

# Public Libraries Victoria

## LOTE Collections at 30 June 2019

In September 2019 Victoria's network of public libraries (not including the State Library of Victoria) compiled data on their collections of items in languages other than English (LOTE) as at 30 June 2019. Data was captured from all 48 PLV members. In summary:

- The statewide LOTE collection has 450,668 items in 79 different languages (or language groups), a 1.3% increase in items from 444,687 in 73 different languages in 2018.
- LOTE collection items include
  - fiction and non-fiction items
  - collection items for adults, young adult and children
  - books, picture books, magazines and newspapers
  - ebooks and other digital items.
- 33 public library services (approx. two-thirds) have LOTE collections.
- 15 public library services (approx. one-third) have no LOTE collections.
- The five library services with the largest LOTE collections are
  - Moreland – 50,671 items
  - Monash – 46,100 items
  - Yarra Plenty – 45,502 items
  - Whitehorse Manningham – 30,304 items
  - Brimbank – 30,089 items
- Three other library services have more than 20,000 LOTE collection items.
- The Top 4 languages have 297,863 total collection items (66% of the total LOTE collection)
  - Chinese – 157,795 items
  - Italian – 53,391 items
  - Vietnamese – 47,985 items
  - Greek – 38,692 items
- Another 9 languages have a total of 103,550 collection items (23% of the total LOTE collection).
  - Each of these languages has more than 5,000 and fewer than 20,000 collection items.
  - These include Arabic, Spanish, Russian, Sinhalese, Hindi, French, Turkish, Japanese and Polish.
- In total, the top 13 languages (those with more than 5,000 items) comprise 89% of the LOTE collection.

This report presents the following summary data.

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**Table 1a. LOTE collections by public library service**

Library Service	Number of LOTE items			Different languages		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18
Bayside LS	4,607	4,053	3,405	7	7	7
Boroondara LS	22,374	18,353	18,288	6	6	6
Brimbank Libraries	34,609	33,744	30,089	18	17	17
Buloke LS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Campaspe Regional Library	518	517	517	1	1	1
Casey-Cardinia Libraries	7,741	6,701	8,938	4	5	9
Central Highlands Libraries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corangamite RLC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darebin Libraries	25,508	26,050	24,001	24	6	7
East Gippsland Shire Libraries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Regional Libraries	2,543	2,454	2,172	7	2	1
Frankston Library	1,003	844	203	7	7	6
Gannawarra LS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Geelong Regional Libraries	3,527	3,459	3,284	64	61	63
Glen Eira Libraries	4,288	5,226	11,722	7	9	9
Glenelg Libraries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldfields LC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goulburn Valley Libraries	2,073	2,006	1,967	29	32	35
Greater Dandenong Libraries	27,065	24,610	25,069	18	19	19
High Country Library Network	790	784	569	1	1	1
Hobsons Bay Libraries	15,139	12,870	12,119	9	8	9
Hume Libraries	17,190	15,720	12,220	12	13	13
Indigo Shire Libraries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingston Libraries	9,996	9,945	9,893	6	6	6
Latrobe City Libraries	203	185	226	1	1	2
Maribyrnong LS	28,996	29,147	29,694	12	11	11
Melbourne LS	21,675	22,413	19,361	6	6	5
Melton City Libraries	2,554	1,863	4,764	8	10	13
Mildura Rural City Council LS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mitchell Shire LS	-	-	214	-	-	4
Monash Public LS	40,366	42,725	46,100	22	22	23
Moonee Valley Libraries	19,891	19,169	16,900	11	9	9
Moreland City Libraries	48,799	46,672	50,671	16	16	16
Mornington Peninsula Shire LS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Murrindindi LS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Phillip LS	10,900	10,919	9,913	9	9	9
Stonnington L&IS	6,796	7,047	6,425	5	5	5
Swan Hill Regional Library	241	246	260	1	1	1
Towong Shire Libraries	-	-	-	-	-	-
VAALS	1,100	1,399	1,426	11	16	17
Wellington Shire Library	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Gippsland RLC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whitehorse Manningham Libraries	28,843	26,849	30,304	4	4	4
Wimmera RLC	33	34	33	2	2	2
Wodonga Library	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyndham City Libraries	2,778	4,846	5,983	5	6	11
Yarra Libraries	24,062	16,784	18,436	11	5	6
Yarra Plenty Regional Library	52,011	47,053	45,502	16	16	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>468,189</b>	<b>444,687</b>	<b>450,668</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>79</b>

