

# Leave no one behind:

A shared future for public libraries

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STATE LIBRARY



UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
A LIVING FORCE FOR POPULAR EDUCATION

UNESCO AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Unesco, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, has been created by the will of 46 countries. Its aim is to promote peace and social and spiritual welfare by working through the minds of men. The creative power of Unesco is the force of knowledge and international understanding.

This manifesto, by describing the potentialities of the public library, proclaims Unesco's belief in the public library as a living force for popular education and for the growth of international understanding, and thereby for the promotion of peace.





View of the Hamilton Library which was opened to the Public in April this year. New shelving and furniture was established before the building was opened.





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Information for All  
Programme

# IFLA-UNESCO Public Library Manifesto 2022

Freedom, prosperity and the development of society and of individuals are fundamental human values. They will only be attained through the ability of well-informed citizens to exercise their democratic rights and to play an active role in society. Constructive participation and the development of democracy depend on satisfactory education as well as on free and unlimited access to knowledge, thought, culture and information.

The public library, the local gateway to knowledge, provides a basic condition for lifelong learning, independent decision-making and cultural development of the individual and social groups. It underpins healthy knowledge societies through providing access to and enabling the creation and sharing of knowledge of all sorts, including scientific and local knowledge without commercial, technological or legal barriers.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS







# United Nations **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

## Universal values

1. Human Rights approach
- 2. Leave no one behind**
3. Gender equality and  
Women's empowerment



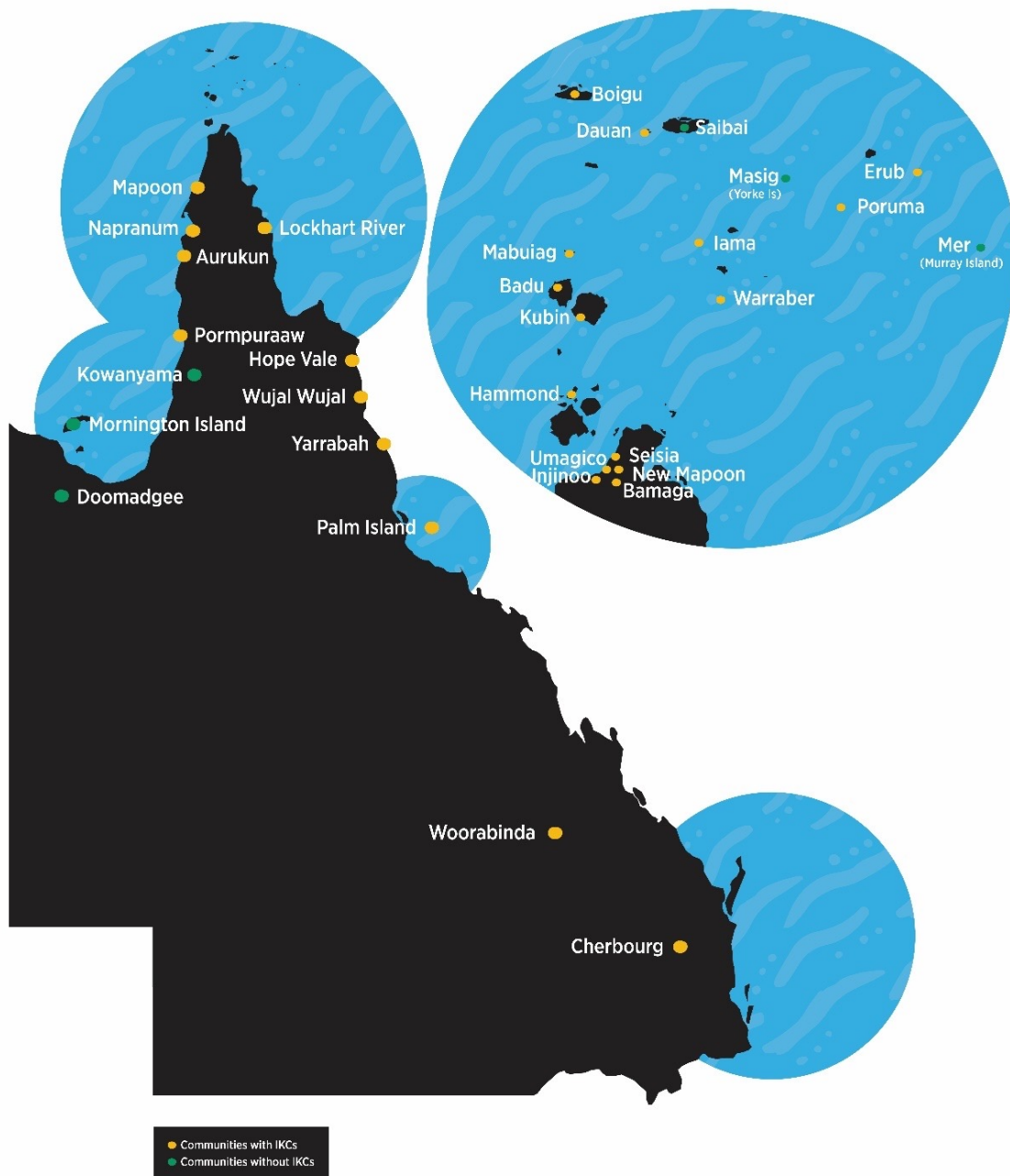


# Public library network

More than **320** public libraries  
across Queensland

Queensland Government, through  
State Library of Queensland,  
in partnership with **75** local  
governments





# Public library network

**26** Indigenous Knowledge Centres

**12** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Councils



# Public library partnership

**\$300M** combined annual investment from state and local governments

Queensland Government annual investment

**\$26.3M** Public Library Funding

**\$5M** First 5 Forever





# Public library reach

**5.4M** population of Queensland

**40%** library members

**320+** public libraries serving communities as small as 200

**234** McDonald's restaurants in Queensland



# **Public library expertise**

**1587** Full-time equivalent staff positions across Queensland

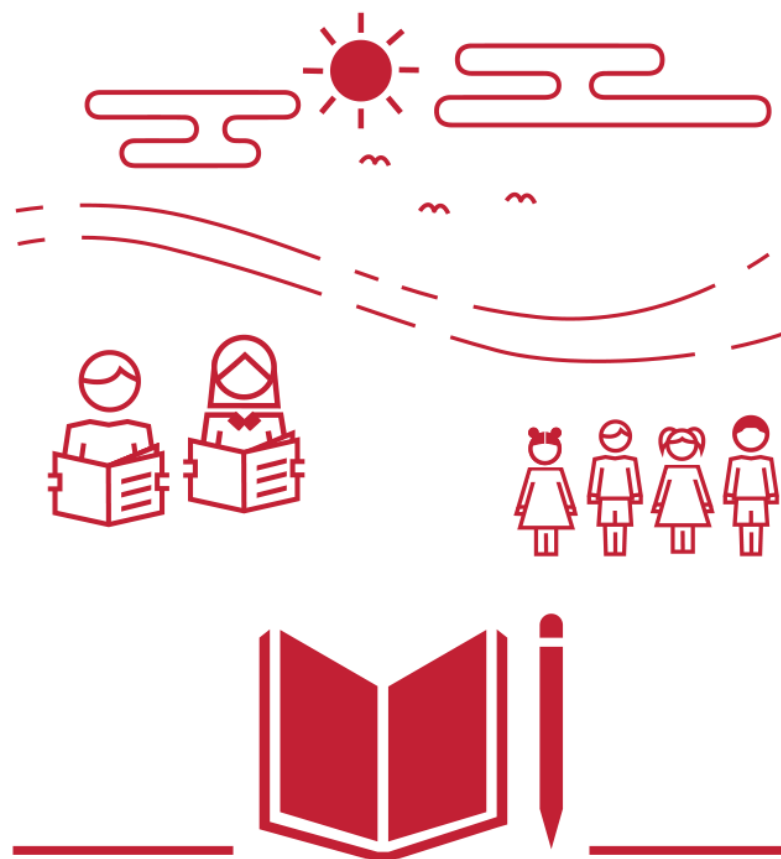
**Valued** for knowledge and skills

**Respected** by communities

**Dedicated** to local outcomes



## 4 QUALITY EDUCATION



## Goal 4

# Quality education

**Ensure inclusive and  
equitable quality  
education and promote  
lifelong learning  
opportunities for all**

## **4** QUALITY EDUCATION



### **Target 4.2**

**By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education**

#### **Indicator 4.2.1**

Proportion of children aged 24–59 months who are developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being, by sex

