

Investing in the future

Library Services for children, young people and their families

Independent studies have found that reading to babies and toddlers on a daily basis is the strongest predictor of childhood development and positive educational outcomes – even more important than socio-economic factors. (Booktrust, 2012)



17,577 children aged **0-17** are active members of the library service

The number of **11-17** year old library users has increased by **24%** over the last year

An average of **89%** of respondents **rated their library service as good** (2014 Children and Young People's Library Survey)



Libraries run FREE rhyme times and story times for pre-school children

'My son loves rhymetime. For him, it's guaranteed fun with lots of familiar songs he likes to hear, and he is always entertained by the musical instruments that are available to play with. For me I enjoy rhyme time because I know how positively stimulating and fun it is for William, and I also enjoy the opportunity of meeting up with other local mums. It's brilliant!' (Parent, Kingswood Library)



Libraries gifted **Bookstart Treasure Packs** to over **3000** pre-school children in 2013/14. In partnership with Health Visitors, **3220 Bookstart Baby Packs** were gifted to support and encourage families to share stories, books and rhymes together.

Concorde Book Award 2014, sponsored by **The Bristol Post** – libraries and secondary schools worked in partnership to encourage secondary school students to read for pleasure and get involved with their library.

'I think it's amazing, I love the idea of it. I enjoy reading and love the way books take me into a new world where anything is possible.' (Member of Cadbury Heath Library Bookwurms)

Libraries run FREE Teen Book Groups for young people



University of the West of England
BRISTOL

In partnership with UWE Bristol, South Gloucestershire Libraries piloted a reciprocal borrowing scheme between public and academic libraries. The scheme has been promoted to 6th form students to support their academic work.

MYTHICAL MAZE

SUMMER READING
CHALLENGE 2014



Because everything changes when we read

What inspired more than 7300 children in South Gloucestershire to read this summer?

THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
IN LIBRARIES



'Each summer this reading challenge encourages my reluctant reader to read and finish books. We have also completed the first few pages of school's reading record whilst doing the challenge.' (Parent, Hanham Library)

THE FACTS

Children who take part:

- are more enthusiastic about reading
- maintain their reading level over the holidays
- return to school keen and ready to learn
- boost their confidence and self-esteem.

UKLA research 2009

Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education.

Institute of Educational Research, 2013

Libraries run free Chatterbooks reading groups for primary school aged children to help them keep enjoying books throughout the year!



7390
children
(45% boys)
took part

Through reading...pupils have a chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

National Curriculum for English 2014, Key stages 1 and 2

76 young people volunteered with libraries this summer



'Volunteering has made a difference as it has enabled me to learn from new experiences for example I have gained confidence in talking to new people, it has given me a chance to get involved with the community as well as the skills of working as part of a team.' (Volunteer, 17, Yate Library)