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## **NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY UPDATE**

### **WORK IS RECOMMENCING IN THE LIBRARY**

The library has been open this week for Health and Safety checks to begin. The Ealing Council team has been carrying out inspections of the water supply and checking electric points and appliances, which is essential work after such a long closure.

Once the library has been deep cleaned we will be able to start work there, preparing the building for opening. We can't wait to get back inside!

### **VIRTUAL ACTIVITY SESSIONS**

All our session leaders are taking a well earned break during August, but we'll be offering activities again in September. The Book Club is continuing however - next meeting is on 25th August (see page 3 for details).

### **NO FURTHER NEWSLETTERS IN AUGUST**

The Newsletter is also having a break for a couple of weeks! The next edition will be distributed in the week beginning 7th September. In the meantime, any important news will come to you via email.

Volunteers who have offered to help with preparations and in the early weeks of opening will be contacted individually.

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be held at 8:00pm on Tuesday 25th August.

The non-fiction title this month is "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson, and members are choosing their own fiction title to read and share at the meeting.

New members welcome! If you would like to join us please email [getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk](mailto:getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk) with the heading **Book Club**.

**FREE TO ATTEND!**



#### A MESSAGE FROM THE FESTIVAL ORGANISERS

"Welcome to the Edinburgh international Book Festival Online

As we can't put on our usual 900+ event Festival in our lovely tented village in Charlotte Square Gardens, we've curated a special online edition.

From 15-31 August, enjoy events for adults and children for free. Through the magic of technology, we'll be crossing continents and time zones to beam events from more than 30 countries straight into your home. What's more, you'll be able chat with fellow Festival goers via digital chatrooms and take part in Q&A sessions, and you'll even be able to meet the author and get your books signed (selected events)."

You can find all the details on the Festival [Website](#)

# EALING CENTRAL LIBRARY SET TO RE-OPEN ON 17TH AUGUST

REPORT FROM EALING TODAY  
10TH AUGUST

Ealing Central Library has been announced as the first library to reopen its doors in the borough. The site based in Ealing Broadway will welcome visitors from 17 August, and will “look and feel significantly different” due to coronavirus measures that have been put in place.



Services will be limited to the click-and-collect service and returning books. Browsing the library, using computers and access to newspapers, magazines and the children’s library will not be allowed at this point. Visitors will also have to wear face masks inside the library.

Ealing’s community services chief Jasbir Anand, said “Obviously the look and feel of libraries will be significantly different to what visitors may have been used to before the Covid-19 pandemic. There are measures in place to allow residents to social-distance in line with government rules and I urge anyone visiting to act responsibly and carefully at all times. Ealing Central Library is reopening first and all library users in the borough will be able to access services here until other libraries are in a position to welcome back users. Our libraries are a network so even if you do not normally use Ealing Central, there will be services available to you as a resident of the borough.”

Residents will also be able to continue to access online resources such as e-books. It is not clear which libraries will be the next to reopen and when this will be.

## FINAL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE OFFERED HELP  
AS WE PREPARE TO OPEN NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY!**

We still can't confirm an opening date for our library, but over the last two weeks we've been calling for volunteers who would be willing to help us prepare the library for opening and to work in the building in the first weeks of operation. We've been delighted with the response so far and would love to hear from any more of you who are able to volunteer at this stage.

We plan to open for two 3 hour sessions a week to begin with. We will provide a very limited service, probably just a "click and collect" system for picking up and returning books. Use of computers will not be permitted and no group activities will take place in the library. All health and safety measures will be in place, with the required PPE available and social distancing measures clearly signposted. The public toilet will be closed and the library will be cleaned after every session.

We will of course provide training for all our volunteers in time, but training for the first volunteers will focus on health and safety and basic operational requirements.

It's important to stress that we will only need a certain number of volunteers in the first weeks, but we will be training more as our work progresses. And if you feel you can't volunteer now that's absolutely fine - we'll need all our volunteers eventually!

If you'd be willing to volunteer, please email us at [getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk](mailto:getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk) and title your email VOLUNTEER NOW. Please also let us know the days of the week and times when you'd be available.

Thank you - we're so excited to start working with you!

That's all for this week - we very much look forward to hearing from any more of you who could help us prepare for opening!

Thank you so much for your continuing support, and take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

With best wishes,

Jenny, Tanya, Paul, Alison P, Alison S, Monica and Louisa  
The Northfields Community Library Trustees.

