**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.

Table 1a LOTE collections by public library service (total number of LOTE items)

Table 1b LOTE collections by public library service (total number of LOTE items by language)

Table 2 Public library services with no LOTE collections

Table 3a LOTE collections by language (total number of LOTE items)

Table 3b LOTE collections by language (total number of LOTE items by library service)

Table 4 LOTE collections by language and type of collection item

Additional notes

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

|  | **Number of LOTE items** | **Different languages** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Library Service** | **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 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VAILS | 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 |
| **Total** | **468,189** | **444,687** | **450,668** | **77** | **73** | **79** |

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

| **Library Service** | **Language** | **Collection items** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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  |  |
| 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  |  |
| Geelong Regional Libraries  | Persian |  7  |  |
| (cont.) | 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  |  |
| Goulburn Valley Libraries | Swahili |  8  |  |
| (cont.) | 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  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 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 | Hindi |  459  | 4,764 |
| Service | Chinese |  172  |  |
|  | Maltese |  153  |  |
|  | Spanish |  126  |  |
|  | Sinhalese |  125  |  |
|  | Arabic |  75  |  |
|  | Indian Languages |  71  |  |
|  | Vietnamese |  33  |  |
|  | Punjabi |  24  |  |
|  | Greek |  2  |  |
|  | Macedonian |  2  |  |
| Melton L&IS | 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  |  |
| Moreland City Libraries | Polish |  1,303  |  |
| (cont.) | 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 | Chinese |  2,347  | 6,425 |
| Information Service | Greek |  1,523  |  |
|  | Russian |  955  |  |
|  | French |  849  |  |
|  | Italian |  751  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Swan Hill Regional Library Service | Italian | 260 | 260 |
|  |  |  |  |
| VAILS | 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 | Italian | 27 | 33 |
| Corporation | Greek | 6 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Wyndham City Libraries | Chinese | 2255 | 5,983 |
|  | Spanish | 1241 |  |
|  | Hindi | 1060 |  |
|  | Punjabi | 333 |  |
|  | Italian | 329 |  |
| Wyndham City Libraries | Arabic | 260 |  |
| (cont.) | 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**

|  | **Number of LOTE items** | **Different library services** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Language** | **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 langauges | 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 |
| 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 |
| **Total** | **468,189** | **444,687** | **450,668** | **32** | **32** | **33** |

\* 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 |  |
|  | VAILS | 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 |  |
| Chinese | Glen Eira | 2,867 |  |
| (cont.) | 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 |  |
|  | VAILS | 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 |  |
|  | VAILS | 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 | VAILS | 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 |  |
| French | Glen Eira | 231 |  |
| (cont.) | 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 |  |
| E |  |  |  |
| Gujarati | Wyndham | 181 | 370 |
|  | Monash | 155 |  |
|  | Goulburn Valley | 14 |  |
|  | VAILS | 11 |  |
|  | Geelong | 9 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Hawaiian | Geelong | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |
|  | VAILS | 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 |  |
| Italian | Goulburn Valley | 224 |  |
| (cont.) | 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 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |
| Sinhalese | Greater Dandenong | 1,711 |  |
| (cont.) | 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 |
|  |  |  |  |
| 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.

|  | **Total** | **Type** | **Audience** | **Form** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Language** | **Items** | **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 |
| 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 | - |
| 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 | - |
| Zulu | 3 | - | - | 3 | - | 3 | - | 3 | - |
| **Total** | **450,688** | **209,786** | **64,797** | **84,348** | **51,513** | **345,942** | **56,828** | **324,615** | **18,984** |

\* ‘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** |
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| Casey-Cardinia | * Some collections include bilingual picture books. These are classified against the non-English language.
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| Geelong | * All fiction titles are bilingual picture books for children. No adult fiction titles at Geelong.
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