

Church Street Library

Bulletin

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Digging Deep To Transform Church Street Library Project Update
August 2008

Library Design Update



Designs for the new library have been finalised and planning permission has been gained. The re-developed three storey library will incorporate the following:

Ground Floor (shown opposite)

- Large adult library
- Reading lounge area
- Quiet study area
- Self service machines
- 2 small meeting rooms
- PC workstations

The 2 basement levels of the library will be opened up for public access and the area to the rear of the building will be enclosed. The following will be provided from these floors:

Basement Floor

- Large children's library
- Toilets (one of which is DDA accessible) and baby change facilities
- Staff work area

Sub Basement Floor

- Learning centre with 12 PCs
- Youth library incorporating quiet study area, soft seating and gaming / internet bar
- Community space (bookable by local organisations)

A lift will provide access to the basement and sub basement areas and the entire building will be air conditioned.

Temporary Library Update

Building work to transform the library is scheduled to start in November 2008 and is expected to take nine months to complete. During this time a temporary library will be available at **97-99 Church Street** (the former butcher's shop).

Work to convert this shop into a temporary library will start in September 2008.



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Volunteering in Libraries

Westminster Libraries offer a wide variety of opportunities for volunteering. Volunteers can be involved in general library work or specific projects and activities.

Examples of volunteering opportunities available at Church Street Library include:

- Helping to run **Homework Clubs** which offer children advice and support with their schoolwork
- Opportunities to help support and run **reading groups**
- Opportunities are available to provide Silver Surfers Sessions with **IT support**.
- Assisting with day to day delivery of the service, e.g. shelving, stock displays, tidying
- Opportunities to work with the **Bengali Outreach Programme**

The minimum age for a volunteer is 16 and there is no upper age limit. Younger people may be taken on to work experience placements when sponsored through a school or educational establishment.

For further details on volunteering please see <http://www.westminster.gov.uk/libraries/volunteer/>

Reading Groups

Church Street Library runs reading groups for children and adults.

The **Chatterbooks** group for children aged 8-11 meets once a month in the library. Chatterbooks encourages children to read adventurously and become confident in talking about books. Every child joining a Chatterbooks group gets a pack with a reading diary, Post-It review pads, games and stickers.

The library also runs a **reading group** for adults. This informal and friendly group has an eclectic taste in books and meets to discuss a new book each month. This month the group has chosen a classic of crime fiction, *Murder Must Advertise* by Dorothy L Sayers.

For more information or to join either of these groups please contact Alison Clarke on 020 7641 5490 or by e mail at aclarke1@westminster.gov.uk

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EVENTS

READING GROUP

Last Friday of the Month
10.30 – 12 noon

An informal group which meets to discuss a variety of books. Sessions are free and refreshments are provided. New members are always welcome, so please just come along!

CHATTERBOOKS

Last Friday of the month
4-5pm

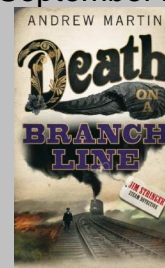
For children aged 8-11. Sessions are free (see insert for more details).

COMPUTER TRAINING

6 week IT training course for older people starts 17th September. Places are limited call into the library for more information.

AUTHOR VISIT

Andrew Martin author of the Jim Stringer Steam Detective series will be visiting Church Street Library on September 22 6pm.



REDEVELOPMENT

The library will be holding a 'drop in' session on **Wednesday 17th September 17.30 – 19.30** to answer your questions about the project. Plans for the library will be on display and tours of the existing building will be available upon request. Tea and coffee will be provided.