harriet	Happily ever after (2012)
330	Romance	Garwood, Julie	Hotshot (2013)
331	Romance	Goyer, Tricia	The kissing bridge (2014)
332	Romance	Graeme- Evans, Posie	The island house (2012)
333	Romance	Griffin, Matthew	Hide (2015)
334	Romance	Hannay, Barbara	The grazier's wife (2016)
335	Romance	Hein, Cathryn	Wayward heart (2017)
336	Romance	Herron, Rachael	The darling songbirds (2016)
337	Romance	Heyer, Georgette	These old shades
338	Romance	Hill, Loretta	The girl in the steel capped boots (2012)
339	Romance	Holden, Wendy	Honeymoon suite (2016)
340	Romance	James, Eloisa	When beauty tamed the beast (2011)
341	Romance	Johns, Rachael	Talk of the town

- 342 Romance Johnson, Milly The teashop on the corner (2014)
- 343 Romance Lane, Karly Third time lucky (2016) ;
- 344 Romance Lauer, Rosalind A simple charity (2014)
- 345 Romance Laurens, Stephanie The daredevil snared (2016)
- 346 Romance Magro, Mandy Along country roads (2017) RR
- 347 Romance Mansell, Jill Meet me at Beachcomber Bay (2017)
- 348 Romance Matthews, Carole Paper hearts and summer kisses (2017)
- 349 Romance McArthur, Fiona Heart of the sky (2017)
- 350 Romance McDonald, Fleur Sapphire Falls (2016)
- 351 Romance Miller, Emma Anna's gift (2011)
- 352 Romance Miller, Fenella-Jane Lady Charlotte's secret (2011)
- 353 Romance Moon, Josephine The Chocolate promise 2015
- 354 Romance Palmer, Fiona The Saddler boys (2015) RR
- 355 Romance Parry, Bronwyn Sunset shadows (2016)
- 356 Romance Phillips, Susan Elizabeth Heroes are my weakness (2014)
- 357 Romance Sendker, Jan-Philipp The art of hearing heartbeats (2012)
- 358 Romance Stringer, Tricia A chance of stormy weather (2017)
- 359 Romance Thorne, Sally The hating game (2017)
- 360 Romance Treasure, Rachael Clean skin cowgirls 2017
- 361 Sagas Alexander, Nicole River run (2016)
- 362 Sagas Alexandra, Belinda Southern Ruby (2016)
- 363 Sagas Andrews, Lyn Liverpool sisters (2016)
- 364 Sagas Archer, Jeffrey Only time will tell (2011)
- 365 Sagas Baker, Anne A Liverpool legacy (2013)
- 366 Sagas Cox, Josephine A family secret (2017)
- 367 Sagas Follett , Ken A column of fire (2017)
- 368 Sagas Gabaldon, Diana Outlander (1991)
- 369 Sagas Graham, Winston Ross Poldark
- 370 Sagas Howard, Audrey Softly grow the poppies (2012)
- 371 Sagas Hunter, Georgia We were the lucky ones (2017)
- 372 Sagas McCullough, Colleen The thorn birds (1977)
- 373 Sagas Nunn, Judy Elianne (2013)
- 374 Sagas Pieper, Liam The toymaker (2016)
- 375 Sagas Proulx, Annie Barkskins (2016)
- 376 Sagas Martin, George RR Song of fire and ice
- 377 Sagas Rutherford, Edward Paris
- 378 Sagas Smiley, Jane Some luck (2014)
- 379 Sagas Tan, Amy The Joy Luck Club (1989)

