

Bishops Lydeard Community Library

News

Our local library has some fabulous **new books** for children and young adults to support the National Year of Reading 2026

The **Somerset Libraries Facebook** page has news of events and information, which you may find useful. Take a look and remind yourself of all that libraries can offer. You can view the news and video clips without having a Facebook account. The news is always updated.

Feature – Home Library Service

You may not be aware, but there is a fantastic **Home Library Service** in Somerset which supports those who are unable to visit the library. This includes people, of all ages, who may be housebound, living in long term care, carers, or people who are vulnerable due to long term conditions or disabilities.

With the Home Library Service you can **borrow books**, large print books and audiobooks. There is also an **iPad lending scheme** which allows you to borrow an iPad for up to 6 weeks. The iPads come preloaded with data and have lots of useful apps already downloaded.

As a Home Library Service customer you will also have access to a **wide range of online services** including: e books and magazines as well as audiobooks.

When you contact the service, they will arrange an initial visit with you where they will discuss what you like reading, what format you would like the books in and answer any questions you may have about the service. You will then be matched with one of the **registered volunteers** who will contact you to arrange to visit and deliver some books to you. All volunteers have been DBS checked. They have also completed the Somerset Council application process through which they provided references.

It is easy to register for the service. There is an online form to fill in. You can find this at: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries/home-library-service/>

Or by searching the Home Library Service on the Somerset Council Website.

If you are interested in becoming a **Home Library Service volunteer**, you can find out all the volunteering opportunities in your area through a link from the Home Library Service webpage above.

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
- **Bank Holidays** 3rd April (Good Friday) and Monday 6th April (Easter Monday) **we will be closed**

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