**Table 1b. LOTE collections by public library service by language**

<b>Library Service</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Collection items</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bayside Library Service	Japanese	932	3,405
	Chinese	665	
	Russian	592	
	Italian	355	
	French	328	
	German	271	
	Greek	262	
Boroondara Library Service	Chinese	12,615	18,288
	French	1,931	
	Greek	1,708	
	Italian	1,318	
	Korean	618	
	German	98	
Brimbank Libraries	Vietnamese	9,446	30,089
	Chinese	6,893	
	Spanish	1,945	
	Polish	1,677	
	Greek	1,571	
	Italian	1,303	
	Turkish	1,080	
	Maltese	1,052	
	Hindi	905	
	Arabic	891	
	Punjabi	796	
	Tamil	725	
	Serbian	578	
	Bosnian	483	
	Macedonian	399	
	Tagalog	247	
Farsi	98		
Campaspe Regional Library	Italian	517	517
Casey-Cardinia Libraries	Chinese	3,460	8,938
	Sinhalese	3,110	
	Persian	818	
	Punjabi	530	
	Arabic	288	
	Hindi	265	
	Tamil	223	
	Spanish	128	
	Italian	116	
Darebin Libraries	Chinese	6,674	24,001
	Italian	6,019	
	Greek	4,471	
	Vietnamese	4,230	
	Arabic	2,348	
	Hindi	182	

Library Service	Language	Collection items	Total
Darebin Libraries (cont.)	Somali	77	
Eastern Regional Libraries	Chinese	2,172	2,172
Frankston Library	Dutch	109	203
	Chinese	39	
	Italian	30	
	French	12	
	Spanish	11	
	German	2	
Geelong Regional Libraries	French	592	3,284
	Japanese	349	
	German	259	
	Chinese	219	
	Spanish	214	
	Italian	178	
	Hindi	139	
	Arabic	123	
	Croatian	112	
	Dutch	102	
	Danish	96	
	Polish	82	
	Russian	74	
	Swedish	66	
	Somali	59	
	Portuguese	50	
	Tamil	49	
	Farsi	45	
	Mandarin	40	
	Yoruba	40	
	Norwegian	38	
	Korean	30	
	Greek	29	
	Hebrew	22	
	Cantonese	18	
	Burmese	17	
	Icelandic	17	
	Indonesian	15	
	Punjabi	15	
	Hungarian	14	
	Kurdish	14	
	Turkish	14	
Vietnamese	14		
Aboriginal	13		
Bengali	11		
Czech	9		
Gujarati	9		
Sgaw Karen	9		
Khmer	8		
Estonian	7		
Finnish	7		

Library Service	Language	Collection items	Total
Geelong Regional Libraries (cont.)	Persian	7	
	Nepali	6	
	Swahili	6	
	Tagalog	5	
	Catalan	4	
	Mongolian	4	
	Romanian	4	
	Albanian	3	
	Malayalam	3	
	Sami	3	
	Slovak	3	
	Zulu	3	
	Lao	2	
	Lithuanian	2	
	Nauvhal	2	
	Swiss	2	
	Thai	2	
	Georgian	1	
	Hawaiian	1	
	Kazakh	1	
Tetum	1		
Urdu	1		
Glen Eira Library Service	Russian	6,491	11,722
	Chinese	2,867	
	Greek	1,149	
	Hebrew	619	
	French	231	
	Italian	130	
	Polish	101	
	German	82	
	Hindi	52	
Goulburn Valley Libraries	Arabic	385	1,967
	Persian	312	
	Hindi	307	
	Chinese	235	
	Italian	224	
	French	156	
	Turkish	89	
	Farsi	59	
	Urdu	26	
	Punjabi	21	
	Danish	20	
	Spanish	18	
	Gujarati	14	
	Somali	14	
	German	12	
	Japanese	11	
Swedish	11		
Albanian	9		

Library Service	Language	Collection items	Total
Goulburn Valley Libraries (cont.)	Swahili	8	
	Greek	4	
	Norwegian	4	
	Tamil	4	
	Aboriginal	3	
	Dutch	3	
	Indonesian	3	
	Korean	3	
	Polish	3	
	Vietnamese	2	
	Czech	1	
	Estonian	1	
	Finnish	1	
	Hebrew	1	
	Mandarin	1	
Marathi	1		
Russian	1		
Greater Dandenong Libraries	Chinese	6,739	25,069
	Vietnamese	4,812	
	Sinhalese	1,711	
	Serbian Roman	1,476	
	Tamil	1,314	
	Khmer	1,043	
	Punjabi	996	
	Greek	972	
	Persian	887	
	Italian	836	
	Arabic	823	
	Spanish	731	
	Croatian	726	
	French	614	
	Bosnian	577	
	Hindi	399	
	Serbian Cyrillic	232	
	Urdu	104	
Turkish	77		
High Country Library Network	Italian	569	569
Hobsons Bay Libraries	Italian	2,574	12,119
	Chinese	2,503	
	Vietnamese	1,803	
	Greek	1,065	
	Arabic	1,034	
	Polish	988	
	Croatian	887	
	Spanish	819	
	Maltese	446	

