

Information Sheet

Derby City Libraries offer to schools

This information sheet brings together some useful resources for schools in Derby.

The first section explains what the team at Derby Local Studies and Family History Library can offer. There is a wealth of material in the collection about **Derby and its people**. If you don't have the time to research material yourself then we can do it for you.

The second section is about library stock that can be used to **encourage the reading habit** amongst school staff, parents and carers. If you want to get your families reading then we can help. Remember that anyone who lives, works or studies in Derby is eligible for free membership of the library.

The third section is about the books that the library service provides to encourage wider reading by children beyond school. Membership is free and importantly children under 12 don't pay fines for late return of items. There is also an explanation about the range of support activities that we offer to encourage informal learning .e.g Summer Reading Challenge.

1. Derby Local Studies and Family History Library

The library is part of Derby City Libraries Service, a section of Derby City Council. We provide free access to a unique reference collection of over 100,000 items on Derby and Derbyshire and a public enquiry service.

Derby Local Studies and Family History Library has moved to a new location

Riverside Chambers, Full Street, Derby, DE1 3AF

Tel: 01332 642240

Email: localstudies.library@derby.gov.uk

The Local Studies Collection

The Local Studies collection is based on two outstanding private family collections of Derbyshire material. The first was donated to the Borough by the 7th Duke of Devonshire in 1878. This was significantly expanded when Sir Henry Howe Bemrose's collection was bought by public subscription in 1914. Materials have continued to be added to the collection ever since.

Due to this history, the collection is particularly rich. It includes:

- Books – Local subjects, local authors, and local printers
- Periodicals – newspapers, magazines and journals
- Manuscript material

- Maps & plans
- Photos & engravings
- Official information (census, parish records, council minutes, etc.)
- Broadsheets
- Audio visual - oral histories, film and music
- Family history information – BMDs etc
- Directories and phone books
- Online resources – eBooks, Ancestry.com (in library only), 19th Century British Newspapers

Opportunities for Teachers

There are a number of ways the library can offer support for teachers and schools in delivering the primary history curriculum:

- Supported teacher research and gathering of resources for classroom delivery
- Paid Librarian Research Service
- School group visits to library
- Other opportunities

A. Supported teacher research

- Once you've chosen a topic come and explore what's available in the library. Expect to spend at least a few hours!
- Library staff will introduce you to the search tools and offer suggestions.
- We can provide digital or paper copies for you to use in the classroom. There will be a small charge for scanning and photocopying.

B. Paid Librarian Research Service

- We can create a bespoke teaching resource package for your school, in consultation with you.
- Costs will depend on our staff time.
- Offer includes researching a topic, locating suitable source material from the collection and presenting this as a teaching resource pack with a set of suggested classroom activities.

C. School Group Library Visits

- Small groups – max 16 children with adult support.
- Visit can be tailored to your needs.
- £50 fee for up to two hours.

D. Other Opportunities

- The library hosts a regular series of talks and guided walks on topics of local interest.
- You can attend a regular event as an individual or we can take a group booking – either for a walk / talk or ‘introduction to the library’ visit. We can host a bespoke walk or create a history trail for your area. This could be a family learning event for teachers, parents and children.
- Events could be tailored for a younger audience.

2. Reading materials for school staff, parents and carers

Is your school keen to encourage reading, not just in pupils, but also in its wider support network? We can help you reach parents, siblings, carers and school staff to adopt the reading habit. We offer access to a wide range of books which you can search for on our online library catalogue at www.derby.gov.uk/libraries We also provide reading materials in a choice of other formats, which include:

Magazines for loan.

We offer a good selection of popular hard copy magazines which can be borrowed for one week and renewed for another week. Magazines can offer an alternative option, particularly when there is not enough time to read a book. Magazines can also help ease lapsed readers back into a regular reading habit.

Quick reads

Quick Reads are books by big name authors who are commissioned to write short books that are specifically designed to be easy to read. They are the same as mainstream books in every respect but are simply shorter and easier to tackle for adults who are less confident in their reading skills.

eAudiobooks

eAudiobooks are ideal for those who may have sight impairment. However, they are also useful in supporting people with low level literacy skills. Listening to a good book may motivate them to seek support to develop their reading skills further.

