Collections

Cairns Libraries have a wide range of resources for use in the Library and at home.

Finding Items On The Shelf

Non Fiction
Non fiction for all reading levels is available at all libraries.

Non-fiction items in the library are organised by Dewey Decimal System numbers (which correlates to the subject area), followed by the first three letters of the author’s name. For example, *Trinity phoenix: a history of Cairns and district* by Dorothy Jones has the shelf location 994.36 JON.

Fiction
Fiction for adults, youth and children is available at all branches. Fiction titles have stickers on their spines indicating the genre.

Fiction items are organised by letter ‘F’ for Fiction, followed by the first three letters of the author’s name in alphabetical order. For example *Matthew Flinders’ cat* by Bryce Courtenay has the shelf location F COU.

Picture Books
All libraries have a selection of picture books. Picture books (or Easies) are organised by letter ‘E’ for Easy, followed by the first three letters of the author’s name in alphabetical order. For example *Wombat Stew* by Marcia K. Vaughan has the shelf location of E VAU.

Large Print
Large print titles can be found in the Large Print section at all branches, and include fiction and non-fiction. Items in the Large Print Collection are labelled ‘LP’ for Large Print. For example “Q” is for Quarry by Sue Grafton has the shelf location of LP GRA.

Audiobooks/Talking Books
All branches have a selection of audio books (CD-Format) and Playaways (small audio-players which require headphones and a AAA battery) in fiction and non-fiction available. Items in the Audiobook collection are labelled with the letters ‘AB’ for Audiobook. For example *Twilight* by Stepehnie Meyer has the shelf location of AB MEY.

Magazines
Magazines are available at all branches. There are a wide variety of popular titles. Not all branches will have the same titles, and in some cases the current issue will not be available for lending.

DVDs and CDs
DVDs and CDs are available at all branches.

Newspapers
Cairns Libraries has a selection of local and interstate newspapers. We also provide access to some newspapers through online databases.

Need further information?
Contact your local Cairns Libraries branch, or Contact Us online at www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library
Community Language Collection
Cairns libraries house items of different languages for their communities. Items in the Community Language Collection will be labelled with the letters ‘CL’ for Community Language. A customer may request to have a certain language supplied within their preferred library.

Special Collections

Reference Collection
The City Library holds a large Reference Collection. Reference titles are not for loan. Items in the Reference Collection are labelled with the letters ‘REF’ for Reference. For example *What bird is that?* by Neville W. Cayley has the shelf location of 598.2994 CAY.

Regional Resource Collection
The Regional Resources Collection is housed at the City Library and contains titles which relate to Cairns and the FNQ area, including information on the history, culture, environment, and the development of the region. Items in this collection are not for loan. Items in the Regional Resources Collection are labelled with the letters ‘RR’ for Regional Resources. For example *Djabugay country: an aboriginal history of tropical North Queensland* by Timothy Bottoms has the shelf location of RR 994.36 BOT.

Genealogy Collection
The Genealogy Collection is housed at the City Library and holds an extensive collection of books and microfilm/microfiche to help you research your family history. Items in the Genealogy Collection are not for loan. Items in the Genealogy Collection are labelled with the letters ‘GEN’ for Genealogy. For example *Tracing your Caribbean ancestors: a national archives guide* by Guy Grannum has the shelf location of 917.29 GRA.

Digital Collections
Cairns Libraries subscribes to a number of premium electronic services and databases, including Ancestry.com, The Computer School, Lynda.com and fun children’s literacy and learning resources.

Some of these resources can be accessed from home using your library card. See our website for details. https://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library.

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