Library Service	Language	Collection items	Total
Hume Libraries	Sinhalese	2,407	12,220
	Arabic	2,382	
	Turkish	2,059	
	Hindi	1,126	
	Chinese	920	
	Punjabi	690	
	Italian	584	
	Vietnamese	462	
	Greek	455	
	Spanish	335	
	Farsi	327	
	Tamil	304	
	Urdu	169	
Kingston Libraries	Chinese	3,652	9,893
	Italian	2,715	
	Greek	1,724	
	Vietnamese	1,088	
	Arabic	694	
	Turkish	20	
Latrobe City Libraries	Chinese	197	226
	Not specified	29	
Maribyrnong Library Service	Vietnamese	12,850	29,694
	Chinese	8,881	
	Greek	1,948	
	Spanish	1,932	
	Italian	1,321	
	Hindi	1,126	
	Amharic	670	
	Arabic	578	
	Swahili	279	
	Somali	73	
	Tigrinya	36	
Melbourne Library Service	Chinese	10,869	19,361
	Japanese	4,891	
	Korean	1,972	
	Hindi	1,210	
	Vietnamese	419	
Melton Library and Information Service	Hindi	459	4,764
	Chinese	172	
	Maltese	153	
	Spanish	126	
	Sinhalese	125	
	Arabic	75	
	Indian Languages	71	
	Vietnamese	33	
	Punjabi	24	
	Greek	2	
	Macedonian	2	

Library Service	Language	Collection items	Total
Melton L&S	Press Reader	3,521	
Mitchell Shire LS	Hindi	60	214
	Punjabi	60	
	Chinese	48	
	Arabic	46	
Monash Public Library Service	Chinese	21,628	46,100
	Greek	4,643	
	Italian	2,479	
	Korean	1,986	
	Sinhalese	1,737	
	Tamil	1,629	
	Spanish	1,424	
	Hindi	1,349	
	Japanese	1,330	
	French	1,281	
	Vietnamese	1,022	
	Russian	1,008	
	German	861	
	Arabic	832	
	Bengali	740	
	Punjabi	621	
	Indonesian	265	
	Gujarati	155	
	Urdu	147	
	Polish	48	
Malayalam	45		
Telugu	16		
Not specified	854		
Moonee Valley Library Service	Chinese	6,296	16,900
	Italian	3,475	
	Vietnamese	2,690	
	Spanish	1,945	
	Greek	1,813	
	French	226	
	Croatian	203	
	Somali	152	
	Arabic	100	
Moreland City Libraries	Italian	12,614	50,671
	Greek	7,478	
	Chinese	6,579	
	Arabic	4,787	
	Spanish	3,755	
	Turkish	3,184	
	French	1,957	
	Sinhalese	1,675	
	Vietnamese	1,588	
	Urdu	1,407	
	Croatian	1,317	



Library Service	Language	Collection items	Total
Moreland City Libraries (cont.)	Polish	1,303	
	Hindi	1,187	
	Nepali	1,035	
	German	617	
	Serbian	188	
Port Phillip Library Service	Russian	4,264	9,913
	Polish	1,664	
	Chinese	953	
	Greek	700	
	French	582	
	German	566	
	Spanish	521	
	Hungarian	461	
	Hebrew	202	
Stonnington Library and Information Service	Chinese	2,347	6,425
	Greek	1,523	
	Russian	955	
	French	849	
	Italian	751	
Swan Hill Regional Library Service	Italian	260	260
VAALS	Polish	354	1,426
	Spanish	212	
	Russian	199	
	Hindi	151	
	Dutch	101	
	Arabic	82	
	French	76	
	Italian	69	
	Greek	68	
	Finnish	46	
	Maori	25	
	Gujarati	11	
	Vietnamese	11	
	Chinese	7	
	Yiddish	7	
	Portuguese	5	
German	2		
Whitehorse Manningham Libraries	Chinese	25,927	30,304
	Italian	1,924	
	Greek	1,686	
	Farsi	767	
Wimmera Regional Library Corporation	Italian	27	33
	Greek	6	
Wyndham City Libraries	Chinese	2255	5,983
	Spanish	1241	
	Hindi	1060	
	Punjabi	333	
	Italian	329	

