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**RE-IMAGING LIBRARIES: USING A COLLECTIVE WEALTH OF RESOURCES
AND KNOWLEDGE**

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Re-imagining Libraries is about transforming the way we offer our services. Realigning consortial purchasing to meet national needs; developing national lending principles and practices to open up our collections to all users; exploring delivery direct to users where they want it; integrating all on-line collections to simple one-step discovery; ramping up digitisation; collaborative collection building; and, ensuring users know what they can do with our content. Re-imagining Libraries puts people at the centre of our services and focuses on making our content available to all.

A key driver of National & State Libraries Australasia's (NSLA) Re-imagining Libraries Program is to harness our collaborative power to reshape core services and explore new approaches to all parts of our libraries. We will build on the foundation of our mature collaborative framework. The ultimate purpose in undertaking this work is to enable everyone to take full advantage of our content, collections, services and expertise.

NSLA has a shared commitment to change, and a successful track record of joint initiatives that has responded to the impact of new technologies and community expectations. NSLA has invested in a number of remarkable and transformative services, such as PANDORA's preservation of significant websites, access to digital images through PictureAustralia, virtual reference on AnyQuestions and AskNow, and the online interlending gateway between LibrariesAustralia and Te Puna. With the Re-imagining Libraries Program, we are taking this further still.

The focus of Re-imagining Libraries is to provide a more consistent experience, easier access to services and greater independence to our users; to build a culture to support innovation, exploration and emerging technologies; and to expose our content through more discovery tools and external online resources, making our content accessible to everyone. These strategies will be delivered through a number of projects that will fundamentally shift our services to the digital world.