#### **Indicator 4.2.2**

Participation rate in organized learning (one year before the official primary entry age), by sex



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# 4 QUALITY EDUCATION



## Target 4.4

**By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship**

### Indicator 4.4.1

Proportion of youth and adults with information and communications technology (ICT) skills, by type of skill

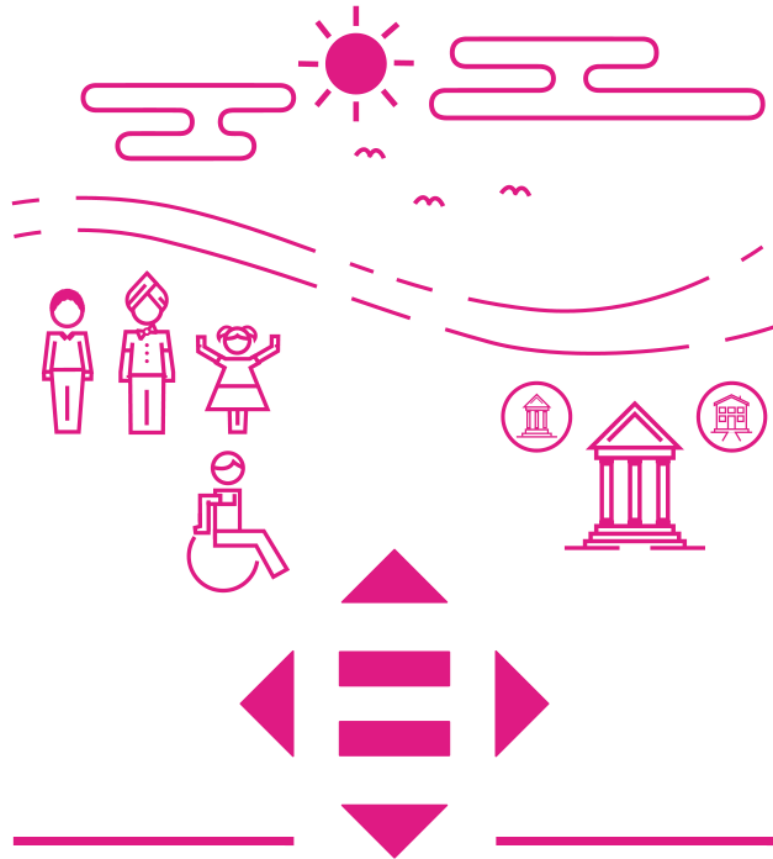








## 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



## Goal 10

# Reduced inequalities

**Reduce inequality within and among countries and populations by extending access to technologies and knowledge to disadvantaged segments of society.**









# Tech Savvy Seniors Queensland

Free, fun digital skills  
sessions for seniors



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**Deadly**  
Digital  
COMMUNITIES



# 10-year roadmap for public libraries

Positions Queensland public libraries as key community and cultural hubs now and into the future

- responds to current **data, research, evaluations and policies**
- celebrates the **reach and investment** in public libraries
- commits to **shared values** and ways of working
- invites others to **partner** with public libraries
- identifies targets, milestones, and actions to drive **locally relevant outcomes** and grow the **collective impact** of the network
- positions Queensland public libraries – nationally and internationally



# **Love your library research 2022**





# **First 5 Forever evaluation report 2019–2022**





# Digital inclusion programs evaluation 2016–2022





“

Today one of our Infozone regular visitors stopped by the Welcome Desk to share his excitement with Liam about his new job.

He talked about being able to pay his bills and even eat at a buffet, and thanks the library for its services that allowed him time and computer access to submit applications.

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