

FOR CREATIVE FEMINISM

## AN ARTS AWARD

The Women's Library opened its doors in 1994 and is currently located in Brown St Newtown behind Newtown Public Library. The Library is an unfunded organisation, established and maintained by women volunteers from its beginning to the present day.

The Library has always relied on the skills, support, and financial donations of thousands of women over 22 years. Their collection of books and materials now numbers approximately 20,000 items, mostly donated by supporters.

The Library promotes the status and interests of women by lending books, by providing space for women's groups to meet, by maintaining an information and resource centre, and by promoting feminism and feminist activities.

Activities and events at the Library encourage women in literary and artistic skills, and give work experience to unemployed women. The Library is currently staffed by around 30 part-time volunteers.

The survival of The Women's Library is a credit to the volunteers who share this Award.



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