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# Library Strategic Plan

2023 to 2028



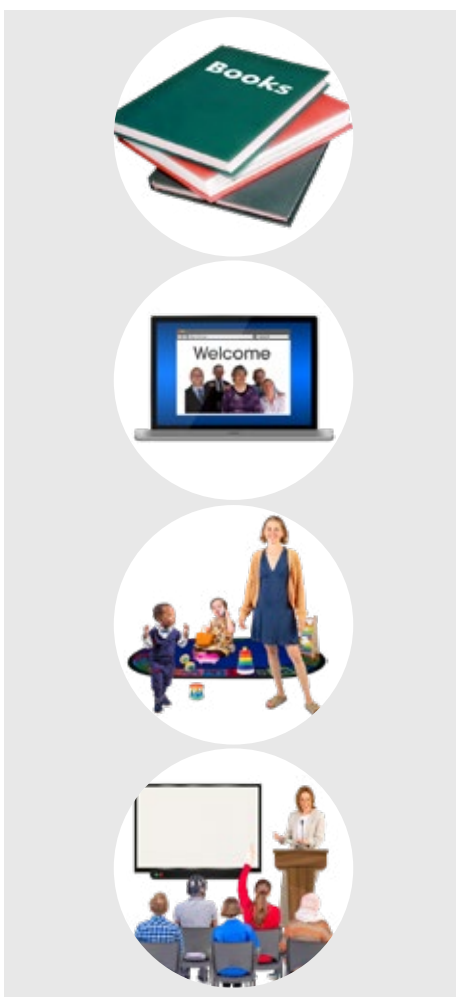
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# About this plan



Libraries are places where people can do lots of things.



This could be things like

- Borrowing books
- Using a computer
- Listening to story time with their kids
- Workshops or events.



Libraries should be safe and friendly spaces for everyone.



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Northern Beaches Council looks after  
6 libraries.

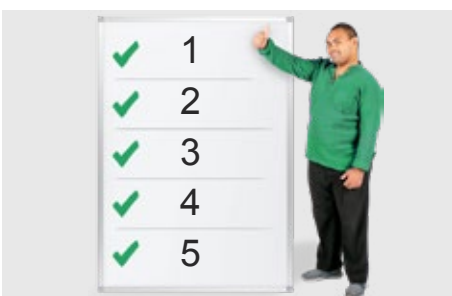


Northern Beaches Council wrote a plan to help  
make sure everyone can enjoy the libraries.



This plan is called the **library strategic plan**.

We will say **plan** for short.



The plan is for 5 years.



It goes from 2023 to 2028.

# Why we need this plan



This plan helps us to look after our libraries.



Lots of people in the Northern Beaches use our libraries.



This plan will help us make sure our libraries have lots of good things for our community.

## How we made this plan



We talked to lots of people in the community to help us make this plan.



We asked them about all the things they like about our libraries.



People said they like that the staff are helpful and friendly.

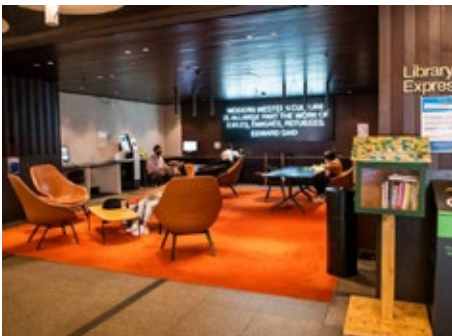


They also said the libraries have lots of books for kids.





They like that there are libraries in different places in the Northern Beaches.



They like that there are spaces in our libraries for different things.



They like that our libraries have stories about things that have happened in the Northern Beaches.

## What can be better



We also asked people to tell us what could be better about our libraries.



