

Cambridgeshire County Council - Library service overview:

- 33 libraries
- 3 mobiles
- 11 community managed libraries
- 911 volunteers
- 423,279 members (65% of the population)
- 2,303,593 visits per annum
- 648,340 website hits
- Networked in the community
- Safe, trusted and neutral spaces
- Home library service reaching 300 housebound people

Vivacity Peterborough Libraries service overview

- 10 libraries
- 1 mobile library
- 1 schools book bus
- 9 of our libraries have Open+ technology which means they open for long hours in self service mode. This means anyone with a library card can access them at times when staff are not present.
- 67,292 library members
- 334,000 visits per annum

- We have 90 customers using library link - our home library service
- Library services are delivered by Vivacity on behalf of Peterborough City Council. Vivacity is a charity that delivers libraries, museums, theatres and sports facilities in Peterborough.

Service offer:

This an indicative list just to get us started.

- Curated collections
- 100,000 members a month receive the Library Newsletter
- New libraries –dementia friendly design
- Signposting to other services
- Books on prescription collections in all libraries and mobile libraries
- Safe+Well assistive technology – keeping people in their own homes for longer <https://www.safeandwell.co.uk/cambridgeshire/>
- Publicity and promotions – one central distribution point in Cambridge for library service.
- Suicide prevention work
- Supporting Loneliness agenda
- Social prescribing: events, home library service, knit and natter, “men in sheds”, etc.,
 - Local studies collections of books and photographs, suitable for reminiscence work

Key benefits

Health and wellbeing benefits of public libraries report by Arts Council

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/download-file/The%20health%20and%20wellbeing%20benefits%20of%20public%20libraries.pdf>

- The medical costs savings associated with library engagement is **£1.32** per person per year.
- It is possible to aggregate NHS cost savings across the library-using English population to estimate an average cost saving of **£27.5 million** per year.

Books on Prescription collections.

Reading Agency evaluation: - https://tra-resources.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/entries/document/2480/171009_TRA_RWBoP_Y4_Evaluation_-_Final.pdf

“...90% of users found the common mental health conditions book list helpful or very helpful and 96% said the same of the dementia and young people’s book lists”.

Bibliotherapy: Evaluation

<https://www.thereader.org.uk/research/>

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