



Library Matters

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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 Asset Transfer, changes continue to be made at Honley Library, both inside and outside. Recent help with the garden area provided by The Princes Trust was especially appreciated; as part of their work, they created new wildflower borders for us, together with a Bug Hotel.

We also now have CCTV installed to deter anti-social behaviour and further work on trees and the installation of a secure shed are also imminent.

There will be further changes taking place over the coming months, but all will be managed with the aim of ensuring minimum disruption to the library service. It is hoped that a display of the plans, including those for a proposed extension, will be available to view at the AGM later in the year.

As well as building improvements, there have been changes to the personnel on both the FoHL Management Committee and also the FoHL Trustees group. If you think you have something to offer and would like to be considered for membership of either of these groups, please register your interest via the website or speak to one of the volunteers, who will put you in touch with the relevant chairperson.

In another change in personnel, we recently said farewell to Rebecca, who was our designated KLS Customer Services Officer. She has now moved to the library in Golcar and took the very best wishes of FoHL with her.

As always, FoHL thank the Honley Community for its continued support at this time of change.



Honley Library Bug Hotel

Volunteers update

Whilst early June saw an official 'Volunteers Week', we hope that our dedicated FoHL volunteers know that their support is acknowledged and appreciated the whole year round! Many gave up some time to ensure that the library was open throughout the Open Gardens weekend; although Jenny, Ann, Sue and Bryn warrant a special mention!

We are always interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join us, whether to help run the library service or to support any of the many events for both adults and children.



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 special event in the autumn
to celebrate the major changes taking place to YOUR community library!!



Activities and Events for Children



On 13th May, a pebble-painting and garden crafts activity took place. The colourful paper flowers have been brightening up the library ever since! The results of the event also carried over into the Open Gardens weekend when the painted pebbles formed part of a treasure hunt trail.

We're so proud of our small people, who can join the library from their very first days. Enjoying first books, rhymes and talking with them helps their language development, literacy and more. Truly the start of a lifetime of learning.



At a talk in May, Helen from 'Babies into Books' explained how children develop language and what we can do to understand and support them as they learn to communicate with the world around them. Mums and Dads enjoyed the enlightening session; please let us know if you want another.

ALSO: Look out for further information about all the children's activities that will be taking place during the school holidays.

This year's Children's Summer Reading Challenge theme is: → → → →



Activities and Events for Adults



It was especially good to welcome so many people on the occasion of the Honley Open Gardens weekend. Highlighting its importance to the village, the library was the focal point for the sale of wristbands, the minibus service and numerous musical presentations. Opening hours were extended on the Saturday, with the addition of craft activities for children and a couple of environmental awareness and information stands.



Honley Open Gardens weekend in June

A book sale and tombola across both days also brought in some welcome funds for FoHL which will help towards future activities and events. We also had a small display of pictures and information on 'A Brief History of Honley Library', which will also be on show at a proposed 'launch event' in the autumn. If you have memories of the library from years gone by, we hope that you will feel able to share them with us.



A brief history of Honley Library

FoHL are already planning events for the autumn. These are to include the AGM and a special event to mark the change of ownership of the library. It is hoped that this might also provide an opportunity to show proposed plans for the future development of the building.

Autumn will also see a couple of the very popular 'Poetry Please!' evenings as well as several speaker events. Look out for the flyers!



Even though it is the middle of summer, events around the Christmas celebrations are already in several minds!

Please keep a look out for more information about all FoHL activities and events, and let us know if you have ideas or suggestions for something new.

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

For more information, please visit our website: www.friendsofhonleylibrary.org.uk