

# 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

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### Library Update:

Following the completion of the Asset Transfer in December; Honley Library building is now owned by the Holme Valley Parish Council and managed by the Friends of Honley Library. The library service continues to be provided by Kirklees Council.

The last few weeks have seen considerable progress with works to develop Honley Library into a centre that will allow for a wider range of activities. A week's closure in January enabled the installation of new lighting and a long overdue Fire Safety system. This was just the start of what promises to be a time of significant change.

We are especially grateful to the Magdale Land Volunteers for their work to the garden area. The clearing of old shrubs and extensive tidying has made way for us to make much better use of the space for summer events.

Other planned works include the eventual upgrading of the IT infrastructure and, within the limited space available, a proposed extension to the building to support better facilities and meetings space is also being explored.

FoHL thank the Honley Community for its continued support at this exciting time,  
*Jenny Lockwood* On behalf of the Trustees of Friends of Honley Library



### Community Champions Award 2022-2023

We were absolutely delighted to be awarded a Community Champions Award by the Holme Valley Parish Council on 27<sup>th</sup> March. It was noted that we last received this award in 2014, in recognition of the work done by the team that first established Friends of Honley Library. The two awards neatly bookend the hard work of the past nine years.

We are also extremely grateful to the [Yorkshire Building Society](#) who have agreed a donation of £750, hopefully for the purchase of a computer and printer to support activities outside core library hours.



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**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.



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

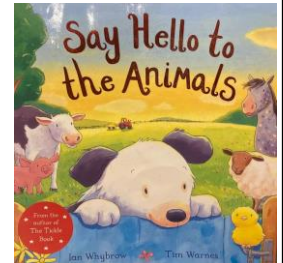


# Activities and Events for Children



On 3<sup>rd</sup> February, the Penistone Line Partnership delivered a train-themed story time session for National Storytelling Week. The session was hosted and supported by Kirklees Libraries, with Sarah Wells of the Penistone Line Partnership leading the library activities. The children listened to simple train stories, sang train rhymes, dressed up and had train tickets stamped to take home. The popular event was attended by families from Berry Brow, Honley and Brockholes, all of which have stations along the Penistone Line, as well as a few families that attended from other areas of Huddersfield.

Meanwhile, at the ever popular 'Babies into Books' session on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, the children were saying 'Hello' to the animals!



Encouraging a love of books and learning in babies and children is shown to bring significant rewards to their overall development. Check out our social media for a range of both regular events and special activities during school holidays. Also see information on Helen's talk below

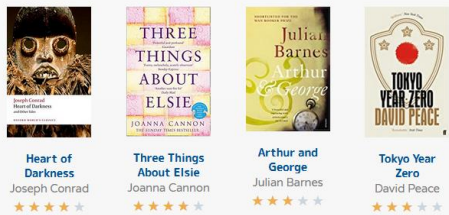
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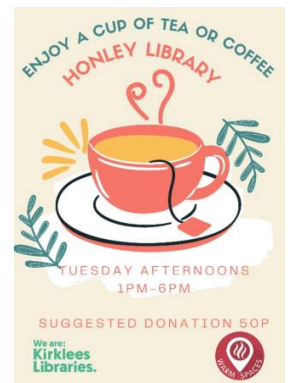
With so much going on to develop the Community Hub, there have been fewer events for adults than usual. But the regular activities continue, including 'Knit and Natter', which is more popular than ever. This event also coincides with the Kirklees 'Warm Spaces' initiative taking place on Tuesday afternoons.

## Search our book reviews

Search through our archives of book reviews from the Book Groups of Honley Library.

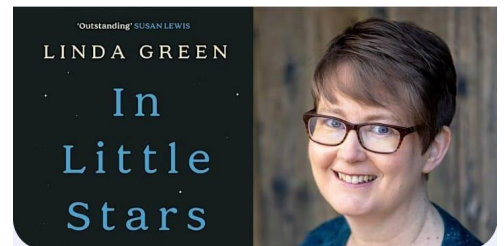


The two regular reading groups continue to thrive and, with the new website now active, have been providing the Book Reviews. If you are trying to decide what to read next... have a look.



On 30<sup>th</sup> March, as part of the Huddersfield Literary Festival, the

bestselling author, Linda Green came to Honley to talk about her latest novel, 'In Little Stars', a modern-day reimagining of Romeo and Juliet. We were very pleased to work alongside Kirklees Council in supporting this event. 25<sup>th</sup> April also saw a 'Poetry Please' read-around evening and the start of a series of Maths support sessions.



Other activities planned are:

4<sup>th</sup> May: in 'Now We're Talking' Helen Harrison will talk about how babies develop language from their earliest moments.

11<sup>th</sup> May: Peter Marshall will introduce a new publication from the Honley Civic Society, 'The Surprising Miss Siddon'.

And don't forget the Honley Open Gardens weekend!



## Your regular library activities and events

**Rhyme-time for under fives**  
Fridays 14:00  
(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

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