

Bishops Lydeard Community Library

Library News

Bishops Lydeard library continues to be an important part of the local community. From our last quarterly library review, there continues to be good news. Our active membership is now almost 400 and this is partly due to an amazing 35% increase in new memberships. In addition, our visitor numbers were higher than this time last year and our physical loans through the library also continued to rise. Storytime and Lego club are still popular, while loans of blood pressure monitors, iPads and thermal imagers continue to be issued.

The Summer Reading Challenge, which this year was “Read to the Beat” proved popular and over 60 children have signed up to this. The children who have completed the challenge at Bishops Lydeard Library have been entered into the local prize draw. Three book tokens were kindly donated by the Parish Council for the prizes.

The outside of the Library has had a facelift over the Summer – with newly painted woodwork and plaster. In addition, the signage has been fixed. Please do come and admire it!

In wider news, to mark Her Majesty the Queen’s birthday, she gave a renewed commitment to supporting children’s literacy with the announcement that every Year 6, P6 and age-equivalent child across the UK will be gifted a special edition of the bestselling book Impossible Creatures by award-winning author Katherine Rundell this Christmas. During the Autumn, the book will be distributed through schools and libraries.

The Queen’s Christmas Present, in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, celebrates the National Year of Reading and aims to ignite and embed a transformational love of reading.

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