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disability services

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Based at Northcott Disability Services central office in Sydney, the Northcott Library provides an information service for people with disabilities, their families and carers, health professionals, students, community groups and Northcott staff and other services located in the Northcott Building.

### Library access and Borrowing

The Northcott Library offers users a specialist information service which focuses on disability and related issues. Although borrowing rights are not available for external users, those interested in accessing the collection are welcome to make an appointment to visit the library. The library is located at Northcott's central office in North Parramatta. Photocopying is available at a cost. Small collections are held in regional and off-site facilities.

### Library resources

Library resources include books, journals, articles, kits and audio-visual material. A list of the library's extensive journal holdings is available on request. The library also has access to inter-library loan networks and is a member of the Disability Information Network Australia (DINA). A computer is also available to Northcott members for internet research and word processing.

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### Catalogue

The collection is catalogued using the Dewey Decimal Classification and Australian Disability Thesaurus. A record of holdings is kept on the library's catalogue, with the location field indicating whether an item is held in the central library or at another location. A small but relevant reference collection is available on-site. In 2006, the Raymond E Purves Foundation provided funding to upgrade the Library Management System. The new system delivers access to the catalogue at users' desktops.

### Archives

In 1997, Northcott was awarded a Community Heritage Grant by the National Library. This grant was to assist in the preservation of documentary materials judged to be of national significance. Northcott archives date back to the 1920's and include foundation papers acknowledging the part of Rotary in the organisation's origins, annual reports, minutes, May Gibbs files, plans, various publications, pressclippings, photographs, films and videos, audio cassettes and other memorabilia. Two histories of Northcott have been published to date – The History of The New South Wales Society for Crippled Children (1976) and Breaking the Barriers (1998).

### Opening hours and Location

Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm.  
Ground Floor, 1 Fennell Street, North Parramatta

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