

the Love Libraries guide to great libraries

What can you expect from your local library service?

- **Free books to browse and borrow**
At least 6 free books per person
- **A wide range of reading resources**
From bestsellers to new and older titles, books you won't find in your bookshop, talking and large print books, magazines, newspapers and text books
- **Any book from anywhere**
Order any book through your library (even out of print books)
- **A community of readers**
Connect to other readers through reading groups and recommendations
- **Modernised, customer friendly services, right for the community**
Convenient opening hours to suit local people
Easy to join, get answers to questions and borrow books, CDs and DVDs
- **Internet for all**
Every library has computers and staff trained to help you use them
- **24 hour access**
Through your library's online catalogue, online reference and other services
- **Expert, helpful staff**
To answer your questions and offer advice on reading and information
- **Free, independent information**
From a trustworthy source
- **Events programme**
Regular events, including activities for readers and author visits
- **Family activities**
Family reading and learning activities – baby rhyme time, homework clubs, holiday reading challenges...
- **A place for young people**
A safe local space with things to do
- **Help with learning**
Resources and advice for learning, including improving reading and writing skills
- **A well maintained and equipped building**
A safe, accessible, local community space that's a pleasure to visit
- **Have your say and get involved**
The best libraries have a lot to offer you. To find your local library go to www.peoplesnetwork.gov.uk

To join the Love Libraries debate click here → www.lovelibraries.co.uk

If you'd like to help improve your library service, contact your local library or talk to your local councillor or MP.

There is a set of national standards for libraries, click the link below to view them.

http://www.mla.gov.uk/website/programmes/framework/framework_programmes/public_library_service_standards
