

## **Libraries, Archives and Information Service Consultation January-February 2021**

### **Purpose of the consultation**

Our Sheffield City Council community hub libraries (as well as volunteer run libraries) have been awarded a one-off cash boost this year of £10,000 each. This funding will give each library the opportunity to make changes to improve their offer to the local community.

Therefore, we wish to consult on how to spend the funding to ensure the library space can do more for the communities that use them.

Library staff have identified options for improving the library space and we are asking our library customers to rank those ideas and offer their own ideas for improvement. As each library space is unique, there are different ideas put forward for each library.

This survey does not include Central Library, the Home Library Service or Archives. Although the volunteer run libraries in Sheffield are eligible for a 10k grant to improve their library spaces too, this survey is restricted to Sheffield City Council run libraries. Please contact the volunteer run library that you use if you want any further information.

### **Why we are consulting**

We currently have an opportunity to improve our community-based libraries and therefore by consulting we can ensure this is what our customers want.

It will not be possible to undertake all the ideas suggested by staff and customers, so consultation will help prioritise improvements now and into the future.

For further information and updates, please check out the Library Service blog:  
[www.shefflibraries.blogspot.com](http://www.shefflibraries.blogspot.com)

**Please see the next page for full list of proposals for each  
Sheffield City Council community hub library: -**

## **List of proposals for each Sheffield City Council community hub library:**

### **Chapelton Library Proposals:**

- Ceiling fans to improve air circulation.
- Automatic doors to improve better access for wheelchair users and families with prams.
- Window blinds and screens for the community room.
- Laptops for use with code clubs, reminiscence sessions and other library activities.
- Tables with computer charging points to enable remote working, researching and studying.

### **Crystal Peaks Library Proposals:**

- Refurbishment of the Children's library area to make it more inviting for children and young people.
- Increased I.T. offer, such as laptops for computer classes and coding clubs, wi-fi printing from your phone.
- Furniture and equipment that will facilitate better group activity, education, training, and community meetings, such as bigger tables, comfortable chairs

### **Darnall Library Proposals:**

- Community information display cabinet outside the library for all library and community information.
- New furniture including an 8-seater table with phone/laptop charging points to enable activities and small meetings in the library space,
- Improve the appearance of the library such as replace or repaint all outside shutters and having new blinds.
- Refurbishment of children's area including soft seating chairs for baby/children's area.
- Laptop computer tables with charging points and computer chairs.

### **Ecclesall Library Proposals:**

- Refurbishment of the Children's library area. This will make the library space more inviting and exciting for children and young people.
- Increased I.T. offer, depending on what is possible this could include laptops for groups to use such as computer classes and coding clubs, wi-fi printing which means you don't need to log on to a computer.
- Furniture and equipment that will facilitate better group activity, education, training and community meetings, such as bigger tables, comfortable chairs.

### **Firth Park Library Proposals:**

- Improve the Children's library area including child friendly furniture which will make the library space more inviting for children and young people.
- Improved I.T. offer, including laptops and interactive white boards for groups to use and support computer classes and coding clubs, and wi-fi printing which means you don't need to log on to a computer.
- New vertical blinds to filter the light to enable computer screens to be seen more easily, and keep the building looking clean and fresh.

### **Highfield Library Proposals:**

- Improvements to the Children's library area. This will make the library space more inviting and exciting for children and young people.
- Increased I.T. offer, such as laptops for groups to use and for computer classes and coding clubs, wi-fi printing which means you don't need to log on to a computer.
- Furniture and equipment that will facilitate better group activity, education, training and community meetings, such as pods, tables, comfortable chairs.

### **Hillsborough Library Proposals:**

- Decoration of and improvement to the entrance to the children's library creating a more accessible and welcoming entrance.
- Increased I.T. offer, such as laptops for groups to use for computer classes and coding clubs, wi-fi printing from your phone, and new computer desks and chairs.
- Improvements to the Children's library area. This will make the library space more inviting for children and young people.

### **Manor Library Proposals:**

- Information display cabinets at the top of the path (so you can get information without needing to come down the path).
- New benches outside the library in the children's reading area.
- New furniture and shelving to make the library more comfortable with armchairs, coffee table, phone and laptop charging, display shelving.

### **Parson Cross Library Proposals:**

- Replacement of static shelving with shelving that can be moved to make space for community activities such as talks, meetings and events.
- Increased I.T. offer, such as laptops for groups to use for computer classes and coding clubs, wi-fi printing which means you don't need to log on to a computer.
- Improvements to the Children's library area to make the space more inviting for children and young people.

### **Stocksbridge Library Proposals:**

- Underpass to be fitted out as exhibition space with heating, improved lighting.
- Automatic lift door – to improve accessibility for wheelchair users.
- Laptops for use with code clubs, reminiscence sessions and other library activities.
- Tables with computer charging points to enable remote working, researching, and studying.

### **Woodseats Library Proposals:**

- Improvements to the Children's library area making the space more inviting and exciting for children and young people.
- Increased I.T. offer, such as laptops for groups to use and for computer classes and coding clubs, wi-fi printing which means you don't need to log on to a computer.
- Furniture and equipment that will facilitate better group activity, education, training and community meetings, such as pods, tables, comfortable chairs.