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NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY CURRENT OPENING TIMES

Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Tuesdays: 10:00am - 7:00pm

Wednesdays: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Thursdays: 10:00am - 1:00pm

HELLO TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS

We're pleased to announce that from the week beginning 18th April we will be opening two new library sessions per week - on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. This means that the library will be open all day on four days a week.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays the library will be open until 5pm to cater for schoolchildren and their families and we will continue to offer the evening shift on Tuesdays, when the library closes at 7pm.

We're nearly at our target of opening for 30 hours a week!

Other good news - the much requested Rhyme Time sessions for babies and toddlers will resume after the Easter Break! As Covid numbers are still a concern and there are currently a number of volunteer absences, sadly we can't offer events over the school holidays. However we are planning activities for people of all ages, which will be advertised over the coming months.

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VOLUNTEER SOCIAL
7-9pm, TUESDAY 29TH MARCH

There's still time to RSVP!

All volunteers are invited to a social evening at the Library to thank them for all their hard work.

Come along to meet other volunteers over light refreshments, hear about what we've achieved together so far and what we plan to do next, and share your ideas about how you'd like to see our service to the community develop.

Please RSVP to getintouchncl@outlook.com

And please wear your volunteer badge so we can put names to faces!

PLANT SALE AT THE LIBRARY

30TH APRIL



To all keen gardeners - there will be a tabletop plant sale at the Library on Saturday April 30th.

A big THANK YOU to Sonia Nisbet, who raised £300 for Library funds with her sale of plants last year. Some volunteers are already growing on their surplus seedlings or cuttings so that we can sell them.

Could you help by donating any extra plants you have grown to raise funds? If so, please email getintouchncl@outlook.com to say roughly how many plants you might donate, and what they are?

Please deliver any donated plants to the library on Friday 29th April between 5pm and 7pm.

MONTHLY DROP IN SESSIONS WITH OUR NORTHFIELD WARD POLICE OFFICER

PC Lowles, our dedicated Northfield Ward Officer, held the first of his hourly drop in sessions at the library on 22nd March. His four visitors could be called "known suspects" - they were three of our volunteers and Councillor David Millican!

PC Lowles aims to attend monthly from now on, although the days of his sessions may vary to fit in with his shift rota. We will advertise them as widely as possible to make residents aware of the opportunity to meet him and raise any issues or concerns.

LIBRARY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

RHYME TIME SESSIONS RETURN TO THE LIBRARY!

We will be offering two weekly Rhyme Time sessions from week beginning 25th April. Parents and carers of babies and toddlers have been requesting these for some time and we're delighted to be able to hold them for the first time since we opened as a Community Library.

Sessions will take place on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons - full details in the next newsletter.

NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 12TH APRIL, 2022

The Book Club meets once a month on Tuesday evenings, sometimes on Zoom and sometimes as a face to face meeting. We read a mixture of fiction and non-fiction titles. Club members can choose to read either book - or both! The chosen books for the next meeting are:

- Fiction: The Promise by Damon Galgut (Booker Prize Winner 2021)
- Non Fiction: Manifesto by Bernadine Evaristo

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join us please email getintouchncl@outlook.com with the heading Book Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Dedicated Storytime sessions for children will be advertised shortly, to start after the Easter break, along with other activities for people of all ages.

Do let us know if you have any particular interests you would like to share with a group, or if you would like to lead an activity - we'd love to hear from you!

Email getintouchncl@outlook.com to let us know.

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THAT'S ALL FOR NOW . . .

Thanks as always for your support and have a good week.

With best wishes,

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