- 380 Sagas Tyler, Anne Spool of blue thread (2015)
- 381 Science Fiction Abbott, Jane Watershed (2016)
- 382 Science Fiction Anderson, Kevin J The dark between the stars (2014)
- 383 Science Fiction Asher , Neal Dark intelligence (2015)
- 384 Science Fiction Atwood, Margaret The handmaid's tale (1998/2017)
- 385 Science Fiction Baxter, Stephen The massacre of mankind: a sequel to War of the Worlds(2017)
- 386 Science Fiction Bear , Greg War dogs
- 387 Science Fiction Bova, Ben Mars
- 388 Science Fiction Boyle, T Coraghessan The Terranauts (2016)
- 389 Science Fiction Brown, Pierce Red Rising (2014)
- 390 Science Fiction Butcher, Jim The aeronaut's windlass (2015)
- 391 Science Fiction Butler, Octavia, Kindred (2014)
- 392 Science Fiction Campbell, Jack Dauntless (2006) Lost Fleet series
- 393 Science Fiction Cline, Ernest Ready Player One (2011)
- 394 Science Fiction Corey, James SA Leviathan Wakes (2011)
- 395 Science Fiction Dick , Philip K Do androids dream of electric sheep (aka Blade Runner) - (1968/2012)
- 396 Science Fiction Gibson, William The peripheral (2014)
- 397 Science Fiction Hamilton, Peter F The abyss beyond dreams (2014)
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- 399 Science Fiction Howey, Hugh Dust (2015)
- 400 Science Fiction Huxley, Aldous Brave new world (1932)
- 401 Science Fiction Ishiguro, Kazuo Never Let Me Go (2006)
- 402 Science Fiction Leckie, Ann Ancillary justice (2013)
- 403 Science Fiction Le Guin, Ursula The dispossessed (1974)
- 404 Science Fiction Liu, Cixin The three-body problem (2014)
- 105 Science Fiction McDevitt, Jack The engines of god
- 406 Science Fiction Bujold, Lois McMaster The sharing knife (2007) book 1: Beguilement
- 407 Science Fiction Mieville , China The census taker (2016)
- 408 Science Fiction Okorafor, Nnedi Binti (2016)
- 409 Science Fiction O'Malley, Daniel Stiletto, The Checquy Files series, book 2 (2016)
- 410 Science Fiction Priest, Cherie Brimstone (2017)
- 411 Science Fiction Reynolds, Alastair Revenger (2016)
- 412 Science Fiction Ringo, John Islands of rage and hope (2014) book 3 Black tide rising
- 413 Science Fiction Scalzi , John The end of all things (2015);
- 414 Science Fiction Stanley Robinson, Kim Aurora (2015)
- 415 Science Fiction Stephenson, Neal Seveneves (2015)
- 416 Science Fiction Tidhar,Lavie Central station (2016)

- 417 Science Fiction Turner, Rebekah Threader (2016)
- 418 Science Fiction Weber, David On Basilisk Station (1993, 2003)
- 419 Science Fiction Weir, Andy The Martian (2011)
- 420 Science Fiction Zahn, Timothy Star Wars: Thrawn (2017)
- 421 Short stories Bennett Daylight, Tegan Six bedrooms (2015)
- 422 Short stories Clarke, Maxine Beneba Foreign soil (2014)
- 423 Short stories Constantine, David In another country (2015)
- 424 Short stories Dovey, Ceridwen Only the Animals (2014)
- 425 Short stories Kinsella, John Old growth
- 426 Short stories Le, Nam The boat (2009)
- 427 Short stories Li, Isabelle A Chinese affair (2016)
- 428 Short stories Lodge, David The man who wouldn't get up and other stories (2016)
- 429 Short stories Low, Nic Arms race and other stories (2014)
- 430 Short stories Munro, Alice Dear Life
- 431 Thriller Berry, Steve The 14th colony (2016)
- 432 Thriller Block, Lawrence Borderline (2014)
- 433 Thriller Brown, Dan Inferno (2013)
- 434 Thriller Burke, James Lee The jealousy kind (2016)
- 435 Thriller Cole, Martina Betrayal
- 436 Thriller Dean, Averil Alice close your eyes
- 437 Thriller Ford, Jaye Darkest place (2016)
- 438 Thriller Foster, Sara The hidden hours (2017)
- 439 Thriller French, Nicci Friday on my mind (2015)
- 440 Thriller Greaney, Mark Back blast (2016)
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- 442 Thriller Hawkins, Paula Into the water
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- 444 Thriller Hurwitz, Gregg The nowhere man (2017)
- 445 Thriller Khoury, Raymond The end game (2016)
- 446 Thriller Le Carre, John Our kind of traitor
- 447 Thriller Pinborough, Sarah Behind her eyes (2017)
- 448 Thriller Raabe, Melanie The trap (2017)
- 449 Thriller Rimington, Stella Breaking cover (2016)
- 450 Thriller Ware, Ruth The woman in cabin 10 (2016)
- 451 War Baker, Jo A country road, a tree (2016)
- 452 War Barker, Pat Regeneration (1992)
- 453 War Clancy, Tom The hunt for Red October (1994/2010/2016)
- 454 War Doerr, Anthony All the light we cannot see (2014)

