

# New state librarian announced

Lea Giles-Peters appointed state librarian, State Library of Queensland

Queensland Minister for the Arts, Matt Foley, recently announced a key arts appointment in Ms Lea Giles-Peters as the new state librarian in the lead up to the major expansion of the State Library of Queensland.

Mr Foley said the appointment followed a national search to replace retiring state librarian Mr Des Stephens after twelve years at the helm of one of Queensland's most valued cultural institutions.

Ms Giles-Peters, the current director of the Northern Territory Library and Information Service, will become the first woman state librarian in the State Library of Queensland's 99-year history.

'I would like to congratulate Ms Giles-Peters on her appointment. We are most fortunate to have attracted a

person with her impressive credentials,' Mr Foley said.


'Ms Giles-Peters has extensive knowledge and expertise within libraries and in the wider community which make her an ideal candidate to provide strong leadership to the State Library, particularly at a time when the library will be undergoing redevelopment.'

Ms Giles-Peters, who will start work with the State Library of Queensland in mid-October, was instrumental in developing a five-year Northern Territory Library strategic plan and a digital framework for the management, delivery and access to library services and resources. She also developed and trialed an Indigenous Library and Information Service as an innovative model for an Indigenous Library information service.


Ms Giles-Peters has previously worked in key strategic library roles with the Northern Territory Department of Housing and Local Government, CSIRO Library Network and Information Services, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Footscray Institute of Technology and the Australian Tourist Commission.

The Queensland Government recently announced the major expansion of the State Library of Queensland as part of the \$260 million Arts Millennium Project.

Mr Foley said it was critical that the right person be appointed to guide and shape the future of the Millennium Library Project, which will more than double the State Library's existing space and provide significant benefits to metropolitan, regional, rural and remote communities. ■



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