<b>Library Service</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Collection items</b>	<b>Total</b>
Wyndham City Libraries (cont.)	Arabic	260	
	Urdu	194	
	Gujarati	181	
	Tamil	62	
	Bengali	41	
	Malayalam	27	
Yarra Libraries	Chinese	9,330	18,436
	Vietnamese	4,821	
	Spanish	1,366	
	Bilingual	1,080	
	Italian	1,072	
	Greek	767	
Yarra Plenty Regional Library	Chinese	12,653	45,502
	Italian	11,602	
	Greek	4,648	
	Vietnamese	2,694	
	Arabic	2,515	
	Serbian	2,220	
	Croatian	1,509	
	Turkish	1,440	
	Macedonian	1,104	
	Spanish	1,061	
	French	967	
	Polish	869	
	German	671	
	Hindi	515	
	Maltese	452	
	Punjabi	267	
Japanese	220		
Sinhalese	95		

## **Table 2. Public library services with no LOTE collections**

The following 15 library services had no LOTE collections as at 30 June 2019.

Buloke Library Service  
Central Highlands Libraries  
Corangamite Regional Library Corporation  
East Gippsland Shire Libraries  
Gannawarra Library Service  
Glenelg Libraries  
Goldfields Library Corporation  
Indigo Shire Libraries  
Mildura Rural City Council Library Service  
Mornington Peninsula Shire Library Service  
Murrindindi Library Service  
Towong Shire Libraries  
Wellington Shire Library  
West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation  
Wodonga Library.

**Table 3a. LOTE collections by language**

Language	Number of LOTE items			Different library services		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Aboriginal	15	15	16	1	1	2
Albanian	13	11	12	2	2	2
Amharic	703	692	670	1	1	1
Arabic	22,819	20,289	18,243	17	16	18
Bengali	606	746	792	2	2	3
Bosnian	1,137	1,078	1,060	3	2	2
Burmese	20	18	17	2	1	1
Cantonese	13	16	18	1	1	1
Catalan	1	1	4	1	1	1
Chinese	167,458	156,051	157,795	28	28	29
Croatian	6,863	6,524	4,754	8	7	6
Czech	10	10	10	1	1	2
Danish	104	113	116	2	2	2
Dutch	589	505	315	4	4	4
Estonian	8	8	8	2	2	2
Farsi			1,296			5
Finnish	7	8	54	1	2	3
French	8,774	8,377	9,802	16	13	14
Georgian	1	1	1	1	1	1
German	3,041	2,777	3,443	12	10	11
Greek	39,156	39,079	38,692	23	23	23
Gujarati	54	149	370	3	3	5
Hawaiian	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hebrew	222	549	844	2	5	4
Hindi	9,070	9,180	10,492	13	13	17
Hungarian	469	476	475	2	2	2
Icelandic	14	14	17	1	1	1
Indian languages	74	32	71	1	1	1
Indonesian	1,295	1,196	283	5	5	3
Italian	55,018	53,804	53,991	28	27	27
Japanese	6,982	7,412	7,733	8	6	6
Kazakh	1	1	1	1	1	1
Khmer	900	1,114	1,051	2	2	2
Korean	4,606	4,938	4,609	6	5	5
Kurdish	14	14	14	1	1	1
Lao	2	2	2	1	1	1
Lithuanian	3	2	2	1	1	1
Macedonian	1,994	1,453	1,505	4	3	3
Malayalam	42	67	75	2	2	3
Maltese	3,096	2,792	2,103	4	4	4
Mandarin	34	41	41	1	1	2
Maori	-	22	25	-	1	1
Marathi	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mongolian	4	4	4	1	1	1
Nauvhal	2	2	2	1	1	1
Nepali	755	991	1,041	2	2	2

Language	Number of LOTE items			Different library services		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Norwegian	42	42	42	2	2	2
Persian*	2,794	3,052	2,024	7	7	4
Polish	8,565	7,868	7,089	12	11	10
Portuguese	119	53	55	3	2	2
Punjabi	3,224	3,914	4,353	7	9	11
Romanian	6	6	4	1	1	1
Russian	11,166	10,949	13,584	9	8	8
Sami	-	-	3	-	-	1
Serbian			2,987			4
Serbian (Cyrillic)		299	232	1	1	1
Serbian (Roman)	6,105	5,216	1,476	6	4	1
Sgaw Karen	37	47	9	1	1	1
Sinhalese	9,877	10,133	10,860	7	7	7
Slovak	-	3	3	-	1	1
Somali	570	491	375	6	5	5
Spanish	14,040	14,516	17,784	18	16	18
Swahili	280	275	293	3	3	3
Swedish	70	69	77	3	2	2
Tagalog	274	266	252	2	2	2
Tamil	3,289	2,895	4,310	5	6	8
Telugu	43	21	16	1	1	1
Tetum	1	1	1	1	1	1
Thai	3	120	2	1	2	1
Tigrinya	41	23	36	1	1	1
Turkish	9,298	8,375	7,963	10	8	8
Urdu	1,284	1,533	2,048	6	6	7
Vietnamese	61,010	51,666	47,985	17	18	17
Yiddish			7			1
Yoruba	41	40	40	1	1	1
Zulu	4	3	3	1	1	1
Bilingual (varied languages)		1,792	1,080		1	1
Press Reader			3,521			1
Language not specified			883			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>468,189</b>	<b>444,687</b>	<b>450,668</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>

\* Persian included Farsi in 2016-17 and 2017-18.