455	War	Hamid, Moshin	Exit west
456	War	Némirovsky, Irene	Suite Française (2004)
457	War	Patric, AS	Black rock white city (2016)
458	War	Powers, Kevin	The yellow birds (2012)
459	War	Zable, Arnold	Cafe Scheherazade (2001)
460	War	Zusak, Markus	The Book Thief (2005)
461	Westerns	deWitt , Patrick	The Sisters Brothers(2011)
462	Westerns	Grey, Zane	Shower of gold (2013)
463	Westerns	Johnson, Craig	Dry bones (2015)
464	Westerns	McCarthy, Cormac	No country for old men (2005)
465	Westerns	McMurty, Larry	Lonesome dove (1985/2010)
466	Westerns	Meyer, Phillip	The son (2013)
467	Westerns	Miller, Linda Lael	Big sky mountain 2012
468	Westerns	Portis, Charles	True grit (1968/2010)
469	Westerns	Russell, Mary Doria	Doc (2011)
470	Westerns	Stewart, Amy	Girl waits with gun (2015; Kopp sisters #1)
471	World Fiction	Achland, Jenny	The secret son (2015)
472	World Fiction	Allende, Isabel	The Japanese lover (2015)
473	World Fiction	Anam, Tahmina	A golden age (2007, The Bengal Trilogy, book 1)
474	World Fiction	Chandra, Vikram	Sacred Games
475	World Fiction	Erdrich, Louise	The round house (2012)
476	World Fiction	Ferrante, Elena	My brilliant friend
477	World Fiction	Gardos, Peter	Fever at dawn (2010)
478	World Fiction	Gyasi, Yaa	Homegoing
479	World Fiction	Hashimi, Nadia	A house without windows (2016)
480	World Fiction	Hosseini, Khaled	The kite runner
481	World Fiction	Houellebecq, Michel	Submission (political)
482	World Fiction	James, Marlon	A brief history seven killings
483	World Fiction	Kang, Han	The vegetarian (2007)
484	World Fiction	Lianke, Yan	The explosion chronicles (2017)
485	World Fiction	Martel, Yann	Life of Pi
486	World Fiction	Murakami, Haruki	Norwegian wood (1987)
487	World Fiction	Navarro, Julia	Story of a sociopath (2016)
488	World Fiction	Adichie, Chimandanda Ngozi	Americanah (2013)
489	World Fiction	Obreht, Tea	The tiger's wife (2011)
490	World Fiction	Onuzo, Chibundu	Welcome to Lagos (2017)
491	World Fiction	Otsuka, Julie	The Buddha in the attic (2011)
492	World Fiction	Ozeki, Ruth	A tale for the time being (2013)

