

Directory of Queensland Public Libraries

Data Entry Instructions

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Introduction

The Directory of Queensland public libraries contains data relating to Queensland's public library services, their branches and some staff. Since mid-October 2013 this data is now published or available in two different locations, as follows:

- **Public Libraries Connect** You'll find the Directory under "Networking" in the Public Libraries Connect website (http://www.plconnect.slq.qld.gov.au/networking/directory-of-public-libraries) here it is organised for the use of public library staff, and includes all available data.
- State Library of Queensland You'll find "Find a public library" under "Visit us" in the main State Library of Queensland website (http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/visit-us/find-a-public-library) here it is organised for the use of the general public, so it provides a subset of the available data i.e. public library staff information is not provided.

These instructions explain how you can access and update your own library service's content.

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Figure 1: Directory of Queensland public libraries landing page in State Library of Queensland website (left) and Public Libraries Connect site (right)

Matrix login

The Directory sites are hosted on Squiz Matrix, the State Library of Queensland's web content management system (CMS). A CMS is used to manage web content and publish it on the web. You will be using Matrix to access and update your own Directory content.

Each Library Service has been provided with a document containing a unique URL, username and password. This means you can only access and make changes to your own Library Service's records within the Directory.

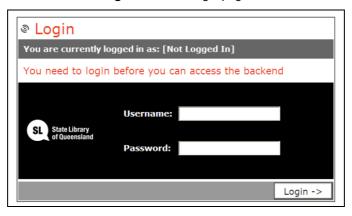
If you are uncertain of your username or password please submit the "Lost your username or password" form which is available on our website: http://plconnect.slq.qld.gov.au/forms/directory-of-queensland-public-libraries-

information-request

Copy and paste the unique URL which your library service has been assigned into your web browser (e.g. Internet Explorer).

The Matrix login page will now appear. Enter your username and password.

Figure 2: Matrix login page



- Login to Matrix on a computer that is NOT accessible to the public. This will help to ensure that unauthorised people do not gain access to your Directory details.
- Your username and password are <u>case sensitive</u> so enter them exactly as provided.

Data entry forms

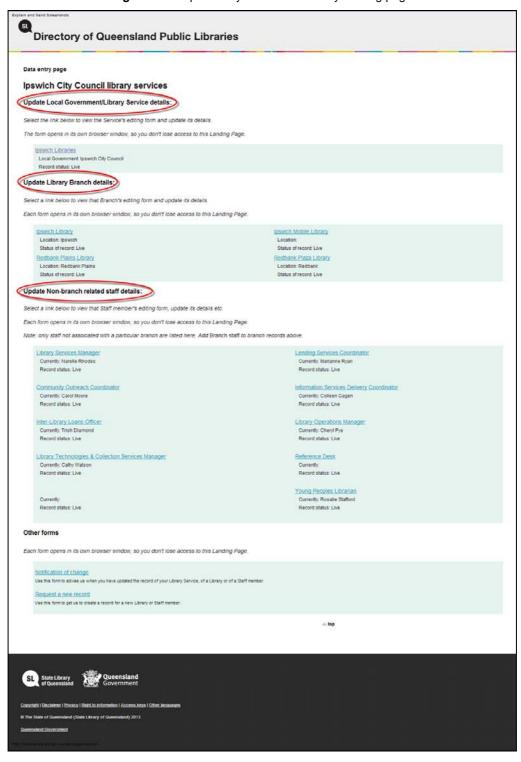
After logging in, a page will appear (see Figure 3, next page) that gives you links to the separate data entry forms for your library service, its individual library branches, and any non-branch-related staff contacts that you wish to highlight.

Think of the data entry forms as the "back end" of the Directory (the hidden side that only you can see, and the public never sees). When you make a change to a data entry form it appears on the "front end" of the Directory (the visible side that everyone can see).

Figure 3 shows that there are three types of data entry forms that may display.

- 1. **Update Local Government/Library Service details** Select this hyperlink to make changes to information about your Library service or Local Government details.
- 2. Update Library Branch details Select a hyperlink from this second area if you wish to change any details relating to a particular library branch. (NB: If you only have one library branch within your Library Service then only one hyperlink will display here. If you have 15 branches, then 15 links will be displayed here.) You can edit details for the individual library manager and for one other branch staff member on each of these forms.
- 3. **Update Staff details** Select a hyperlink from this third area if you wish to change the details of a Staff contact who is not associated with a specific branch. (See section 2 above for entering branch staff details.) There are many Library Services in the Directory that do not have Staff Contact details, so do not worry if you do not see this third set of hyperlinks on your Data entry forms main page.

Figure 3: Sample library service data entry landing page



Your role is to make sure the information displayed in the Directory remains current and is correct. To do this:

- access your library service's data entry landing page
- > click on the appropriate hyperlink to access the data entry form you need to edit (branch details, staff details, etc)
- > update the relevant data fields on the data entry form
- > save your changes.

