

Devon Libraries Online Services

If you are unable to access our online resources and need to borrow physical books, Barnstaple Library is open for Choose & Collect. This service is currently strictly by appointment to make sure everyone stays safe. Again, we have boosted our collections of children's Beginner Reads to support those children learning to read, and we have also increased our non-fiction collections in some libraries to support some popular topics from the school curriculum.

We have lots of resources for families which will be helpful to support home schooling. We have an extensive selection of information books for children along with junior fiction. We have preselected goodie bags of board and picture books which can also be collected by appointment.

Library membership can be obtained online via this link <u>Devon Libraries</u> and this will enable you immediate access to the services we offer.

These services are all delivered following a COVID secure and contactless procedure.

We are encouraging customers to time their collections with other essential journeys, for example a food shop or collecting medication.



Reserve items online - https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/ and make an appointment made to collect.



If you would like to arrange to collect a bagful of books handpicked for you by our library staff, then please contact: Barnstaple Library on 01271 318780 or email barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk.



In the absence of real-life events in our libraries, we have put together a programme of digital events for children which are posted on our Facebook pages. These include a weekly Bounce & Rhyme session and events during the school holidays,

including the Barnstaple Library

https://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleLibrary

and Devon Libraries pages

https://www.facebook.com/Devon.Libraries



Digital Library for children

We have been increasing our catalogue of eBooks and eAudiobooks for children including our Beginner Reads collection. This means that families who do not currently have access to books from school can find new things to read via their laptops, tablets, eReaders or smartphones.



Digital Library for adults

In addition to eBooks we have free access to eMagazines and newspapers and other digital resources such as Ancestry Online.



Oxford Owls banded reading books

Our <u>free eBook library</u> has been created to help children aged 3–11 to develop their reading skills at home.

As well as much-loved characters such as <u>Biff, Chip and Kipper</u> and <u>Winnie the Witch</u>, you'll also find some great <u>non-fiction eBooks</u> to help your child explore their world. We have also added some books used in schools, such as <u>Read Write Inc.</u> and <u>Oxford Reading Tree</u>.

All our eBooks are free to use, but you will need to register or log in to read your book. Please note, our eBooks are not optimised for mobile phones and are best viewed on a computer, laptop, or tablet.