



# Derby Libraries - Future Ambition

Everything begins with reading



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# Statutory service

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- 5 public library sites: Mickleover, Alvaston, Normanton, Riverside, Local Studies
- Digital presence: eBooks, eAudiobooks, eNewspapers, eMagazines
- Catalogue
- The Home Library Service
- An Acquisitions Service

- Expand knowledge
- Stimulate creativity
- Connect people
- Foster sense of community



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# Expand knowledge

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Key focus is literacy:

- involving reading and speech to help children develop good literacy skills
- to support adults with low literacy skills
- to support adults and children develop their digital skills and confidence

*'Reading...is more important to children's successes than education or social class'*

*The Reading Agency*



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# Stimulate creativity

Continue to stimulate creativity in lots of different ways:

- Expanding our Coding offer into graphic art for young and old
- Promote reading with events to engage children and adults
- Bid in partnership to create engagement activities / content
- Having events such as ‘150 years of Derby Libraries’ with quizzes and writing competitions
- Local studies enabling others – [Fifth Word Theatre](#)



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# Connect people

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Libraries are safe, accessible, trusted spaces.

- Recruit volunteers
- Encourage Friends of the Library groups
- Review and expand Home Library Service
- Stage activities e.g. Rhymetimes, Reading Groups
- Access to the Internet / social media



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# Foster a sense of community

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Derby Local Studies developing digital content with partners and volunteers

- Picture the Past – redesigning / reinvigorating
- Preserving the voices of Derby
- Establishing groups e.g. knit and natter
- Hosting events for women in Normanton
- Supporting / hosting local poets



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# Significant events

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Upcoming significant events are:

- Review of Community Managed Libraries
- Tender for the Library computer system
- Project Assemble
- Arts Council accreditation
- City of Culture bid



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