

From 31st January, the Library Service will again be adapting the service to ensure you can visit safely.

Feeling safe

Our libraries are open and we want everyone using them to feel safe, so we ask that you treat others using the building with consideration as we know that many visitors are concerned about the continued spread of the virus. You'll be encouraged to wear a face covering (unless exempt), and we ask that you sanitise your hands and respect others' space as well.

Please do not visit if you have symptoms of coronavirus.

Activities and browsing

Activities and study space will be made available as long as it is safe to do so. Please ask at your local library if your Reading Group or Knit and Natter group is ready to return. We are also planning new groups so if you would like to chat with other Readers, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Our libraries are open for browsing, PC access and where space allows, room to study (time restrictions may apply). Some libraries are operating amended hours so please check before

visiting. To avoid a wasted journey or having to wait, you can book a PC in advance by ringing ahead.

To find out opening hours and contact details please [visit our opening hours page](#) and click on your local library.

Books and Select and Collect

Books can be returned to libraries but don't panic! Fines on overdue books are currently suspended. Our Select and Collect option is available from all libraries, including mobiles, for those customers who do not wish to come inside. To use this service, please telephone or email your [local library](#).

Digital Library

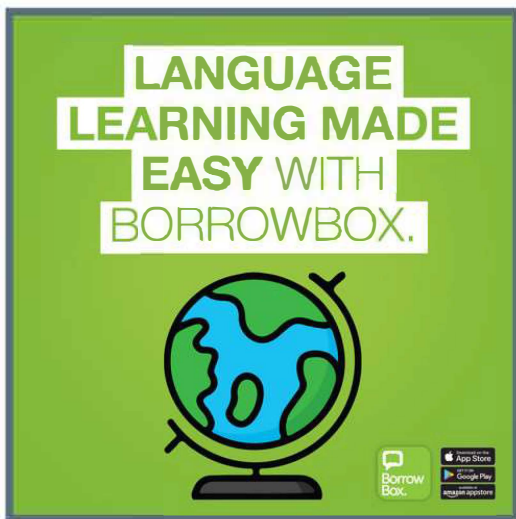
Our [digital library](#) continues to offer hundreds of eBooks, eAudio, eNewspapers and magazines to read for FREE. If you are not a library member you can join online today and access our digital library with your temporary borrower ID.

The mobile library is operating an amended schedule. Please check halt times by ringing 01670 620204.

Our [virtual events programme](#) will continue and face to face group activities will resume where it is safe to do so - please check with your local library for more detail.

Our [Digital Helpline](#) is also still available for anyone who needs help with getting online or accessing online services. Call 0345 600 6400 and request a call back or [complete this short form](#).

We have lots of new stock for you to choose from whichever way you choose to borrow it and all of it is free of charge!



Digital

From French to Spanish, Italian to Greek, learn a new language anywhere and everywhere by borrowing an audiobook from our digital library [BorrowBox](#). All you need to get started is your library card number and PIN.

Download the BorrowBox app, choose your audiobook and get started learning a new language today.

If you cannot find the language you are wanting to learn then please ask at your local library or email mylibrary@northumberland.gov.uk as we are always happy to receive new suggestions from library members.

[Discover more >](#)

Reading

Our series of virtual events continue this year, with a fabulous line up and an exciting programme of authors for you to choose from.



On Tuesday 8th February (7pm) we have local Hexham based author Sarah Stovell, coming to talk about her brand-new title, “Other Parents”.

The amazing Susan Lewis visits us on Thursday 31st March at 2pm, as part of our new series of “Author Afternoon” events, to talk about her work to date and her new book, “Who's Lying Now”.

But that’s not all! On Monday 4th April (2pm), Carol MacLean joins us from Glasgow to talk about “Jeannie's War”. On Monday 9th May (2pm) we have a special event to mark VE day with a fascinating talk from Helen Fry about her non-fiction book, “Spymaster”, which is all about Thomas Kendrick who was central to the British Secret Service from its beginnings through to the Second World War.

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[More information and book now >](#)



Wellbeing

Children’s Mental Health Week
Our libraries are proud to be supporting Children’s Mental Health Week which is taking place from 7th - 13th February.

This year’s theme is Growing Together - with a focus on how children (and their adults!) can grow emotionally and how they can find ways to help each other grow.

For more information, top tips and lots of fantastic free resources to support children’s mental health, [click here](#).

Have you heard about Reading Well?

These fantastic collections contain books specially selected by experts working with people who are living with the conditions covered.

The Reading Well for Children collection includes books to support children

on a wide range of topics from self-esteem and feelings to living with a condition or coping through tough times.

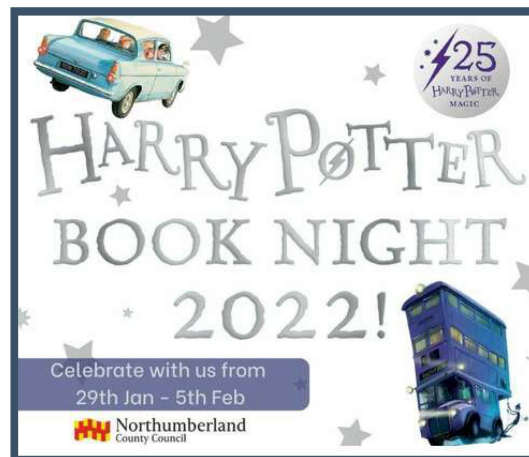
[Check out our Reading Well collections ›](#)

Creativity

Harry Potter Book Night

When it comes to Harry Potter, just one night is never enough, so we've decided to take a **WHOLE WEEK** to celebrate our favourite boy wizard.

You can join us from Saturday 29th January until Saturday 5th February for a Magical Journey Treasure Hunt!



Simply pop into your local library, pick up a treasure hunt sheet and find all nine magical modes of transport hidden around the shelves. Hand in your completed treasure hunt to be entered into an exciting prize draw and make sure you stay to borrow some magical stories too.

You can also keep your spectrespecks peeled on our social media pages for craft videos and the ultimate Harry Potter quiz. Ooh, we're more excited than a house elf in a sock factory!

[More info ›](#)



LGBT+ History Month

February is LGBT+ History Month - a month dedicated to increasing the visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their history, lives and their experiences.

Check out our list of recommended reading and keep an eye on our social media for some interesting finds from the 1921 census by our friends at Northumberland Archives.

Recommended reading ›

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