493	World Fiction	Pamuk, Orhan	A strangeness in my mind (2015)
494	World Fiction	Petterson, Per	Out stealing horses (2003)
495	World Fiction	Sacheri, Eduardo A -	The secret in their eyes (2015)
496	World Fiction	Satrapi, Marjane	Persepolis GN
497	World Fiction	Seth, Vikram	A suitable boy (1993)
498	World Fiction	Swarup, Vikas	Slumdog millionaire (2008)
499	World Fiction	Uhly, Steven	Kingdom of twilight (2016)
500	World Fiction	Yoshimoto, Banana	Moshi, Moshi (2016)

Appendix 2

2011 Adult stock quality health check information

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Genre	Number of titles on list	Percentage
Action/adventure	20	78.1%
Australian	20	87.8%
Classics	20	86.7%
Chick lit	20	79.7%
Contemporary fiction	20	73%
Crime/mystery	60	74.3%
Family sagas	20	70.1%
Fantasy	40	61.5%
Gay and lesbian	10	33.1%
Gentle reads/Inspirational	10	40%
Historical	20	77%
Horror	20	50.2%
Humour	20	61.9%
Indigenous	10	55.6%
Military/war	20	64.7%
Paranormal romance	10	42.5%
Romance	60	53.8%
Science fiction	40	47.6%
Short stories	10	51.8%
Thriller	10	75.9%
Westerns	20	29.7%
World fiction	20	76.5%

Appendix 3

Australian Classification of Local Governments

Categories

Up to 1994/95 library services were categorised as 'metropolitan' or 'country' in line with the categories assigned to local authorities by the NSW Local Government Grants Commission. This categorisation was based on two variables: geographic location and size of urban centre. For further details see the introduction to the 1994/95 *Public Library Statistics*.

By 1995/96 the need for comparative analysis of Australian local governments on a national basis had been recognised and the **Australian Classification of Local Governments** was adopted by the NSW Local Government Grants Commission. The national system uses population, population density, population growth, and location to identify twenty-two categories of local government in Australia as detailed below. This classification system has been used in *Public Library Statistics* from 1995/96.

Australian Classification of Local Governments

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Alpha	Numeric	
	Capital City (CC)	Not applicable	UCC	1	
URBAN (U) Population >20,000 or Population density > 30 persons per sq km or >= 90% of LGA population is urban	Metropolitan Developed (D)	Small (S)	up to 30,000	UDS	2
	Part of an urban centre	Medium (M)	30,001–70,000	UDM	3
	> 1,000,000 and	Large (L)	70,001–120,000	UDL	4
	Pop. Density > 600/sq km	Very large (V)	>120,000	UDV	5
	Regional Town/City (R)	Small	up to 30,000	URS	6
	Part of an urban centre with population < 1,000,000 and predominantly urban in nature	Medium	30,001–70,000	URM	7
		Large	70,001–120,000	URL	8
		Very large	>120,000	URV	9
	Fringe (F)	Small	up to 30,000	UFS	10
	A developing LGA on the margin of a developed or regional urban centre.	Medium	30,001–70,000	UFM	11
		Large	70,001–120,000	UFL	12
		Very large	>120,000	UFV	13
	RURAL (R) An LGA with population <20,000 and population density < 30 persons per sq km and < 90% of population is urban	Significant Growth (SG)	Not applicable	RSG	14
Average annual population growth > 3%, population >5,000 and not remote.					
Agricultural (A)		Small	up to 2,000	RAS	15
		Medium	2,001–5,000	RAM	16
		Large	5,001–10,000	RAL	17
		Very large	10,001–20,000	RAV	18
Remote (T)		Extra small	up to 400	RTX	19
Situated in a remote locality.		Small	401–1,000	RTS	20
		Medium	1,001–3,000	RTM	21
		Large	3,001–20,000	RTL	22

Note: For 'Rural Agricultural Very Large' (RAV), 'Rural Remote Large' (RTL) and 'Rural Significant Growth' (RSG), 20,000 is the upper limit because beyond this number all local governments are deemed 'Urban'.

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