



WESTERN AUSTRALIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

DEC currently has 2 libraries which provide an information service to Departmental officers and the general public. The collection provides knowledge and information on the environment, especially conservation, protection & fire management.

The Conservation Library (WCLM), in the new Western Australian Biodiversity Conservation Science Centre at Kensington, has only been operating as a single library since November 2010. It is the result of amalgamating the 3 individual collections of botany, forestry & wildlife. This amalgamation is not finished as yet, but getting closer every day.

Staffed by 3 librarians (2 part-time) and a library assistant, the Conservation Library is used by departmental staff, members of the public and consultants.

We now have an extensive collection in the one location focused on the Western Australian environment. The collection encompasses forests and forestry; fire management, suppression and behaviour; systematic botany and related disciplines; ecology; conservation; wildlife, national parks and nature reserves.

As well as published books and journals, the collection has a large grey literature component, departmental publications, microfiche, coloured slides and historical photos relating to WA forestry and botanical taxonomy, original botanical illustrations, maps, charts and posters.

The department's archives are maintained as comprehensive range of materials (books, journals, reports, reprints, videos, photos, maps, aerial photos etc.) produced by departmental officers or for the department and its departmental predecessors (Dept of Conservation & Land Management, Forests Dept., Dept of Fisheries & Wildlife, Dept of Fisheries & Fauna, National Parks Authority/Board) are retained permanently.

The Environment Library (WCED), in the CBD, holds publications by the department (including archives of Dept of Conservation & Environment, EPA, Dept. of Environmental Protection and Dept. of Environment) and documents relating to all the projects assessed by the EPA. As well, there are general texts on environmental science, law and education, journals, maps and aerial photographs. This library is also a distribution point for the Department's publications.

The WA Observatory in Bickley has an extensive astronomical collection, but is not maintained by Library staff.

The Conservation Library utilises the Inmagic suite of library software, DBTextWorks, WebPublisher Pro and Genie. The catalogue for these collections, CONSLib (which is a TexPress database), can be found at <http://science.dec.wa.gov.au/conslib.php>
The Environment Library uses First as their library system.

With our holdings of books and grey literature contributed to Libraries Australia and WorldCat, and our membership of several reciprocal ILL agreements, we supply materials locally, nationally and internationally.



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