

# Library Matters

The Newsletter of Friends of Honley Library

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## Library Opening Times

Monday:  
CLOSED

Tuesday:  
13:00 – 18:00

Wednesday:  
10:00 – 13:00  
*This session is  
run by FoHL  
Volunteers*

Thursday:  
CLOSED

Friday:  
13:00 – 17:00

Saturday:  
10:00 – 13:00

Sunday:  
CLOSED

## Honley Library

West Avenue,  
Honley  
Holmfirth  
HD9 6HF

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Coming soon to your local library:

## YOUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION

*A new Community Hub, new opportunities, new activities and events  
and a new FoHL Website on the way... watch this space!*

*(Honley Library... not just about books!)*

### Library Update:

The development of Honley Library into a Community Hub is getting ever closer. By the autumn the library will be being managed by Friends of Honley Library, supported by the Holme Valley Parish Council, with the library service provided by Kirklees.

FoHL have plenty of ideas of our own but, as the changes start to take place, we now need to hear from YOU! If you have suggestions for activities or events that are appropriate and can be accommodated within the building, please drop a note into the library with your contact details and someone will be in touch.

Thank you for your continued support at this exciting time,

*Jenny Lockwood* On behalf of the Trustees of Friends of Honley Library

### Volunteers update...



A meeting for all library volunteers took place on 6<sup>th</sup> June; our first for over two years. It provided an opportunity for new volunteers to meet the more established ones and for all to be updated on the many changes and developments. Twenty-eight people attended and, following an hour of business and information sharing, we then enjoyed a social gathering with refreshments provided by volunteers and supporters.

In addition to now having a stronger team to support Kirklees Library Services, more volunteering opportunities are being developed. This includes a team of people to manage and support adult events which is taking shape. Newly created events management, risk assessment and building security documents are adding formality and structure to the processes. There are already a number of proposed events in the calendar for 2022 for you to look out for.

**Find us on Social Media:** Please remember to check out our media profile; don't forget to like, share and become involved in our social media channels. We're on Instagram @honleylibrary, Twitter @friends\_honley and Facebook (Friends of Honley Library). We also connect with local publications, including the Honley Flyer and Honley Info website, to ensure wider publicity for events.

**Plus... a brand new Friends of Honley Library website is in the process of being created...**

**... watch this space!**



Look out for details of a **GRAND OPENING** in the coming months  
to celebrate the major changes taking place to YOUR community library!!



## Children's Activities and Events:



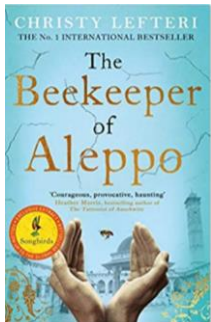
The Easter Children's Book Festival activities were enjoyed by many; the Guide Dogs event was especially popular and is to be repeated during the summer.

Following the success of the sensory activity for babies, Helen Harrison has now started 'Babies into Books' sessions. This new activity meets between 10:00 and 11:00 on Thursdays during term times when the library is closed for public use. It offers opportunities for parents and carers to learn about early childhood literacy and language acquisition and for Book Bags to be given out. It provides a relaxed environment for babies and toddlers to socialise; especially important given the significant difficulties encountered by small children during the isolation of Covid lockdowns. Refreshments are available and access to limited library services via the self-issue machine has also led to several new members joining. Sessions are going well and attracting consistently high numbers whose donations to FoHL have been much appreciated.

## GADGETEERS

The CBF summer activities have now been planned and will once again compliment the Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is 'Gadgeteers' and is aimed at 'helping children to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around them'. Look out for the flyers on our notice boards and in social media for further information.

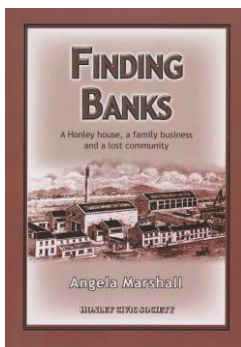
## Adults' Activities and Events:



In June the library welcomed Dr Ryad Alsous from 'The Buzz Project' in Marsden who gave a talk about his experiences and his knowledge and love of bees. A few years after arriving in the UK with his wife and five children from war torn Syria, Dr Alsous set up the Buzz Project, a charity that helps other refugees take up beekeeping. His story provided the inspiration for Christy Lefteri's book 'The Beekeeper of Aleppo'.



On 30<sup>th</sup> June, library volunteer Angela Marshall gave a talk about her local history book, 'Finding Banks'. Published by the Honley Civic Society in 2020, the book tells the history of one small part of our village and the history of a Honley house, a family business and a lost community. She then introduced us to some of Honley's past residents, their lives and contribution to our community.



Both these events were very popular and there are plenty of ideas under consideration for the future so look out for information about these on our notice boards and on our social media forums.

If you have ideas for events that would be appropriate for the library, please let us know; also, if you want to become involved in any of the many FoHL activities, please ask in the library or register your interest with library staff so your details can be passed to the Management Committee.

### Your regular library activities and events:

Story-time for  
under fives  
Fridays 14:30  
(term time only)

Lego Club  
Saturdays 10:00

Babies Into Books  
Thursdays  
10:00 – 11:00  
(term time only)

Knit & Natter  
Tuesdays 13:30

Monthly Reading  
Groups  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 10:30  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 19:30

Our existing website is still active for now; please go to: [www.friendsofhonleylibrary.org.uk](http://www.friendsofhonleylibrary.org.uk)