

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

Library Update:

You will be aware that we have now launched our appeal for donations to help with the ongoing development of Honley Library. Our 'Beyond the Cover' leaflets went out with the Honley Flyer (thanks to their team for this) and there is a dedicated donations information stand within the library itself.

In addition to grant funding applications being made, we hope to eventually raise £100,000 ourselves, which will go towards an extension to the building so that more activities and events can take place. Planning permission has now been submitted for this and thanks must go to the hard work of the dedicated Extension Working Group.

Considerable progress has already been made but we need your support to help us continue to develop Honley Library as an attractive and welcoming community space. The coming months will see a number of events taking place as part of the fundraising programme. Emma has now put a donations thermometer in the library so progress can be seen by everyone.

In addition to the stand at the Honley Show, there are more fundraising events planned:

August 1st (Yorkshire Day!): An afternoon with Joanne Harris, author of *Chocolat* and much more. (Note: this sold out very quickly confirming the need for places to be booked for all events).

August 16th: An informal evening of live music with drinks and nibbles.

October 24th: An auction of promises at Dixon and Franks. Many exciting lots will be on offer. Watch out for more information on social media and in the library; also, please see over for more details on booking places for future talks and other FoHL activities!

In March a meeting with representatives of Kirklees Library Services enabled FoHL Management, Trustees, Volunteers and HVPC members to present our views on their proposal for Honley to become a Community Managed Library (CML), i.e. run solely by volunteers. Our disappointment and concerns were recorded, and these will hopefully be contributing to similar discussions that are ongoing with other libraries also. We understand the financial difficulties within Kirklees Council, but we were pleased to have the opportunity for our concerns to be heard. We will update on progress in respect of this matter once further information becomes available.

FoHL thank the Honley Community for its continued support at this time of change. Additional thanks also go to the Friends of Honley 'Keep Honley Special' team, who recently trimmed our hedges as part of the monthly village tidy!



Volunteers update



We know how fortunate we are to have such a dedicated team of volunteers. These people help to run the library service, plan and organise events for adults and children, fundraise and publicise our efforts... as well as overseeing all the changes that are taking place.

We are not specifically recruiting new volunteers at present, but if you are interested in joining us 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.

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Activities and Events for Children



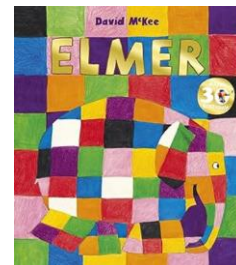
If we had a 'picture of the season'... this would be it!

April's story trail 'Nala's World' introduced the children to one little cat's quest for love and adventure. The children were read the book and then enjoyed a walk to the People's Park, followed by crafts at the library. These popular story trail activities offer two sessions so two different groups can enjoy the experiences.

May then brought a week of special readings and plenty of activities celebrating the many stories about 'Elmer'.

Please look out for details of further events for children, especially over the summer holidays.

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 library 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 a crafting session in progress or Kathryn engaged in Maths activities aimed at helping children to develop numerical skills by use of number games.

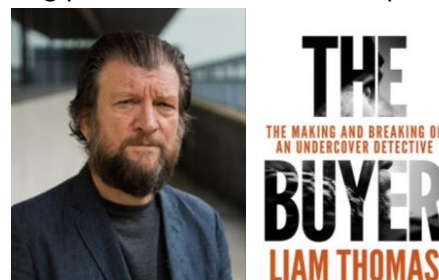
Activities and Events for Adults



On 4th March, Honley Library were proud to host a live streaming from Westminster Abbey of the Service of Thanksgiving for the 200th anniversary of the RNLI. Despite our land-locked status, Honley & Brockholes has a surprisingly active branch membership!

April saw Peter Marshall sharing stories from his Honley Civic Society book, 'The Darker Side of Honley Life'. Who knew that so many sinister activities had occurred in our (relatively) peaceful village?

In May, author, playwright, screenwriter, actor and Honley resident Liam Thomas gave readings from, and some background into his book 'The Buyer' which covers his time and experiences as an undercover police officer with the Met.



Christine has continued to run her Lace-making workshops. Please leave your contact details for her at the library if you are interested in having a go. Also, a Spring Wreath Making session in May showed that it's not just the children who are 'crafty'!



FoHL have also 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 computers, tablets or mobile phones. For more information, please call 01484 431400.

Due to the popularity of some of our events, we ask that you secure your place by registering within the library or by texting Sue Woodworth, Events Coordinator for FoHL 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.

Details of all library events are shared via social media, the FoHL website and on our notice boards outside the library and G6 hairdressers on Westgate. If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities, please contact Sue or leave a message for her at the library.

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.

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

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