

Library Matters

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Library Update:

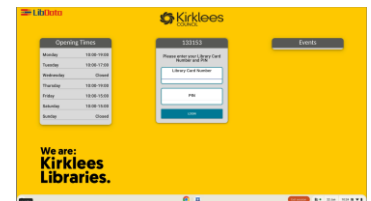
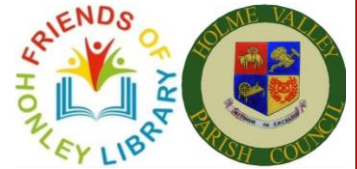
Since December 2022, when ownership of the Honley Library building was transferred from Kirklees Council, all the costs of running and managing the building have been met by the Friends of Honley Library, with the generous support of Holme Valley Parish Council. Considerable progress has been made but now, more than ever, we need your support to help us continue to improve and develop the library building as an attractive and welcoming community space.

By now you'll be aware of the proposals by Kirklees Council for budget savings within the library service, it's been hard to miss the headlines! The primary aim of FoHL has always been to ensure that the library remains available to the people of Honley by providing volunteer support to Kirklees Library Services. The suggestion that we may eventually be expected to become a Community Managed Library, i.e. run solely by volunteers without any paid staff, has been disappointing. Discussions between KLS and the FoHL Management Committee and Trustees are already underway. We know we have support from the Honley community, but you can help by sharing your views with our local councillors.

In a welcome move by KLS, we now have the long awaited new computers for use by library members. We have two new Chrome boxes, plus four Chromebooks that allow for greater flexibility. The new monitors are especially welcome and make the IT experience so much better.

The work to improve the library continues; following redecoration inside and out, we now have new blinds at all the windows and anti-glare glass for those eagerly anticipated days when the sun is at its strongest!

Progress continues on the plans for the proposed extension. Hopefully there will be a further opportunity to view the architects' plans in the coming months.



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,
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Volunteers update



With a slightly enlarged volunteer team, and so much information to share between us, we have introduced a monthly news update especially for volunteers, so that everyone is kept as well informed as possible. We are currently finding our way around the new IT systems, so please be patient if we are a little slower than usual.

We are not specifically recruiting new volunteers at present, but if you are interested in joining us in the future please follow the directions on the FoHL website. Better still, come and talk to us on a Wednesday morning when the library opens with volunteers only. We are always happy to share information about the work we do.

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: @friends_honley, and Facebook: Friends of Honley Library. We also connect with local publications, including the Honley Flyer and Honley Info website.



Honley Library: Your Library, Your Village, Your Future!

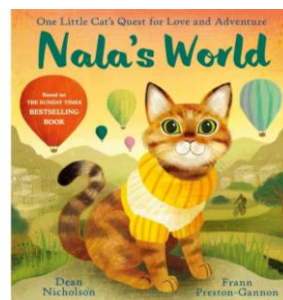


Activities and Events for Children



February's 'story trail' featured the uplifting tale, 'Thank You for the Little Things'. The children were read the book and then enjoyed a walk to the People's Park, followed by crafts at the library. All activities were aimed at celebrating the small things in life that make us feel good.

Another story trail on 3rd April 'Nala's World' introduced the children to one little cat's quest for love and adventure.



These popular story trail activities offer two sessions so two different groups can enjoy the experiences. Please look out for details of further events for children to come.

As always, the children's activities are organised by a small but dedicated team, who are all passionate about developing the capacity for learning in our younger members. If you think you might like to support them, please ask for details.

Also, don't forget Lego Club on Saturday mornings, when you might also find one of Elaine's crafting sessions in progress or Kathryn engaged in Maths activities aimed at helping children to develop numerical skills by use of number games.



Activities and Events for Adults

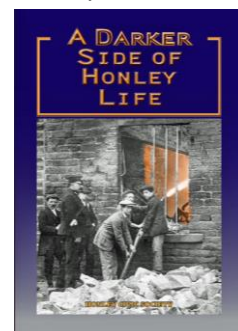


On 30th January, Stephen Dorril returned with a new talk, this time on 'The Profumo Affair'. This proved extremely popular and highlighted the need for places to be booked in advance of events.



We also welcomed Lawrence Benson during February who spoke with enthusiasm about Eleanor Roosevelt. This 'First among First Ladies' was an inspirational force in trying to promote equality across a divided United States. Definitely lessons for current times!

Also returning, this time to share the stories from 'The Darker Side of Honley Life'; Peter Marshall from the Honley Civic Society is to give an author talk at 7pm on 9th April.



Due to the popularity of some of our events, we now ask that you register your interest in attending at the library or secure your place by texting Sue on 07443 426106. We also ask for a small donation to FoHL funds, suggested at £3.00. This helps to cover the costs of heating, lighting and refreshments.

With so much skill to be found in our volunteers, we have also been able to offer various workshops. In February Christine brought her friends from the Nonsuch Dulcimer Club who introduced us to the instruments and even let us have a go. Christine is also our Lace-making expert and recently held a second workshop / tutorial. Numbers for this were limited, but more are likely to follow.

Also, if you want or need to improve your skills in Maths, support sessions can be made available from Linda again; please ask if you are interested.

FoHL have continued to support the Paddock Community Trust in hosting a Digital Inclusion Hub on alternate Wednesday mornings. These free 'drop-in' sessions are for anyone wanting support in using a computer or a mobile phone. For more information, please call 01484 431400.

Details of all library events are shared via social media, the FoHL website and on notices in our board outside the library. If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities, please leave a message at the library for Volunteer Sue Woodworth, Events Coordinator for FoHL.

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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