

CONTACT DETAILS and OPENING HOURS

Merrylands Central Library

Corner of Miller and Newman Streets

Phone: 9840 9960

TTY: 9840 9983

Fax: 9840 9955

Hours:

Monday - Friday 9.30am - 8.00pm

Saturday 9.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Greystanes Branch Library

732 Merrylands Road

Phone: 9636 4160

Fax: 9688 3061

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Thursday 9.30am - 8.00pm

Saturday 9.00am - 12.00pm

Wentworthville Branch Library

(incorporating Holroyd Toy Library)

2 Lane Street

Phone: 9631 7564

Toy Library: 9896 0083

Fax: 9688 3168

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Thursday 9.30am - 8.00pm

Saturday 9.00am - 12.00pm

Closed Public Holidays

Resources for Students



Holroyd City Council Library Service



HSC COLLECTION

The HSC reference collection is available at Merrylands Central Library. It is for use in the Library only and is not able to be borrowed, however extended library opening hours ensure ready access. A library card must be surrendered to use HSC resources.

Resources include textbooks and study guides on most curriculum subjects, study notes and cribs on various English texts.

New material is added to the collection regularly to reflect changes in the HSC curriculum. There is also a smaller collection of HSC resources available for loan at Merrylands Central Library. Students may borrow 5 items at a time for a period of 7 days.

Lists of HSC resources are available for each of these collections and can be viewed on the library website:

http://www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au/library/youth_and_hsc

LEGAL INFORMATION ACCESS CENTRE

The Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC) is an initiative of the State Library of NSW and the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW.

Books in this legal collection are written in plain English to make them easy for members of the public to use. They are for use in the library only and may not be borrowed.

The main LIAC collection is held at Merrylands Central Library. There are also collections at both Greystanes and Wentworthville Libraries.

<http://www.liac.sl.nsw.gov.au>

INFOCUS

Infocus links students studying for the New South Wales Higher School Certificate (HSC) with supplementary material from the State Library of New South Wales.

Material is specifically chosen for its relevance to HSC topics, texts and issues drawn from Australian and international sources.

Infocus articles are kept at Merrylands Central Library.

DRUG INFO @ YOUR LIBRARY

Drug info @ your library provides up to date information about alcohol and drugs through local public libraries and through its website. *Drug info @ your library* is a joint initiative of NSW Health's Community Drug Strategies Branch and the State Library of NSW.

As a participant in this service, Holroyd City Council Library Service provides a dedicated, regularly updated collection of in-depth and practical books and free pamphlets.

Further information is available through the *drug info @ your library* website:

<http://www.druginfo.sl.nsw.gov.au/>

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS (ABS)

The Australian Bureau of Statistics website (www.abs.gov.au) allows access to statistical information, including Census data, dating back to 1998. The Library also has ABS yearbooks and other selected ABS publications located in the Reference collection at Merrylands Central Library.

INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

If the material you require is not held here at Holroyd City Library, simply ask the librarian at the Reference Desk about an Inter-Library Loan (ILL).

Some of the materials we are able to obtain include books, journal articles, cassette kits, videos (including subtitled videos) and foreign language materials. We can also assist with general subject requests.

A loan period of two (2) weeks applies to all ILL materials, however extensions can be granted if the lending library does not require the immediate return of the item.

NEWSPAPERS

Daily and weekly Sydney and local newspapers are available at all three libraries. These are for use in the library only and are not for loan.

The Sydney Morning Herald is available on CD-ROM dating back to 1992 and 1991 on microfilm.

The Library also subscribes to the Sydney Morning Herald 'true to print', an online replica of the print edition, which contains every page, article, photo, table, advertisement, cartoon published in the Herald from 2006.

A selection of local newspapers are also available on microfilm.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING SERVICES

Holroyd library subscribes to two newspaper clipping services.

Current Social Issues collates articles from Australian newspapers, in date order under subject headings related to social issues, such as Homeless persons or Body Image.

Current Environmental Issues collates articles from Australian newspapers, in date order under subject headings related to environmental issues, such as Climate Change or Renewable Energy.

ISSUES IN SOCIETY

This Australian series of books provides information on a broad range of topics relating to our changing society. Issues covered include justice, health, drugs, environment, welfare, indigenous, media, science and ethics. Relevant websites and Statistics are included in each issue.

PUBLIC COMPUTER CENTRES

Public access computers are available at Merrylands Central Library and Wentworthville and Greystanes Branch Libraries, providing free access to the Internet, word processing, spreadsheet and scanning facilities (scanning at Merrylands only).

Printing in the Public Computer Centre is via a "card-swipe" terminal to one black and white laser printer and a colour laser printer. A printing card may be purchased at a small charge.

A small charge also applies for each page printed. These are the only charges applicable to customers in the Public Access Computer Centre.

ON-LINE DATABASE COLLECTIONS

Holroyd City Council Library Service has a range of online databases available free to members of the library.

