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Dr Lynn Allen, 2011

Dr Lynn Allen was Chief Executive Officer and State Librarian from 1989 to 2001, the first female to hold this role. Under her leadership significant improvements were made in the provision of access to the state's collections through technology, achieved largely through a major overhaul of the Library's IT infrastructure under Project Information Access.

Lynn oversaw the passing of new legislation to improve the care of the State's government records, the State Record Act 2000. Under Lynn's direction, the State Library made submissions to a number of Federal and State government information initiatives and lead a seminar on "Western Australia as an Information Society", leading to greater State Library involvement in the State's information policy. With a PhD in literature, Lynn was also passionate about the value of books and reading, and encouraged the Library's participation in international years for reading and literacy.

Lynn Allen served in a number of roles in the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), including State President for the WA Region (1988), National Vice President (1989) and National President (1990). Lynn also served on the Organising Committee for the 1990 ALIA Conference held in Perth. As State Librarian Lynn was Chairman of the Council of Australian State Libraries for two years. Lynn was made a Fellow of the Library Board in 2011.