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World Press Photo Exhibition 2026

A free exhibition, until Sunday 19 July

Don't miss your chance to catch the best and most compelling photojournalism and documentary photography of the last year from around the world.

Explore over 40 powerful photographic projects awarded in the 2026 World Press Photo Contest.

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200th Anniversary



FREE

Collection viewing

Wednesday 15 July, 11 am – 1 pm

Pop in to enjoy a rare opportunity to view precious objects collected over 200 years.

[Learn more](#)

This 200th Anniversary Exhibitions are generously supported by the Library Foundation and its donors.



FREE

Finding family stories

Wednesday 5 August at 6 pm

During Family History Week, hear some of the powerful stories that emerge from the Library's vital family history work.

[Book here](#)

This event is held in partnership with Schwartz Media.

Architecture



The Masters Project: Michael Mossman

Wednesday 8 July at 6 pm

During NAIDOC week, hear from Associate Professor Michael Mossman, a Kuku Yalanji man from Far North Queensland and Associate Dean (Indigenous) in the University of Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning.

[Book here](#)

The Masters Project is generously supported by the NSW Architects Registration Board.



FREE

Designing for discovery

Tuesday 14 July at 6 pm

Discover how library architecture has evolved from silent book repositories into dynamic, community-focused spaces reflecting changing ideas about knowledge and access.

[Book here](#)

This event is generously supported by the NSW Architects Registration Board.

Coming up



School holidays

These school holidays, enjoy our **drop-in centre** full of craft activities for the family, take a **free family tour** of the Library and see a **pop-up performance** by the innovative theatre company Poetry in Action. Plus enjoy a full day of free activities at our **Family Sunday on 19 July**.

[See the full program](#)

This event is generously supported by the Library Foundation.



Performance presale

Tickets for our 200th Anniversary performances, featuring William Barton, Stephen Page AO, Skye McIntosh and Bell Shakespeare, go on sale on 17 July.

Become a Library Friend or subscribe to our special newsletter for presale access on 16 July.

Subscribe for presale



Extended study hours for students

To support HSC students in the lead-up to their exams, the Mitchell Library Reading Room will stay open until 10 pm, Monday to Thursday, from 13 July to 6 August.

It's our way of giving students more time to prepare in a place where they feel comfortable, motivated and focused.

[Learn more](#)



What shapes your sense of safety at the Library?

We want to know how you feel about safety when visiting the Library and the surrounding precinct including when walking, riding or using public transport.

[Take the survey](#)

This project is funded through the Safer Cities program, an initiative led by Transport for NSW

Beyond 200

Support a living library for future generations.

Help us enable better access to our collections, acquire and preserve born-digital collections, and increase our audience reach through our education programs for young people.

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From our friends

Sydney Dance Company

Engine is a striking triple bill set to ignite the Sydney Opera House stage with raw power.

Sydney Dance Company is offering Library subscribers 10% off adult tickets, using the code **ENGINE10**.

[Book your tickets here](#)



Carriageworks

Garry Starr returns with a literary adventure like no other through the world's most iconic works of fiction.

Win a double pass to the award-winning comedy show [Garry Starr: Classic Penguins](#) by submitting the form below.

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Plan your visit

The Library opens 9 am to 8 pm Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm on Friday, and 10 am to 5 pm on weekends. [See our website](#) for more information on how to make the most out of your next visit.



The State Library of NSW acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which the Library stands. We pay respect to Aboriginal Elders past and present and extend that respect to other First Nations people.

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