**Table 3b. LOTE collections by language by public library service**

Language	Library service	Collection items	Total
Aboriginal	Geelong	13	16
	Goulburn Valley	3	
Albanian	Goulburn Valley	9	12
	Geelong	3	
Amharic	Maribyrnong	670	670
Arabic	Moreland	4,787	18,243
	Yarra Plenty	2,515	
	Hume	2,382	
	Darebin	2,348	
	Hobsons Bay	1,034	
	Brimbank	891	
	Monash	832	
	Greater Dandenong	823	
	Kingston	694	
	Maribyrnong	578	
	Goulburn Valley	385	
	Casey-Cardinia	288	
	Wyndham	260	
	Geelong	123	
	Moonee Valley	100	
	VAIS	82	
	Melton	75	
Mitchell	46		
Bengali	Monash	740	792
	Wyndham	41	
	Geelong	11	
Bosnian	Greater Dandenong	577	1,060
	Brimbank	483	
Burmese	Geelong	17	17
Cantonese	Geelong	18	18
Catalan	Geelong	4	4
Chinese	Whitehorse-Manningham	25,927	157,795
	Monash	21,628	
	Yarra Plenty	12,653	
	Boroondara	12,615	
	Melbourne	10,869	
	Yarra	9,330	
	Maribyrnong	8,881	
	Brimbank	6,893	
	Greater Dandenong	6,739	
	Darebin	6,674	
	Moreland	6,579	
	Moonee Valley	6,296	
	Kingston	3,652	
Casey-Cardinia	3,460		



Language	Library service	Collection items	Total
Chinese (cont.)	Glen Eira	2,867	
	Hobsons Bay	2,503	
	Stonnington	2,347	
	Wyndham	2,255	
	Eastern	2,172	
	Port Phillip	953	
	Hume	920	
	Bayside	665	
	Goulburn Valley	235	
	Geelong	219	
	Latrobe	197	
	Melton	172	
	Mitchell	48	
	Frankston	39	
VAALS	7		
Croatian	Yarra Plenty	1,509	4,754
	Moreland	1,317	
	Hobsons Bay	887	
	Greater Dandenong	726	
	Moonee Valley	203	
	Geelong	112	
Czech	Geelong	9	10
	Goulburn Valley	1	
Danish	Geelong	96	116
	Goulburn Valley	20	
Dutch	Frankston	109	315
	Geelong	102	
	VAALS	101	
	Goulburn Valley	3	
Estonian	Geelong	7	8
	Goulburn Valley	1	
Farsi	Whitehorse-Manningham	767	1,296
	Hume	327	
	Brimbank	98	
	Goulburn Valley	59	
	Geelong	45	
Finnish	VAALS	46	54
	Geelong	7	
	Goulburn Valley	1	
French	Moreland	1,957	9,802
	Boroondara	1,931	
	Monash	1,281	
	Yarra Plenty	967	
	Stonnington	849	
	Greater Dandenong	614	
	Geelong	592	
	Port Phillip	582	
Bayside	328		



Language	Library service	Collection items	Total
French (cont.)	Glen Eira	231	
	Moonee Valley	226	
	Goulburn Valley	156	
	VAILS	76	
	Frankston	12	
Georgian	Geelong	1	1
German	Monash	861	3,443
	Yarra Plenty	671	
	Moreland	617	
	Port Phillip	566	
	Bayside	271	
	Geelong	261	
	Boroondara	98	
	Glen Eira	82	
	Goulburn Valley	12	
	Frankston	2	
	VAILS	2	
Greek	Moreland	7,478	38,692
	Yarra Plenty	4,648	
	Monash	4,643	
	Darebin	4,471	
	Maribyrnong	1,948	
	Moonee Valley	1,813	
	Kingston	1,724	
	Boroondara	1,708	
	Whitehorse-Manningham	1,686	
	Brimbank	1,571	
	Stonnington	1,523	
	Glen Eira	1,149	
	Hobsons Bay	1,065	
	Greater Dandenong	972	
	Yarra	767	
	Port Phillip	700	
	Hume	455	
	Bayside	262	
	VAILS	68	
	Geelong	29	
	Wimmera	6	
Goulburn Valley	4		
Melton	2		
Gujarati	Wyndham	181	370
	Monash	155	
	Goulburn Valley	14	
	VAILS	11	
	Geelong	9	
Hawaiian	Geelong	1	1



