

Cadbury Heath, Hanham & Kingswood Library Users' Group Minutes

Venue	Cadbury Heath Library	Date	6/6/16
Present	Hugh Soar, Joe Diorazio, Steve Hicks, Anne Wright, John Abraham		
			Action by / when
1.	Public session: none present		
2.	Apologies: Veronica Soar, Barbara Hurley		
3.	Correspondence: none received		
4.	Matters arising from minutes 8 Feb John to email minutes to Sue Lander. Item 4: Save Hanham Campaign briefly featured on local TV and meeting with Chris Skidmore has taken place. Item 5: Shelf-Help leaflets (Books on Prescription scheme for young adults) distributed.		JA
5.	Library Service Review update and consultation plans 3,000+ responses were received to the consultation from the public, staff, town and parish Councils and a wide variety of organisations. The data is now being analysed and a report with more detailed proposals for service delivery taking into account all feedback will be prepared for consideration by the Environment and Community Services Committee meeting on 7 September at 2pm. The proposed venue is the Armstrong Hall Thornbury. This meeting is open to the public and copies of the report will be circulated to user Group members as soon as it is published at the end of August. Further consultation on those proposals will then follow until Christmas with a final report in the New Year and plans in place by April 2017 for implementation in October 2017. Some expressions of interest have been received from Parish and Town Councils, which Martin Burton is following up but no further details available at this stage.		
6.	Librarian's Reports Highlights from the librarians' reports were noted and news of a new annual report on each libraries' performance was shared. This is currently being put together for local councillors and then can be shared with anyone who has an interest. Copies will also be provided for User Group members. This report demonstrates the impact the library has with statistics and users' real experiences under a variety of headings such as reading and literacy, learning and community. Please see further information under national news below. It was noted that events and promotions for Shakespeare 400 and World Book Night on April 23 rd were once again		JA

	<p>highlighted this year and could we also focus on St George's Day in 2017.</p> <p>Discover Festival events being planned include a Murder Mystery at Cadbury Heath, events focussing on music at Hanham and crafts at Kingswood. The brochure is due in July.</p> <p>The Big Friendly Read, Summer Reading Challenge 2016 begins in all South Gloucestershire Libraries on 16 July and runs until 10 September. All children have to do is read six library books over the summer, collecting special Big Friendly Read collector cards along the way, to get their medal and certificate. This picks up on the promotion of the centenary of Roald Dahls' birth and the release of the BFG film.</p>	
7.	<p>New Library Management System</p> <p>Our new system goes live tomorrow! Following the ending of our previous contract, the new provider is the American firm Sirsi Dynix. At the same time the LibrariesWest consortium is expanding to seven authorities, now including Dorset and Poole. All staff have received off-site training in the new system and practice time on site to become familiar with every aspect of the circulations modules, reservations and catalogue. If all goes to plan, the public should notice very little change, the main one being the new public website www.LibrariesWest.org.uk which is more user friendly.</p>	
8.	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>SportsPound – Anne to suggest Cadbury Heath coordinator approaches Bitton Archery Club.</p> <p>National Offers - In December 2014 the Government published William Sieghart' s “Independent Library Report for England” this called for clear local decision making and a national strategy to secure the future of public libraries in England.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/388989/Independent_Library_Report-18_December.pdf).</p> <p>To this end, a consultation has just finished to map out this strategy “Libraries Deliver: Ambition for Public Libraries in England 2016-2021”. This sets out a vision of the value and impact of libraries, a national network that delivers transformation and progress for people, communities and the nation. Each library having seven main purposes: culture and creativity, reading and literacy, digital literacy, economic growth, community role, learning, health and wellbeing. South Gloucestershire Libraries can mirror this in the work we do and will inform our local service planning and how we relay information about our work to both local and national government.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/libraries-deliver-ambition-for-public-libraries-in-england-2016-2021).</p>	AW

	<p>The final strategy document is due in the summer. At the same time “Universal Offers” have been drawn up by the Society of Chief Librarians (SCL) and partners including The Arts Council and The Reading Agency. The five key areas of service they have identified as essential to a 21st century library service are: Reading Offer, Information offer, Digital offer, Health offer and Learning offer. (See http://goscl.com/universal-offers/) These define a common core standard of delivery that can be expected across all library authorities and again will be reflected in the work we do locally.</p> <p>Autism awareness - Libraries are hosting Think Autism drop-ins with trained advisors offering information and support to anyone.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Date and time of next meetings: Monday 10 October 2016, to include AGM, 2pm at Hanham.</p>	