E books

We have an excellent range of free eBooks which can be downloaded from our eLibrary. You can download up to 20 titles for up to 3 weeks. For further information, Please go to our website www.derby.gov.uk/libraries and go into eBooks.

eMagazines

We also offer a wide choice of popular eMagazines, which can be borrowed from our eLibrary. This service is available 24 hours a day; internet access is essential to

download these titles, but once you have downloaded a title you can read it offline by downloading the app. There are no restrictions on the amount of eMagazines you can download and there is no borrowing time limit. In order to access eMagazines you must live, work or study in Derby. Visit your local library to sign up

Please note In order to access eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines you must live, work or study in Derby. Visit your local library to get your subscription number.

No Late Fee Collection

Our No Late Fee Collection (NLF) offers a risk free opportunity to access a wide range of reading material, including basic skills materials and Quick Reads. There are no fines on this collection and you can borrow items for up to 6 months.

3. Reading offer to children and young people

If you want to encourage wider reading beyond the class room, then a good place to start is to encourage pupils to join their local library. Anyone who lives, studies, and works in Derby can get a free library ticket by producing ID at one of the 15 libraries in the city. You can find a list of library locations on our web site at www.derby.gov.uk/libraries. Children under 12 years of age need their parent or carer to sign for them.

We have lots of different types of books for children and young people:

- board books for babies and toddlers
- picture books for early years
- books for children learning to read
- fiction and non-fiction for homework and leisure for all ages
- graphic novels and Manga for teenagers
- study and revision guides
- careers and course information
- audiobooks on CD
- stories in large print format
- comics and popular interest magazines
- eBooks and eAudiobooks

Often children don't know what to read in their leisure time. They might come into a library but find a wall of books. Our expert children's librarian Francine Franklin has many years experience of reviewing and buying children's books and she is

available to offer reliable, unbiased advice to families. Parents and carers can arrange a free personal consultation by emailing childrens.services@derby.gov.uk

If you would like to arrange a group visit to a library please contact your local library or e-mail us at childrens.services@derby.gov.uk. Exact content may vary according to the age of the children, but usually includes a general introduction to library stock and services, forthcoming events and activities, browsing and borrowing books and a storytime. We also offer more focused sessions on fiction and non fiction, helping children to make informed reading choices and develop good research and library skills.

If you want topic-related books or other resources to support curriculum delivery, you should contact the Derbyshire and Derby School Library Service on 01332 371921 or email schoollibraryservice@derbyshire.gov.uk or go to their web pages at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/services

Did you know we offer:

Homework Clubs

Our free homework clubs offer a quiet study space with access to the internet and other learning resources and enthusiastic support from our team of trained volunteers. Sessions are drop in and are open to all children, but aimed at a target group aged 9 to 14 years. Our clubs run during term time from 4.30 to 6.30pm at Alvaston Library on Thursdays and Pear Tree Library on Wednesdays.

Code Clubs

We run a weekly Code Club for children aged nine to 11 years at Central Library with new clubs starting over the next few months at Sinfin and Allestree Libraries. Children follow a 10 month programme and learn the basics of programming and web development, including how to create computer games and animations. Sessions are free and tutor supported. For further information e-mail Janet Winfield at childrens.services@derby.gov.uk

Rhymetimes and Cradle Clubs

All our lending libraries offer a free weekly rhymetime for families with babies and toddlers. Some also run Cradle Clubs enabling parents and carers to meet socially and interact with their young children through stories and song. Rhymes and music help children acquire good language skills and are a good way of supporting their early learning. Regular library use and book sharing from an early age helps develop good reading skills, so if your pupils have younger siblings then please encourage their families to come to our sessions. Information about days and times at each library and contact details for each location is at www.derby.gov.uk/libraries

Summer Reading Challenge

The challenge is to read six library books during the summer holidays and is aimed at four to 12 year olds. The scheme encourages children to read during the long summer break when their literacy skills can decline without the regular reading activity at school. Each library has a programme of linked activities which help to develop and sustain children's enthusiasm for reading. Last year a record 4,000 children took part in this reading activity. We'd like to hear from any school which feels able to support this initiative by promoting it to children, parents and carers. For further information email childrens.services@derby.gov.uk

The Summer Reading Challenge also provides an ideal volunteering opportunity for secondary pupils aged 14 years and above. If you have interested pupils, then let us know at childrens.services@derby.gov.uk.

We also offer work experience opportunities for Year 10 pupils and to support the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme. For more details email Dawn Mason at libraries@derby.gov.uk

Find your nearest library at www.derby.gov.uk/libraries.