Language	Library service	Collection items	Total
Hebrew	Glen Eira	619	844
	Port Phillip	202	
	Geelong	22	
	Goulburn Valley	1	
Hindi	Monash	1,349	10,492
	Moreland	1,210	
	Melbourne	1,187	
	Hume	1,126	
	Maribyrnong	1,126	
	Wyndham	1,060	
	Brimbank	905	
	Yarra Plenty	515	
	Melton	459	
	Greater Dandenong	399	
	Goulburn Valley	307	
	Casey-Cardinia	265	
	Darebin	182	
	VAALS	151	
	Geelong	139	
	Mitchell	60	
Glen Eira	52		
Hungarian	Port Phillip	461	475
	Geelong	14	
Icelandic	Geelong	17	17
Indian languages	Melton	71	71
Indonesian	Monash	265	283
	Geelong	15	
	Goulburn Valley	3	
Italian	Moreland	12,614	53,391
	Yarra Plenty	11,602	
	Darebin	6,019	
	Moonee Valley	3,475	
	Kingston	2,715	
	Hobsons Bay	2,574	
	Monash	2,479	
	Whitehorse-Manningham	1,924	
	Maribyrnong	1,321	
	Boroondara	1,318	
	Brimbank	1,303	
	Yarra	1,072	
	Greater Dandenong	836	
	Stonnington	751	
	Hume	584	
	High Country	569	
	Campaspe	517	
	Bayside	355	
	Wyndham	329	
Swan Hill	260		

Language	Library service	Collection items	Total
Italian (cont.)	Goulburn Valley	224	
	Geelong	178	
	Glen Eira	130	
	Casey-Cardinia	116	
	VAILS	69	
	Frankston	30	
	Wimmera	27	
Japanese	Melbourne	4,891	7,733
	Monash	1,330	
	Bayside	932	
	Geelong	349	
	Yarra Plenty	220	
	Goulburn Valley	11	
Kazakh	Geelong	1	1
Khmer	Greater Dandenong	1,043	1,051
	Geelong	8	
Korean	Monash	1,986	4,609
	Melbourne	1,972	
	Boroondara	618	
	Geelong	30	
	Goulburn Valley	3	
Kurdish	Geelong	14	14
Lao	Geelong	2	2
Lithuanian	Geelong	2	2
Macedonian	Yarra Plenty	1,104	1,505
	Brimbank	399	
	Melton	2	
Malayalam	Monash	45	75
	Wyndham	27	
	Geelong	3	
Maltese	Brimbank	1,052	2,103
	Yarra Plenty	452	
	Hobsons Bay	446	
	Melton	153	
Mandarin	Geelong	40	41
	Goulburn Valley	1	
Maori	VAILS	25	25
Marathi	Goulburn Valley	1	1
Mongolian	Geelong	4	4
Nauvhal	Geelong	2	2
Nepali	Moreland	1,035	1,041
	Geelong	6	
Norwegian	Geelong	38	42
	Goulburn Valley	4	

Language	Library service	Collection items	Total
Persian (Farsi)	Greater Dandenong	887	2,024
	Casey-Cardinia	818	
	Goulburn Valley	312	
	Geelong	7	
Polish	Brimbank	1,677	7,089
	Port Phillip	1,664	
	Moreland	1,303	
	Hobsons Bay	988	
	Yarra Plenty	869	
	VAILS	354	
	Glen Eira	101	
	Geelong	82	
	Monash	48	
	Goulburn Valley	3	
Portuguese	Geelong	50	55
	VAILS	5	
Punjabi	Greater Dandenong	996	4,353
	Brimbank	796	
	Hume	690	
	Monash	621	
	Casey-Cardinia	530	
	Wyndham	333	
	Yarra Plenty	267	
	Mitchell	60	
	Melton	24	
	Goulburn Valley	21	
	Geelong	15	
Romanian	Geelong	4	4
Russian	Glen Eira	6,491	13,584
	Port Phillip	4,264	
	Monash	1,008	
	Stonnington	955	
	Bayside	592	
	VAILS	199	
	Geelong	74	
	Goulburn Valley	1	
Sami	Geelong	3	3
Serbian	Yarra Plenty	2,220	2,987
	Brimbank	578	
	Moreland	188	
	Melton	1	
Serbian (Cyrillic)	Greater Dandenong	232	232
Serbian (Roman)	Greater Dandenong	1,476	1,476
Sgaw Karen	Geelong	9	9
Sinhalese	Casey-Cardinia	3,110	10,860
	Hume	2,407	
	Monash	1,737	

