

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:

By the time you are reading this, the library should have just re-opened after a two week closure for redecoration both inside and out. Work was scheduled to be done before both the FoHL Annual General Meeting on 17th October and an Open Day on 21st October.

At both of the above events, the architects' plans for the proposal to extend the building will be on display. There will be an opportunity for comments on them to be recorded.

In addition to the decorating and other improvements to the building, we now have a secure storage shed in the garden. Some of the funding for this came from the Friends of Honley, so it is also providing space for equipment used for the village tidy*.

**Note: this takes place at 10:00 on the first Sunday of each month.*

Sadly, an attempted break-in has already caused damage to this community resource. It should be noted that nothing of significant value is being stored in it.

We are all conscious of the financial difficulties that Kirklees Council is facing but are pleased to report that Elaine Fenton has now been confirmed as the new designated KLS Customer Services Officer for Honley Library. Elaine has been with us for the past few months as a temporary measure, but we can now look forward to working with her into the future to ensure the best library service for the Honley community.

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



Volunteers update

A meeting took place in late August to update all volunteers on the developments of the last twelve months, to share the proposed changes and to consider how we all work together to ensure the smooth delivery of a wide range of responsibilities. The meeting was well attended, and thanks go to Elaine E and Sue W for their fabulous refreshments.

We were especially pleased to welcome Julie Peel, KLS Area Manager to the meeting. She was very complimentary about the work done by FoHL to maintain and improve the building, and the ways in which we recruit and support volunteers and ensure a first class library service at Honley.

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, X (formerly 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.



**You are welcome to attend our Open Day at Honley Library
14:00 to 17:00 on Saturday 21st October 2023**



Activities and Events for Children

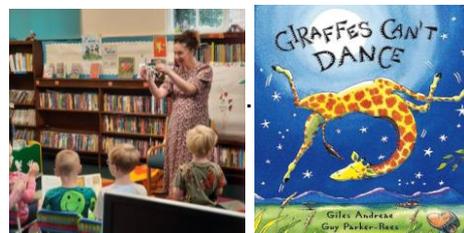


The Childrens Book Festival activities through the summer were a big success. To complement the national Summer Reading Challenge 'Ready, Set, Read', the theme was 'Get Ready. Be Ready'. In addition to the activity sessions, there were two that addressed the transitions both into and between schools. These proved very popular and will have helped children who were anxious about big changes and making new friends to get a head start.

The diverse programme also saw Sophie Edgar's 'Mindfulness' session and the ever productive Scrap-Tastic' sessions from our friends at 'Fair and Funky'.

Of course, introducing children to favourite books is a key element of the library's holiday activities programmes; this summer included a session on 'Ambrose Goes for Gold' hosted by KLS and FoHL's 'Giraffe's Can't Dance'.

As always, thanks to Bridget, Helen and all those who work so hard to organise the activities and events for children.



Please note that the 'Babies Into Books' sessions are now taking place on Friday mornings during term time.

Also... look out for Ian Pollitt's forthcoming Lego Halloween display, planned for Saturday 28th and Tuesday 31st October.



Activities and Events for Adults



INSIDE THE COVERT WORLD OF
HER MAJESTY'S
SECRET INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

STEPHEN DORRIL

On 26th September we welcomed Stephen Dorril, who gave a talk on 'The Secret Intelligence Service – MI6'. With reference to his book on the subject, this gave a fascinating insight into the world of spies and the secret services!

Library Volunteer Sue Woodworth has now taken on the role of Events Coordinator for FoHL, and we already have a number of events planned for the next few months. If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities, please leave a message for her at the library with your contact details.

As noted above, the AGM is planned for 19:00 on Tuesday 17th October, and an Open Day will take place from 14:00 to 17:00 on Saturday 21st October to formally acknowledge the transition of ownership of the building from Kirklees to the Holme Valley Parish Council.

The next 'Poetry Please!' read around will be on Tuesday 24th October from 19:00. Due to their popularity, these are likely to become a more frequent feature on the FoHL events calendar.

Events for the future:

A Volunteers and Trustees Christmas get-together is a possibility for mid-December and early January will see an Open Library event to include 'bring and buy', raffles, tombola and children's activities.

During 2024 we also hope to be able to host more 'meet the author' talks, presentations, and hopefully music and craft workshops presented by people with particular skills that they are happy to share.

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
Fridays
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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