

Tena Koutou,

National Library Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa has listened to the views of the public and has worked hard to rehome titles from the Overseas Published Collections (OPC).

We have now reached an agreement with Internet Archive. All books left at the end of the OPC review process will be donated to Internet Archive, so they can digitise and preserve them, ensuring future access for New Zealanders.

When the project to review these overseas books first began mid-2018 it appeared possible that books we chose not to keep, and that other libraries didn't want, could face secure destruction. This new agreement will not only ensure ongoing access to these books, but also ensure they are preserved.

These books will be part of a global digital library, so that books of interest to a small number of specialists in New Zealand, that are rarely accessed, will become accessible to a wider audience.

Books remaining for deselection at the end of the review and rehoming process will be donated to Internet Archive for export to their digitisation facility.

Permission to export the collection from the OPC has been approved by Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage under the Protected Objects Act 1975.

Internet Archive has agreed to make digitised copies of the books publicly available through its [Open Library Service](#) using Controlled Digital Lending within two years of receipt.

Controlled Digital Lending is the way of limiting lending to one person at a time just as libraries lend physical copies within current copyright law. You can find out more about Controlled Digital Lending on the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions ([IFLA](#)) [website](#).

In addition, I have asked that authors be given the opportunity to opt-out before the donation process. Authors will be given the opportunity to check the book lists released to libraries. Authors can request that specific items, for which they hold rights, are not sent to Internet Archive.

Following digitisation, the books will be transferred to Internet Archive's physical archive facility in the United States for long-term storage and preservation.

The interlibrary loan system enables access to physical copies of these book titles through your public library.

Books from the OPC that fit within the National Library's collecting priorities, as set out in the 2015 Collections Policy and Collecting Plan, will be retained.

In response to concerns, I earlier asked for the final lists of Overseas Published Collections books under review to be held. Now that we have announced the outcome for remaining items we will engage with the library sector and peak bodies to agree how best to proceed with the review.

You can [read more on our website](#).

Ngā mihi,

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