A number of these can be accessed via your home PC or laptop using your Holroyd library card ID and your password. These e-resources are available twenty four hours a day.

Databases not available through remote access can be accessed in the Public Computer Centres or on your laptop at any of the library branches.

The information provided by these online resources covers a wide range of topics and is up-to-date, accurate and reliable. Much of it consists of full-text newspaper and journal articles drawn from reputable publications, and includes both international and Australian coverage.

Articles can be saved, printed out or emailed to your account.

A listing of the online databases available through the Holroyd City Council Library Service is printed overleaf.

The website address is: <http://www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au/library>

Free Online databases

Databases marked with [home access](#) can be accessed at home via your Holroyd library card ID and Password. Databases marked [library access](#) can be used only in the library in the Public Computer Centre or on your laptop. The use of the following databases is subject to usual copyright restrictions.

[Ancestry Library Edition](#) [library access](#)

Ancestry Library Edition is a genealogy research tool. Ancestry Library Edition has more than 1.5 billion names in over 4000 databases and includes records from the United States Census; military records; court, land and probate records; vital and church records; directories; passenger lists and more.

[Ancient and Medieval History Online](#) [home access](#)

Ancient and Medieval History Online (Facts On File) explores the pre-modern world with in-depth focus on Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, Rome, Africa, Europe, the Americas and Asia. It contains full text articles from leading reference works as well as primary sources, maps, images and charts.

[Australian Bureau of Statistics](#) [home access](#)

The ABS provides statistics on a wide range of economic and social matters, serving government, business and the general population.

[ANZ Reference Centre](#) [home access](#)

A general database of Australian and international content with articles in health, current affairs, science, social science, business and literature.

[Australian Public Affairs Information Service \(APAIS\)](#) [home access](#)

An online collection of authoritative Australasian journals, monographs, research papers and other reference materials, many in full text.

[Computerschool.net](#) [home access](#)

The Computer Skills Index link contains hundreds of comprehensive computer training tutorials, with more continually being added. Tutorials include full colour, easy-to-follow screen-shots with step-by-step instructions covering an extensive and varied range of topics.

[Consumer Health Complete](#) [home access](#)

Contains full text articles covering all areas of health and wellness from mainstream medicine to many perspectives of complementary, holistic and integrated medicine. Topics include aging, cancer, diabetes, drugs and alcohol, fitness, nutrition and dietetics, children's health and men and women's health.

[Factiva](#) [library access](#)

A powerful web-based service for researching and monitoring news and business information.

[History & Reference Library](#) [home access](#)

History and Reference Library contains major titles, including original source documents, adapted for online use and extensive searching capability.

Free Online Databases

[Law Handbook Online](#) [home access](#)

The Law Handbook Online is the most up-to-date and practical, plain language legal resource on the laws of New South Wales.

Username: nhol@holroyd.nsw.gov.au **Password:** holroydlib

[Literary Reference Centre](#) [home access](#)

Provides full text information on authors and their works from a combination of sources including books, encyclopaedias and journals. Includes plot summaries, critical essays, reviews, poems and author biographies. Search by author, title, subject or literary genre, or browse publications and most read authors.

[NovelList](#) [home access](#)

Use NovelList to look for books by author, title, series, plot description or level of reader ship (children, young adults, adults etc). Use the Read-Alikes feature to find other authors who write like your favourite author. Includes plot summaries, genre and theme based lists, discussion guides for book clubs, book talks and details of awards.

[Oxford Art Online](#) [home access](#)

The Grove Dictionary of Art Online provides access to the entire text of *The Dictionary of Art* with constant additions of new material and updates to the text plus extensive image links.

[Proquest ANZ Newstand](#) [home access](#)

ProQuest ANZ *NewsStand* combines local, national, business, sport, political, technology and entertainment news from key providers including News Ltd, Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) and Fairfax. A growing two-year archive of articles for all titles is available with new material being added daily.

[Science Reference Centre](#) [home access](#)

Provides access to a multitude of full text science oriented content. Contains full text for 640 science encyclopaedias, reference books, periodicals. Topics covered include: biology, chemistry, earth and space science, environmental science, health and medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science and society, scientists, technology and wildlife.

[Standards Australia Online Public Library Service](#) [library access](#)

A comprehensive online collection of International and Australian standards, many with full text coverage.

[Sydney Morning Herald - online 'true to print' editions](#) [library access](#) (Merrylands)

Delivers 'true to print' online edition of the Sydney Morning Herald, including photos, tables etc. Covers from 2006 onwards. 1992 - 2005 can be accessed using CD-ROM at Merrylands Central Library.

[World Book Online](#) [home access](#) & [World Book Kids](#) [home access](#)

The World Book Online Reference Centre is a premier online general encyclopedia and reference resource. World Book Kids is designed especially for younger users, English-language learners, and reluctant readers

Databases are accessible at <http://www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au/library>