



NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND WELLINGTON BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT

Planned access to services and collections through
the relocation period

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Building a better National Library

The National Library of New Zealand and the Alexander Turnbull Library are getting ready to move to temporary premises while we redevelop the current building in Molesworth Street, Wellington.

Space for collections is fast running out, and the collections are at risk from leaks and failing plant and infrastructure. The redeveloped Library will vastly improve collection storage and conditions.

Changes to services and collection access are necessary

Carefully packing, moving and storing New Zealand's precious heritage is no small task, so during the relocation period, services and access to collections will change.

These changes are necessary to ensure that we can take the time to build a better National Library for all New Zealanders, and to safely store and protect the nation's heritage collections until they are moved back into the redeveloped building.

This means some different ways of accessing collection materials, and changes to the availability of materials that you can access through the relocation period.

Planned access levels

Finding spaces to store the nation's heritage collections, while keeping as much material available as we possibly can, has been a complex and exacting task.

We plan to offer easy, on-site access to the National Library General Collections, which includes New Zealand, Māori, Pacific and international publications along with family history and music resources.

We plan to offer easy, on-site access to the most highly used parts of the Alexander Turnbull Library collections, including the Manuscripts collection, the Special Printed Collection of rare and early books and newspaper microfilms.

There are other parts of the Alexander Turnbull Library collections that will be unavailable during the period of relocation, including low-use heritage collection items, embargoed materials, and those that require very specialised storage to keep them safe. This includes most of the original items in the Ephemera Collection, Cartographic Collection, Drawings, Paintings and Prints Collection, Oral History Collection and photographic collections, although in many cases there are file prints or digital files available of the most highly-used items.

Planned collection access through the relocation period

Name of collection	Details of collection	Planned access details	Access level
National Library General Reference collections, including Family History and Māori resources	<p>The General Reference Collections include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The New Zealand and Pacific Collection ▪ The Māori Collection ▪ New Zealand Government Publications ▪ The Family History collection ▪ The International General Reference collection ▪ The Music Reference collection <p>These collections contain a wide range of publications, indexes and directories, across all subject fields.</p>	<p>The National Library General Reference collections will continue to be easily available.</p>	<p>Easily available</p>
National Library General Lending and General Serials collections	<p>These collections consist of a wide range of New Zealand, Pacific and international publications, serials and magazines across all subject fields, including New Zealand publications received under Legal Deposit.</p>	<p>The National Library General Lending and General Serials collections will continue to be easily available.</p>	<p>Easily available</p>
National Library children's collections	<p>The Dorothy Neal White Collection contains children's books published before 1940 and reflects the books that New Zealand children have enjoyed and been influenced by. It includes some New Zealand items but most are from Britain, Australia and the United States. The National Children's Collection contains children's books published since 1940. Includes copies of New Zealand children's books published in English, Māori, and Pacific Island languages and a selection of children's books from overseas.</p>	<p>The National Children's Collection and the Dorothy Neal White Collection will continue to be easily available.</p>	<p>Easily available</p>

Name of collection	Details of collection	Planned access details	Access level
<p>Photographic collections</p>	<p>Turnbull Library Pictures is a collection of pictures of New Zealand and the Pacific from earliest European contact to the present. The Alexander Turnbull Library Photographic Archive is made up of original photographs of New Zealand from the 1850s to the present.</p>	<p>Access to most of the file prints of images in the Turnbull Library Pictures collection will be easily available.</p> <p>Access to more than 60,000 digital images is available online, through Timeframes.</p> <p>Access to some photograph albums and collections may be available through the relocation period. Requests for items will be considered according to the item's storage conditions and availability.</p> <p>The relocation period provides the opportunity for many original negatives to be digitised. As they are digitised, copies will be made available online.</p> <p>Most of the original negatives and photographs within the collections will be safely stored offsite, and unavailable through the relocation period.</p>	<p>Easily available</p> <p>Requests considered</p> <p>Progressively available</p> <p>Unavailable</p>
<p>Alexander Turnbull Library Manuscripts Collection</p>	<p>This collection consists of the unique records created by individuals and organisations such as letters, journals, diaries, speeches and scrapbooks.</p>	<p>Eighty percent of the Manuscripts Collection, including the manuscript material within the Archive of New Zealand Music, will continue to be easily available. The remaining 20 percent is low use materials or materials that are embargoed or restricted by donors, which will be unavailable.</p>	<p>Easily available</p>

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Alexander Turnbull Library Special Printed Collections	These collections contains rare and early books, one of the finest collections in the world relating to John Milton and examples of fine printing from around the world.	The Special Printed Collections will continue to be easily available.	Easily available
Alexander Turnbull Library Drawings, Paintings and Prints collection	This collection contains drawings, paintings, sketchbooks, cartoons, prints, architectural plans and reproductions depicting New Zealand and the Pacific.	<p>Some of the highly used items in this collection are available in digital form. Many of these items are available online, through Timeframes.</p> <p>The original items in this collection will be safely stored offsite, and unavailable through the relocation period.</p>	<p>Easily available</p> <p>Unavailable</p>
Alexander Turnbull Library Oral History Collection	This collection contains oral history interviews and other unpublished sound and video recordings covering many aspects of New Zealand life.	<p>Parts of the Oral History Collection have listening and viewing copies available. These, along with abstracts of these copies, will continue to be easily available.</p> <p>Access to some original items may be available through the relocation period. Requests for items will be considered according to the item's storage conditions and availability.</p> <p>The relocation period provides the opportunity for parts of the Oral History Collection to be digitised. As they are digitised, they will be made available.</p>	<p>Easily available</p> <p>Requests considered</p> <p>Progressively available</p>

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Alexander Turnbull Library Cartographic Collection	<p>This collection of manuscript and printed maps concentrates on New Zealand, Pacific and Antarctic material and complements the cartographic collections of Archives New Zealand and Land Information New Zealand.</p>	<p>Aperture and index cards for the most highly used items in the collection will be available.</p> <p>Access to some original items may be available through the relocation period. Requests for items will be considered according to the item's storage conditions and availability.</p> <p>The relocation period provides the opportunity for parts of this collection to be digitised. As they are digitised, they will be made available online.</p> <p>Most of the original items in the collection will be safely stored offsite, and unavailable through the relocation period.</p>	<p>Easily available</p> <p>Requests considered</p> <p>Progressively available</p> <p>Unavailable</p>
Alexander Turnbull Library Printed Ephemera Collection	<p>This collection includes posters, programmes, advertising material and other printed material.</p>	<p>Access to digital copies of highly-used collection items is available online through Timeframes.</p> <p>Some file prints will be available onsite.</p> <p>The original items in this collection will be safely stored offsite, and unavailable through the relocation period.</p>	<p>Easily available</p> <p>Unavailable</p>

Name of service	Details	Access level
Tours	Tours of the current National Library building will cease.	Unavailable
Gallery	There will be no exhibitions held in the temporary locations.	Unavailable
Music practice facilities	There will be no music practice facilities in the temporary locations.	Unavailable