

## Bishops Lydeard Community Library

### News

2026 is the National Year of Reading. The National Year of Reading 2026 is a campaign from the Department of Education to address the steep decline in reading amongst children, young people and adults. It is delivered by the National Literacy Trust in collaboration with The Reading Agency, BookTrust, World Book Day, Bookmark and the Queen's Reading Room.

The aim is to make reading joyful, relevant, and visible across homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. It was launched in January 2026 at Downing Street.

### Feature – National Year of Reading 2026



Everyone knows reading expands worlds, sharpens minds, and fuels creativity. But fewer of us are making time for it.

**It's time for the nation to GO ALL IN.**

**Follow this link to find out more about the joys and benefits of reading**

<https://goallin.org.uk/>

Find out more from Bishops Lydeard Library – events, promotional materials and plenty of books, in all of our local libraries.

You can order books (free for children and a small fee for adults) from across Libraries West, so don't miss the "one you are desperate to read!" You can read eBooks for free, with your library card, on the Borrowbox App.

Read the Gazette and more, while sitting in our cosy library. Plan your holiday with our travel books, research your family tree on the library PC for free, find our Reading Well sections (supporting emotional wellbeing) or discover local history.

*"Reading makes us more **aware and informed**. It helps us **grow our imaginations**. It makes us more **empathetic and understanding** of other people and cultures. It supports our **health and wellbeing**. It increases our ability to learn **new skills**. It helps us **communicate** our ideas more effectively. It **opens doors**. It's a source of huge **enjoyment**. Reading really does change everything." (The Reading Agency)*

### Things to do in the library

- Storytime – Mondays 11.00 - 11.30 (term-time only) – lots of stories and rhymes
- Lego club – Saturdays 10.00 - 13.00
- Printing, photocopying (small charge per sheet)
- Public computer (library members only – joining is free)
- Free wi-fi (library members only – joining is free)
- For children - a trail of pictures to track down, with a little treat for finding them all. Also colouring, Lego, Duplo and toys.

### Opening hours:

- Monday 10 – 4      Wednesday 10 – 4      Friday 10 – 4      Saturday 10 – 1

**Volunteering** - if you are interested in volunteering at Bishops Lydeard Community Library, please telephone Iain Hunter on 01823 433016 or email [iain.hunter@btinternet.com](mailto:iain.hunter@btinternet.com)