

Library Matters

The Newsletter of Friends of Honley Library

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In September, Friends of Honley Library joined with the people of the UK and the world to mark the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II and to extend our condolences to the Royal Family and all who knew and loved her. Her Majesty was the only monarch most of us had known and her dedication to service was truly inspirational.



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

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Library Update:

We are officially on the final stretch of what has been a five-year project to develop Honley Library into a Community Hub. At the time of going to press, Asset Transfer agreements have been signed by both the Holme Valley Parish Council and the Friends of Honley Library. The last piece of the jigsaw is for the documents to be signed by the Borough Solicitor for Kirklees Council. We await this with considerable anticipation.

The Asset Transfer represents many hundreds of hours of work by a dedicated team of people who have always had the interests of the people of Honley at the forefront of their thinking. FoHL will work alongside Kirklees Library Services, who will continue to provide the familiar and established services.

It is hoped that a formal Opening event will take place sometime in March; but keep an eye out for the many new developments that will follow this momentous change.

In the meantime we thank you for your continued support at this exciting time.

Volunteer's update:



Our Volunteer team continues to grow, and some of the newer volunteers are now starting to take on increased responsibilities both in strategic developments and in leading Wednesday sessions. During September Kirklees Library Services held a lunchtime event to thank all the Honley Library volunteers for their input. This was appreciated and we thank them for it; it was good to have all the hard work recognised and acknowledged.

FoHL Volunteers can take on many different roles. Look out for the new website which is currently under construction as this will provide more information about roles in management and development, events for children and adults, promotion and publicity as well as supporting library services. With so many different aspects to volunteering, the aim is for people to be able to follow their own particular areas of interest. After all, the whole point of volunteering should be to do something that you choose to do because you enjoy it!

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.

**And... our brand new FoHL website is now live, although some work is ongoing...
Thanks to Claire Barnett for her work in its creation, supported by Angela and Rosie.**



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 Summer Children's Book Festival activities at Honley Library were, as always, a big success.

The programme was created to follow the national Summer Reading Challenge of 'Gadgeteers' – looking at science and gadgets that appear in nature as well as those created on scientific principles.

'The best ever' was one child's thoughts along with 'Amazing' from another.



Our popular programme of events included a visit from a local author, Emma Reynolds and Yorkshire Bat Rescue for Bats Super Sonar!, Toddler Yoga, Baby Sensory Science, Invent Your Own Scraplastic Model with Fair & Funky and Betsy a trainee puppy guide dog (where we also raised over £30 for Guide Dogs) plus Scientist Chris who helped us make slime.

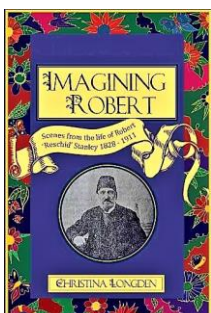
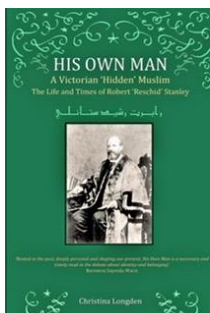
Over sixty-five children joined us; some new along with well-known ones. Thank you to the ten plus FoHL volunteers too as the programme couldn't be delivered without you and you did a great job.

Bridget and Carrie



Honley at Christmas: December 3rd: We will once again have Ian Pollitt's Christmas Lego display on show - don't miss it!!

Adult's Activities and Events



In September the library welcomed 'Writer in Residence' Christina Longden who gave a talk, based on the life of her Great x3 Grandfather. 'His Own Man' tells the true story of working-class Victorian man, Robert Stanley, who became a most respectable Mayor of Stalybridge, but who scandalised polite society by converting to Islam.



On 6th September, FoHL hosted a Holme Valley Connections meeting.

The event was well attended by local organisations active in the Honley community. There were opportunities to network with other organisations to share plans and successful practices. It was also an opportunity to highlight the online opportunities for publicising what each organisation is offering and suggesting ways of working together. As well as showing the sources of help on offer through Third Sector Leaders (TSL) in offering all kinds of support to local voluntary organisations, including applying for grants.



Another drop-in session by representatives from the Kirklees Waste Strategy Team on 13th September provided lots of useful information and answered a good number of questions on a subject that is important to us all.

Future events: On 20th October Gaynor Haliday will present 'From Catechisms to Choral Singing'. We are also planning our festive events for December. Please look out for further information 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.

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
2nd Wednesday 10:30
4th Thursday 19:30

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