Language	Library service	Collection items	Total
Sinhalese (cont.)	Greater Dandenong	1,711	
	Moreland	1,675	
	Melton	125	
	Yarra Plenty	95	
Slovak	Geelong	3	3
Somali	Moonee Valley	152	375
	Darebin	77	
	Maribyrnong	73	
	Geelong	59	
	Goulburn Valley	14	
Spanish	Moreland	3,755	17,784
	Moonee Valley	1,945	
	Brimbank	1,945	
	Maribyrnong	1,932	
	Monash	1,424	
	Yarra	1,366	
	Wyndham	1,241	
	Yarra Plenty	1,061	
	Hobsons Bay	819	
	Greater Dandenong	731	
	Port Phillip	521	
	Hume	335	
	Geelong	214	
	VAILS	212	
	Casey-Cardinia	128	
	Melton	126	
	Frankston	18	
Goulburn Valley	11		
Swahili	Maribyrnong	279	298
	Goulburn Valley	8	
	Geelong	6	
Swedish	Geelong	66	77
	Goulburn Valley	11	
Tagalog	Brimbank	247	252
	Geelong	5	
Tamil	Monash	1,629	4,310
	Greater Dandenong	1,314	
	Brimbank	725	
	Hume	304	
	Casey-Cardinia	223	
	Wyndham	62	
	Geelong	49	
	Goulburn Valley	4	
Telugu	Monash	16	16
Tetum	Geelong	1	1
Thai	Geelong	2	2
Tigrinya	Maribyrnong	36	36

Language	Library service	Collection items	Total
Turkish	Moreland	3,184	7,963
	Hume	2,059	
	Yarra Plenty	1,440	
	Brimbank	1,080	
	Goulburn Valley	89	
	Greater Dandenong	77	
	Kingston	20	
	Geelong	14	
Urdu	Moreland	1,407	2,048
	Wyndham	194	
	Hume	169	
	Monash	147	
	Greater Dandenong	104	
	Goulburn Valley	26	
	Geelong	1	
Vietnamese	Maribyrnong	12,850	47,985
	Brimbank	9,446	
	Yarra	4,821	
	Greater Dandenong	4,812	
	Darebin	4,230	
	Yarra Plenty	2,694	
	Moonee Valley	2,690	
	Hobsons Bay	1,803	
	Moreland	1,588	
	Kingston	1,088	
	Monash	1,022	
	Hume	462	
	Melbourne	419	
	Melton	33	
	Geelong	14	
	VAILS	11	
Goulburn Valley	2		
Yiddish	VAILS	7	7
Yoruba	Geelong	40	40
Zulu	Geelong	3	3
Bilingual (varied languages)	Yarra	1,080	1,080
Press Reader	Melton	3,521	3,521
Language not specified	Monash	854	883
	Latrobe	29	

**Table 4. LOTE collections by language and type of collection item**

Please note: The totals for the breakdown of collection items by Type, Audience and Form do not always add up to the total number of collection items. This is due to some Library Services not being able to provide the breakdown figures.

Language	Total Items	Type				Audience		Form	
		Fiction	Non-fiction	DVDs/CDs	Magazines/newspapers	Adult*	Children	Physical	Digital
Aboriginal	16	13	-	1	2	3	13	16	-
Albanian	12	9	-	3	-	3	9	12	-
Amharic	670	359	-	311	-	655	15	670	-
Arabic	18,243	6,988	2,224	3,934	2,507	12,414	3,324	12,825	398
Bengali	792	712	-	78	2	551	241	792	-
Bilingual (varied languages)	1,080	1,080	-	-	-	-	1,080	1,080	-
Bosnian	1,060	576	237	82	165	971	89	1,060	-
Burmese	17	17	-	-	-	-	17	17	-
Cantonese	18	-	-	18	-	18	-	18	-
Catalan	4	-	-	4	-	4	-	4	-
Chinese	157,795	75,192	32,097	22,372	15,298	119,172	22,627	111,002	5,856
Croatian	4,754	2,445	485	697	1,127	4,586	168	3,162	83
Czech	10	4	-	6	-	6	4	10	-
Danish	116	-	-	116	-	116	-	116	-
Dutch	315	3	-	25	186	311	4	214	101
Estonian	8	-	-	8	-	8	-	8	-
Farsi	1,296	610	206	153	-	753	216	969	-
Finnish	54	-	-	8	-	54	-	8	46
French	9,802	4,979	495	1,909	2,017	6,292	3,182	5,411	1,165
Georgian	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
German	3,443	1,192	161	392	2,715	2,888	284	1,650	753
Greek	38,692	21,377	4,435	7,714	4,381	33,332	4,643	31,497	122