Request new record form

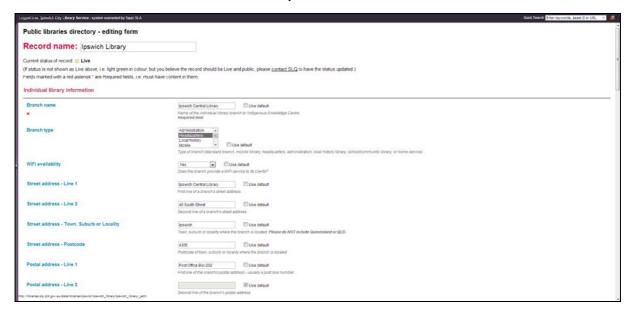
To add a new Staff Contact entry or new Library Branch entry you need to submit the "Request a new record" form to let us know. We will then create the new data record and notify you by email when it is ready for you to add content. This form is located under the heading "Other forms" on your Data Entry landing page, or use this link to access it - http://www.libraries.slq.gld.gov.au/servpages/new record.

Data for staff associated with a particular library branch, e.g. the branch manager, should be entered in the data entry form for that branch. Only staff not associated with a particular branch, e.g. a library service administrator or an Inter-library loans contact person, should have a separate Data entry form.

Editing via a Data Entry Form

The editing process is straightforward. Follow the same steps for all three types of Data entry forms.

Figure 4: Ipswich City Council's data record under the heading "Update Library Branch details"



Required fields

If a field descriptor has a red asterisk* just below its caption it cannot be left blank
 you must enter some content into it.

Text fields

Some fields are "free text" fields so you can enter any text you like, and some are drop down lists where you choose one of the options in the list.

To enter text into free text fields, first click on the tick box named "Use default" to clear the tick. If you do not enter text in any non-required field here the content of this field will simply not display on the relevant front end page of the Directory.

For example there are three separate sets of address fields on the Library Branch data entry form. You may choose to only fill in the visiting and postal address fields. In this instance the

ILL delivery address – the third set of address fields – will not appear on pages in the Front End (PLC version) of the Directory because you did not enter any content into the ILL address fields.

You must enter the opening hours for each library branch – these are required fields. The display will show on the front end of the Directory as "Closed" if these fields are left blank, which may not be what you intend. On the other hand, if your library is closed on a particular day leave the "Use default" checkbox ticked and it will show on the front end pages as "Closed".

Latitude and longitude

The Directory utilises the latest Google Maps technology to display interactive maps. Decimal latitude and longitude information for each library branch is used to display the marker on the map. Therefore, it is vital to ensure that latitude and longitude information is accurate so that the marker is located in the correct position on the map. Any incorrect latitude and longitude information will result in the branch not being shown in the correct location. There are some tips below to assist you in this process.

(Note: Mobile libraries can be given the latitude and longitude for any spot within your local government council area, as long as it is not the same values as any of the other branches.)

Fig 5: Latitude and Longitude fields in a Library Branch data entry form



To find a branch library's latitude and longitude, follow these steps:

- In a web browser on a PC or laptop open Google Maps http://maps.google.com
- Find the branch location on the Google Maps by typing the library branch's full street address into the Google Maps search bar.
- Right-click on the precise location and choose "Center map here" from the popup menu.
- Click on the small chain icon at the top left of the map. A small window flies out in the top left corner of the map.
- Copy the contents of the first field in the window the link that starts with https://maps.google.com.
- Paste the link into a text editor like Notepad.
- Look for the string within the link that starts with "II=" followed by two decimal numbers which are separated by a comma. This is the latitude and longitude of your library branch.
- ➤ Copy the first decimal number (which for Queensland always starts with a minus sign) into the "Latitude" field in the Library Branch data entry form, and the second decimal number into the "Longitude" field.

Saving your work

Once you have made all changes, **click on the Save button** at the bottom of the form. Your changes will automatically display on the front end page. Figure 6 shows the location of the Save button in the data entry forms.

Logout

Once you have made all changes and **saved** your changes, don't forget to logout using the Logout button at the bottom of the data entry form. Figure 6 shows the location of the Logout button in the data entry form.

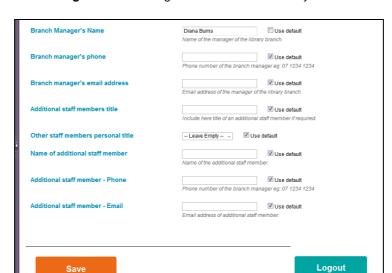


Fig 6: Save and Logout buttons in a data entry form

Upon logging out you will see a screen showing all the data entered for the current data record (see Figure 12) and link to let you log back in if you need to edit the data further.

Help

If you require assistance with using Matrix, please contact State Library on 07 3842 9976.