Queensland Writers find new home at State Library

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To mark its 20th anniversary, Queensland's peak organisation for writing and publishing, Queensland Writers Centre, has officially opened its doors on Level 2 of the State Library of Queensland, within the state's Cultural Precinct in South Brisbane.

An open day will be held from 10am-3pm on Saturday 13 of February.

Queensland Writers Centre Chair Theodora Le Souquet said the partnership with the State Library was a natural progression for writing and reading in Queensland.

"We look forward to servicing Queensland's writing sector even further from our new premises, by developing new connections, strategic collaborations and opportunities through the new initiative, *A State of Writing.*"

A State of Writing is new model of collaboration and innovation among the Queensland writing sector which focuses on connecting writers, readers and ideas.

Queensland State Librarian, Lea Giles-Peters, said she welcomes the Queensland Writers Centre to the State Library and anticipates innovative new ways it will benefit the Library's existing public programming.

"Their exciting writing programs will boost the activities at the State Library, increasing the impact of both organisations in Brisbane and across the state," she said of Queensland Writers Centre.

"We look forward to working on big ideas, events, workshops, residencies, launches, and festivals together."

One of these collaborations is with slq's The Edge, to present innovative youth programs. The Edge, opening at the Cultural Centre in February 2010, offers opportunities for experimentation in design, art, technology and enterprise for young Queenslanders aged 15 to 25 years.

Through the State Library of Queensland, the Queensland Writers Centre will provide space for public workshops, education and cultural programs and residencies.

Queensland Writers Centre is open Monday to Friday, 10am-5pm and is available on 07 3842 9922, qldwriters@qwc.asn.au or by visiting www.qwc.asn.au

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