

Access to Culture and Leisure

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Scrutiny Panel Monday 13 March 2023

Central Library

Cost of Living Support and Advice

- All libraries have been designated 'warm spaces, welcoming places'
- Free hot drinks; wifi; board games and lots of activities for all ages.

Example of Low Cost Activities for Families during February half-term...

- **Alderman Lacey Library**
- Friday 17th February: 11am - *Making Glitter Bugs*.
- Children can make their own very glittery minibeasts! FREE

- **Beddow Library**
- All week: *Hunting for Daffodils* - Can you find the flowers hidden in the library? Just drop-in and take part during opening times. FREE
- Friday 17 February - Make a Mother's Day card time tbc. FREE

- **Central Library**
- *Where's Wally? Week* is the theme for Central Library during half-term -including a "Wally word hunt " Participants have to spot any Where's Wally? characters that are hidden around the library and write down the library related words . Grown-ups and children are encouraged to come in wearing Where's Wally? clothing such as Woolly bobble hats, stripey tops and boots! FREE
- Wednesday 15 February: 10-11 Where's Wally? related activities - design a character for our Wally Wall display scenes and make a Wally face mask. Suitable for age 4 and above. FREE

- **Portsea Library**
- Thursday 16 February: 11-12 *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and make your own caterpillar craft. Age 0-8 11-12 FREE

- **Southsea Library**
- Saturday 11 February: *Rhymetime* 10:30; *Children's drawing club* 2:30 FREE

- Monday 13 February: *Rhymetime* 10:00; *Storytime* 2:00 FREE

- Tuesday 14 February: *Spanish for children* (run by volunteers) 11:00 FREE

- Thursday 16 February: *Rhymetime* 10:00 FREE

- Saturday 18 February: *Rhymetime* 10:30; *Craft activity for children* 2:30 FREE
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- Paulsgrove; Cosham and North End libraries will also host activities, please call in advance.

Core Library and Archive Service Offers

- School Library Service – Traded Service

Advisory Services

Book Loans to schools

Reader Development Activities – PBA; Lit Quiz; MTA

- Archive Service – Statutory, Accredited by NA

- Public Library Service – Statutory

Libraries Connected ‘Universal Offers:’

Reading

Culture and Learning

Information and digital

Health and wellbeing

Access for adults

- 2021/22 – 159 residents benefited from Home Library Services
- Regular deliveries to sheltered accommodation in the city.
- Vision Impairment Services – Julie Duffy nominated for a 2023 Libraries Connected Award for her work in providing library services.
- Changing Place toilets – Southsea and (new for 2023) Central Libraries!

Major library events 2022/23

- Platinum Jubilee – Parties in libraries, unique Michael Morpurgo event in Central Library, livestreamed nationally.
- Reading Sparks – Bringing STEM to a wider audience
- BookFest – 50 events in 2023 for people of all ages.
- Summer Reading Challenge – nearly 1400 children completed in 2022, up 10% on previous year.
- Return of Summer Reading Challenge Plus in 2023.

ACE funded projects

- Doyle Detectives – Laura Weston
- Volunteer Futures – Catherine Burland