



Transforming The Corner

at State Library of Queensland

Help to build a bigger, better space for children to thrive



Maddie

"The supportive environment at The Corner fosters not only creativity but also essential social interactions. Attending programs here played a pivotal role in my daughter's early childhood education, laying a strong foundation for her learning and development. Now 6 and thriving at school, I see the significant impact that these early educational experiences have had on her success."

Nurturing generations

When children have a great start in life, the impacts are profound.

The love for learning nurtured in children's early years helps them build strong foundations that they can draw on now and into their future.

The Corner

State Library's The Corner brings world-class resources together to help children reach their highest potential.

As a dedicated creative hub for families, fostering opportunities for talking, reading, singing and playing, it provides fundamental building blocks for children's learning and wellbeing.

The Corner supports families in shaping young minds; recognising parents, grandparents and caregivers as children's first and most important teachers.

Now, after nearly 20 years and welcoming over 80,000 visitors each year, The Corner is expanding. Located in the heart of the South Bank precinct, this premier facility at State Library will offer new spaces, thoughtfully designed for children and families to play, learn and grow together.

Why investing in The Corner matters

Decades of research underscore the importance of play in our earliest years; when children play with the important adults in their lives it is especially powerful for their learning and development.

The Corner is the anchor for First 5 Forever, a trusted statewide play-based program that empowers parents and caregivers to create enriching experiences and environments for healthy brain development.

While brain growth happens throughout life, the first 5 years offer an incredible window for development. First 5 Forever helps families maximise this critical period, building meaningful connections between parents, caregivers, and children.

Through strong partnerships with the early childhood sector, universities, and the statewide network of public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres, The Corner's impact ripples far beyond its walls, enriching communities across Queensland.

"The first 5 years for children are full of opportunities. We know that those early positive experiences then create the brain architecture that sets children up for life."

Professor Karen Thorpe,
Queensland Brain Institute

**Be part of transforming
The Corner**

A place where children can thrive

A place where families connect

**A place where communities
come together**

**First 5 Forever is free in
The Corner and in public
libraries across Queensland.
Families are connected with
play-based experiences,
resources and services that
support children to thrive.**





**Double
your impact:
donate now and
your donation
will be matched***

Sarah

"What makes The Corner really special is that you can see that every single story and song and all of the activities are developed with care and understanding of kids. It actually brings me to tears when I think about it because you have this very, very brief moment in time where your child is so little, and it's these kinds of experiences that you'll never forget. These are the things that connect you to your child and to other people and to community. I always recommend for people to go there. The community would be absolutely lost without it. I would have been lost without it when my daughter was really little, and I wouldn't have made the best friends that I've made today."

The impact

Investing in The Corner is investing in the future of children, giving more young Queenslanders the best possible start in life.

The newly expanded The Corner will have world-class facilities and provide safe and fun child-focused spaces to:

- shape stronger communities as families connect and share knowledge
- offer play-based learning programs and resources that can be shared through the Queensland public library network
- leave a legacy for Queensland, as State Library is positioned as a world leader in child-led experiences.

Your support, their future

Every child deserves the chance to reach their full potential, and together, we can make it happen.

Your support is crucial to transforming The Corner – an inspiring initiative that will leave a lasting impact on Queensland's future generations. We have raised 50% of our fundraising target, thanks to the generosity of our early donors. The building works are underway but we still need your help. Donate now and your donation will be matched to have double the impact.*

Here's how you can help and be part of the legacy:

- **Make a meaningful gift:** Contribute an amount that is significant to you and directly supports the future of our children
- **Spread the word:** Share this initiative with friends, family and networks, and invite them to contribute individually or through businesses
- **Support us through sponsorship:** Become a corporate sponsor and play a pivotal role in building a brighter future for children.

*Donations will be matched up to a total of \$500,000

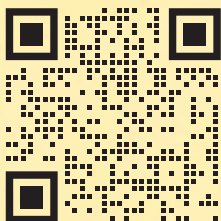
Support children to reach their highest potential

Invest in a meaningful legacy for children and Queensland communities by transforming The Corner.

Make a gift

In Person

To discuss your preferences in making a philanthropic individual, family or trust gift, or to donate over the phone, contact the Queensland Library Foundation on 07 3840 7767 or by email at foundation@slq.qld.gov.au



Online

Give online by scanning the code or at www.slq.qld.gov.au/transformingthecorner

By EFT Bank transfer

Account name: Queensland Library Foundation
BSB: 064-007 Account Number 00050041
Reference: Your name
Please email your contact details to foundation@slq.qld.gov.au

All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Donor recognition

For gifts of significant value, your commitment to investing in children through transforming The Corner will be celebrated and profiled through:

- Website acknowledgement
- Special supporter communications
- Recognition in State Library's annual publication
- Invitations to and acknowledgement at supporter events
- Recognition on the donor board at State Library.

Corporate sponsorship

Sponsors will receive prominent recognition in the transforming The Corner appeal promotional material, showcasing their commitment to investing in children's futures. Each sponsor's role in transforming The Corner in the heart of South Bank will be highlighted, with opportunities for visibility that include:

- Branding on campaign materials
- Recognition on the donor board at State Library
- Social media spotlights
- Website acknowledgment
- Media and event recognition
- Exclusive event invitations.

By joining the movement to transform The Corner, corporate sponsors will not only extend their reach but also contribute to making a lasting impact on children's lives, demonstrating to customers, employees, and Queensland communities their dedication to leaving a legacy for children.

Please contact us to learn more about different sponsorship levels.

State Library of Queensland

For more than 120 years, State Library has contributed to the cultural, social and intellectual development of Queenslanders.

Situated in a library of influence, The Corner benefits from State Library's vision to inspire and connect people through access to knowledge, storytelling and creativity.

Queensland Library Foundation

Queensland Library Foundation drives crucial fundraising and sponsorship for State Library. It fosters inspiration, knowledge and learning, and accelerates vital connections to ensure Queensland's history and heritage remain free and accessible for future generations.

For further information about how you can help, please contact us:

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