

## EDUCATIONAL LENDING RIGHT

Educational Lending Right (ELR) is an Australian Government cultural program administered by the Office for the Arts in the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications. ELR has two objectives:

- to make payments to Australian book creators (authors, illustrators, translators, compilers and editors) and publishers on the basis that income is lost from the availability of their books in educational lending libraries
- to support the enrichment of Australian culture by encouraging the growth and development of Australian writing and publishing.

ELR complements the Public Lending Right (PLR) program for books held in public lending libraries.

### PAYMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN CREATORS

The ELR scheme began in 2000 and receives annual funding from the Australian Government. ELR payments are based on estimates of the number of copies of specific titles held in Australian educational libraries. These estimates are obtained from the results of annual surveys of the holdings of selected school, TAFE and university libraries\*. Works eligible for ELR payments range from study guides, readers and fiction to autobiographies and non-fiction. In 2016–17 the ELR scheme made payments totalling \$12.128 million to 9,996 claimants, of which 9,632 were creators and 364 were publishers whose books are held in educational libraries.

\*TAFE and university libraries are surveyed separately.

### HOW CAN MY SCHOOL BE INVOLVED IN THE SURVEY?

Each year, a representative sample of schools is invited to participate in the ELR school library survey. Schools must meet specified criteria based on school size, sector and location and the library automation system used. Schools Australia-wide are approached from September to October to take part in the survey.

### HOW DOES THE SCHOOL LIBRARY SURVEY WORK?

The ELR survey software has been developed in collaboration with library software vendors and is designed to run in the school library automation system. The survey software counts the number of copies of selected book titles held in the school library catalogue. The privacy and confidentiality of schools' data and records are rigorously maintained. The final survey results provide an estimated 'score' for the number of copies of each title held in all school libraries in Australia. These figures are passed on to the Office for the Arts, who calculate payments to book creators and publishers.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### HOW MUCH TIME WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY?

In most cases, initiating the process and returning the results should take less than ten minutes. The time the software takes to extract results varies, depending on your library management system. For some schools the library system vendor will extract the bibliographic data, and all you do is provide a back-up file.

### WHAT IF I ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES WHEN RUNNING THE SURVEY?

Contact the ELR school library survey helpdesk for prompt, friendly support:

Email: [elr@esa.edu.au](mailto:elr@esa.edu.au)

Telephone: 1800 337 405 (free call outside Melbourne metropolitan area) or

03 8330 9446

### HOW WILL THE PRIVACY OF MY SCHOOL DATA BE PROTECTED?

The privacy and intellectual property rights of all schools will be rigorously maintained in the manipulation and storage of data. No individual libraries will be identified in the final survey results. All school data held at Education Services Australia for the purposes of the survey is destroyed once the survey process has been completed.

### WHY WAS MY SCHOOL CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY?

The ELR school library survey is a representative sample survey in which schools all over Australia may be considered for participation. Your school was randomly chosen in consultation with your library system vendor to represent your type of school in your state and/or region. Selection was undertaken with the approval of relevant education authorities.

### WHO WILL PAY FOR ELR?

There will be no cost to schools. ELR payments to book creators and publishers will be met by the Australian Government. The ELR school library survey is administered by the Office for the Arts in the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications with the assistance of Education Services Australia.

### HOW WILL COMPLETING THE SURVEY BENEFIT MY SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

By completing the survey, you are supporting the growth of Australian writing and publishing. Australian schools rely on up to date bibliographic resources produced in Australia. Many Australian authors, illustrators, publishers, compilers and translators rely on ELR payments to continue creating new resources.