

# State Library of Tasmania

1943 –

**Other Names:** • Tasmanian Public Library

**URL:** <https://libraries.tas.gov.au/Pages/Home.aspx>

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## Details

The State Library of Tasmania opened in 1943. It includes a lending library and a reference section which holds resources for family history searches. Since 2011, it has been a part of Libraries Tasmania (formerly known as LINC Tasmania).

The State Library of Tasmania began as a subscription library in 1849. In 1859, it received a government subsidy that provided free access for the public to the reading room.

The Library closed temporarily in 1867 through lack of funds, reopening as the Tasmanian Public Library in 1870.

Under the *Libraries Act* 1943, it became the State Library of Tasmania. It had its own department until 1989 when it merged with the Department of Education and the Arts. The State Library had a close association with the Archives Office of Tasmania, which evolved out of the Library's collection of government records, held since 1949. Administratively both were within the State Library Department until 1989.

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [Archives Office of Tasmania \(1965 - 2011\)](#)  
The Archives Office of Tasmania and the State Library of Tasmania have had a close association.
- [Libraries Tasmania \(2011 - current\)](#)  
The State Library of Tasmania is part of LINC Tasmania.

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