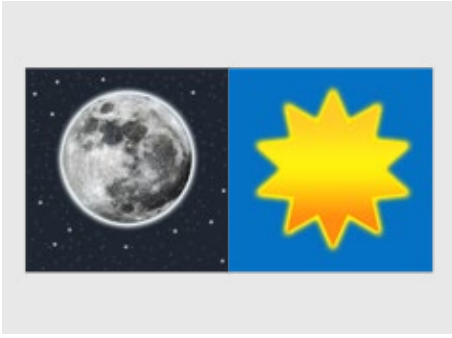
People said libraries should get new books faster after they come out.



There should be less fees for people to pay for the library.



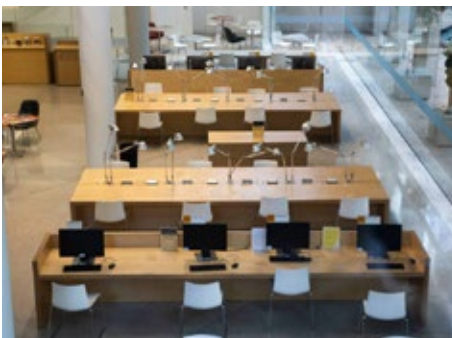
There should be more events for all different people in the community.



People should be able to use the library all the time even at night and on weekends.



There should be more information about what is happening at the library.



The library buildings and spaces should be nicer.



# Writing the plan



We used the things people told us to write this plan.



We also did a lot of **research** to help us write this plan.



**Research** is when we look into something to find out more about it.



We looked at how libraries have changed the things they do.



We looked at new things libraries can do for their communities.

## 4 big things to work on



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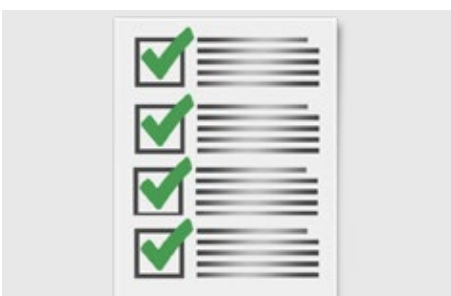
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2. Safe and friendly libraries

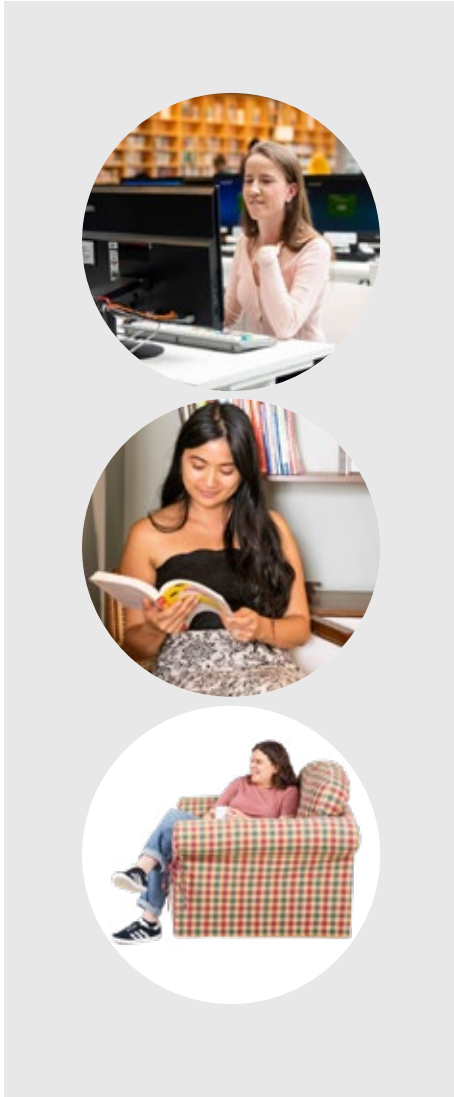
3. Working together with other groups

4. Making our libraries the best they can be.



We will tell you about each of the 4 things and what we will do.

# 1. Something for everyone to like at the library



Libraries are important places for our community to

- Find information
- Read books
- Relax.

