

Bradley Stoke and Winterbourne Library Users Group
Meeting Tuesday 27th June 2017 at Winterbourne Library

1. Public session: None

2. Present: John Abraham, Cllr Andy Ward, Cllr Diane Marriot, Jenny Wellman, Lynne Wood.
Welcome to Cllr Marion Ward who is replacing Cllr Tom Aditya

Apologies: Pat Hares, Anne Dunmur, Cllr Tom Aditya

3. Correspondence: none

4. Matters arising from April minutes:

The minutes were adopted as a true account.

5. Library Service Review Update:

The CSP is drawing to a conclusion and we are awaiting the final report.

The schedule for the implementation of the reduced staff hours is on target for 1st October 2017 alongside the installation of Open Access for most libraries.

Due to the installation of Open Access there will be a rolling schedule of library closures during the July, August and possibly into September and Winterbourne library will be closed from Thursday 3rd July to Wednesday 16th July (inclusive).

The closure may impact on this year's Summer Reading Challenge numbers but we are hoping that most children can and will still participate and achieve their goal of reading 6 books over 8 weeks. Unfortunately some of our promotion of the SRC events had to change due to a change in work schedule but we hope that our customers will pick up on the revised dates for events.

6. Future of Library User Groups

We revisited the purpose and setup of our current Library user group. As before we agreed that the current group is not representative of the local demographic but in the past we have failed in recruiting new members and a wider age range of participants. John asked what could be done next. Jenny suggested a Library Open Day once or twice a year alongside maybe a charitable coffee morning and during Saturday morning when there is a wide range of customers. Gabrielle suggested that this could be accompanied by some Facts and figures as people are always keen on a bit of background knowledge. John suggested that a librarian would be present to field questions on a topic or maybe give a talk such as a summary of x months in the life of a library.

John will also ask members of the other library groups to advise how we will interact with our community in the future especially with fewer librarians managing more libraries.

7. Librarian's Report

Gabrielle summarised events at Winterbourne and Bradley Stoke libraries for the last three months. Highlights included Winterbourne's Quiz night and Silver singalong. Gabrielle Thanked Lyn Woods for providing the quiz questions again.

Bradley Stoke's recent '5 Ways to Wellbeing' event was very successful and was an opportunity to network with other providers of help and advice as well as signposting customer to agencies and groups that can offer help.

Bradley Stoke visited the Bradley Stoke Festival on board of the mobile library and many people visited and commented on the mobile library. We even had some people return, issue and reserve books.

Gabrielle Introduced this Year's summer Reading Challenge 'Animal Agents' to the group.

All libraries are now full steam ahead for the Summer Reading challenge and we are recruiting volunteers to assist and we visit assemblies to introduce this year's challenge.

8. AOB

None

9. Date of next meeting:

Not decided yet pending ongoing discussion on future of user group and consultation methods going forward.