Language	Total Items	Type				Audience		Form	
		Fiction	Non-fiction	DVDs/CDs	Magazines/newspapers	Adult*	Children	Physical	Digital
Gujarati	370	297	46	-	16	162	208	359	11
Hawaiian	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Hebrew	844	717	51	41	35	165	679	844	-
Hindi	10,492	2,475	335	4,076	987	7,053	975	7,277	236
Hungarian	475	313	100	62	-	468	7	475	-
Icelandic	17	-	-	17	-	17	-	17	-
Indian langauges	71	-	-	71	-	71	-	71	-
Indonesian	283	251	-	8	24	230	53	260	23
Italian	53,391	23,252	3,847	15,269	9,408	46,789	5,091	37,830	1,145
Japanese	7,733	1,372	-	437	101	1,011	899	1,652	38
Kazakh	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Khmer	1,051	546	317	65	123	952	99	1,051	-
Korean	4,609	2,339	220	64	14	2,199	438	2,007	12
Kurdish	14	11	-	3	-	3	11	14	-
Lao	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
Lithuanian	2	1	-	1	-	1	1	2	-
Macedonian	1,505	657	193	397	258	1,436	69	400	1
Malayalam	75	51	-	-	24	34	41	73	2
Maltese	2,103	622	278	1,188	15	2,066	37	1,651	-
Mandarin	41	5	-	36	-	36	5	41	-
Maori	25	-	-	-	-	5	20	-	25
Marathi	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Mongolian	4	-	-	4	-	4	-	4	-
Nauvhal	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
Nepali	1,041	451	344	235	11	796	245	1,040	1
Language not specified	42	-	-	42	-	42	-	42	-
Norwegian	883	-	-	854	-	854	-	883	-
Persian*	2,024	1,350	428	95	151	1,038	315	1,353	-

Language	Total Items	Type				Audience		Form	
		Fiction	Non-fiction	DVDs/CDs	Magazines/ newspapers	Adult*	Children	Physical	Digital
Polish	7,089	3,346	1,110	1,427	852	6,650	439	5,806	414
Portuguese	55	41	-	9	-	14	41	50	5
Press Reader	3,521	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,521
Punjabi	4,353	2,055	560	876	112	2,745	396	2,871	3
Romanian	4	2	-	2	-	2	2	4	-
Russian	13,584	10,264	905	1,014	610	12,381	611	12,499	493
Sami	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	3	-
Serbian	2,987	1,162	244	477	1,104	2,966	20	760	7
Serbian (Cyrillic)	232	132	87	5	8	183	49	232	-
Serbian (Roman)	1,476	903	291	88	194	1,468	8	1,476	-
Sgaw Karen	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	9	-
Sinhalese	10,860	6,080	1,217	683	473	4,537	932	5,372	2
Slovak	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	3	-
Somali	375	313	57	5	-	99	276	375	-
Spanish	17,784	8,180	1,412	2,430	5,163	15,034	2,306	11,937	4,411
Swahili	293	89	-	191	-	260	20	293	-
Swedish	77	-	-	77	-	77	-	77	-
Tagalog	252	4	-	248	-	218	34	252	-
Tamil	4,310	2,936	373	424	220	3,162	791	3,945	8
Telugu	16	15	-	-	1	16	-	16	-
Tetum	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Thai	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
Tigrinya	36	22	-	14	-	23	13	36	-
Turkish	7,963	2,652	1,038	1,300	850	5,484	420	4,392	72
Urdu	2,048	1,181	416	152	130	1,401	478	1,875	4
Vietnamese	47,985	20,094	10,588	14,110	2,229	42,270	4,834	44,391	19
Yiddish	7	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	7
Yoruba	40	40	-	-	-	-	40	40	-



Language	Total Items	Type				Audience		Form	
		Fiction	Non-fiction	DVDs/CDs	Magazines/ newspapers	Adult*	Children	Physical	Digital
Zulu	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	3	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>450,688</b>	<b>209,786</b>	<b>64,797</b>	<b>84,348</b>	<b>51,513</b>	<b>345,942</b>	<b>56,828</b>	<b>324,615</b>	<b>18,984</b>

\* 'Adult' items include 664 items classified as 'young adult'. These comprise 433 items in Vietnamese (Brimbank - 295 and Maribyrnong - 138), 197 items in Chinese (Monash – 105, Greater Dandenong – 59, Brimbank – 31 and Maribyrnong - 2) and 14 items in other languages.

## Additional notes

The following notes assist in understanding the scope of Victoria's public libraries' LOTE collections as at 30 June 2019.

Library Service	Note
Casey-Cardinia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Some collections include bilingual picture books. These are classified against the non-English language.</li></ul>
Geelong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All fiction titles are bilingual picture books for children. No adult fiction titles at Geelong.</li></ul>