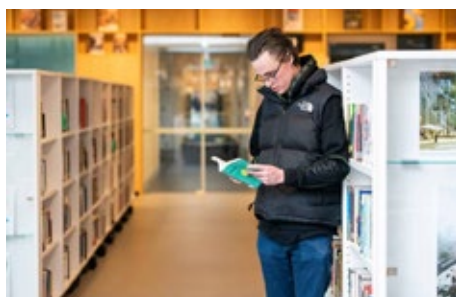


We want everyone in the community to find something they like in our libraries.

# What we will do



We will buy new books faster.



We will make sure we buy books that are right for everyone in the community.



We will run more events that many people in the community will like.



We will think about how we can have library fees that are ok for everyone to pay.



We will train our library staff to make sure we give really good support to everyone.

## 2. Safe and friendly libraries



People who live on the Northern Beaches are proud of where they live.



We want everyone in our community to feel welcome and part of it.

### What we will do



We will make sure that our libraries are safe and friendly for everyone.



We will work with different groups to tell stories about the history of the Northern Beaches.



We will find new ways to show Northern Beaches history and stories for everyone.

### 3. Working with other groups



Our libraries work with lots of different groups from the

- Community
- Northern Beaches Council.



Working together helps our libraries be a good place for the community with lots of things people like.

### What we will do



We will find lots of new things our **volunteers** can do to support the library.



**Volunteers** are people who work at the library for free.





We will work with smaller libraries in the community to help them with what they do.



We will find new ways to work with groups in our community.



We will look for new groups that we can work with that are good for our community.

## 4. Making our libraries the best they can be



We want to try new things to make our library services really good.

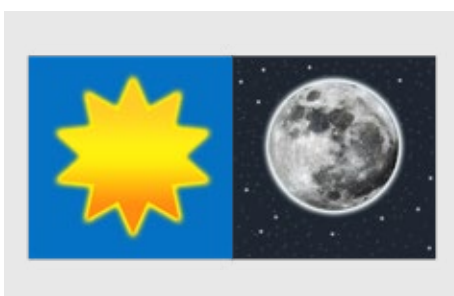


We want to make sure our staff have lots of training.



This will help us come up with new ideas for things at our libraries.

### What we will do



We will check if all our libraries can be open all day and night.



We will find new ways to talk with our community.



We will try new **digital** things in our libraries.



**Digital** could be things like reading books on a computer.



We will ask our library staff for their ideas about our libraries.



We will look into how busy our libraries are.

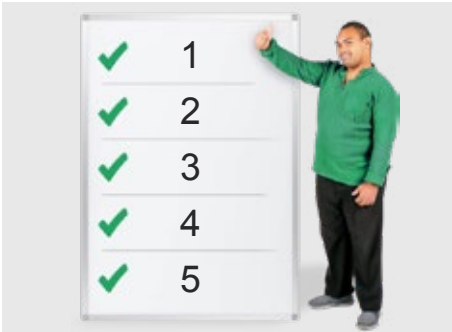


This will help us to know if people like coming to the library.

## Making sure the plan works



We will keep talking to our community about the plan.

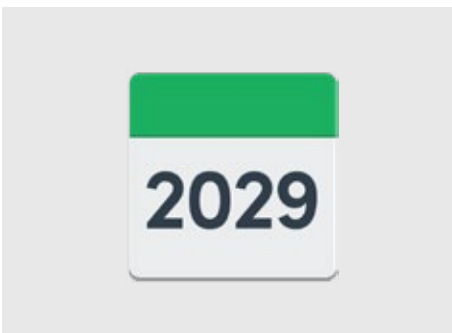


When the plan ends in 5 years we will look at how it went.



We will talk to the community to see

- What we did well
- What we could do better.



We will use all that information to write a new plan in 2029.

## More information



You can contact us if you want to know more about the plan.



You can

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