NT Libraries turning over new leaf

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The NTG, through the Northern Territory Library, will be undertaking a consultation process with the community over the second half of 2016 to find out what the community want from library services into the future. Community feedback sessions will be held throughout the Territory.

“The government wishes to develop a stronger network of NT public libraries and it is timely to have a fresh look at the value that public library services provide to communities, and the best ways in which these can be delivered to provide equitable access for all Territorians,” said Minister for Arts and Museums, Gary Higgins.

The public consultation process to ascertain which library services are most valued and what the community needs are into the future

A stakeholder consultation process to discuss the form of a new Public Library Funding Agreement and the most effective models for the delivery of NT public library services.

There are 32 public libraries in the Northern Territory, from Darwin to Alice Springs and from Wadeye to Borroloola.

Public libraries are highly valued community services, which support a culture of reading and learning, deliver early childhood literacy programs, provide access to the internet, online government services and digital technology, build digital skills, and strengthen community diversity and social inclusion.

Public libraries are funded through a mix of NTG and local government funding. Funding and governance arrangements for the public library sector in the NT are complex and have evolved over many years.

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