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Report to: Outer East Community Committee – Temple Newsam, Garforth and Swillington, Kippax and Methley, Crossgates and Whinmoor

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Subject: Libraries update in Outer East Area – Garforth, Kippax, Whinmoor and Halton Libraries

Purpose of this report:

1. This report is an update of the work libraries are doing in the Outer East Area of the City, and will highlight work done in Garforth, Kippax, Whinmoor and Halton Libraries.

Background

2. Leeds Library and Information Service provide 35 libraries across the city including a major Central library, as well as 6 mobile libraries, Library at Home service, a service for 3 prisons, and a school library service. The principle purpose is to *provide access to information, knowledge and varied reading choices through books, online resources and well informed staff*. The vision is *‘To provide the world at your fingertips’* : a physical place in the heart of the community, access to a virtual space using community and information networks and a friendly face to support and guide people to access whichever services they need.

Main Issues

3. **Garforth Library –**
 - 227 children have joined the Summer Reading Challenge, Record Breakers, so far.
 - Weekly story and rhyme time sessions are continuing to take place.
 - A children’s craft club has been established.
 - We also run free IT sessions using tablets.
 - A new Minecraft club starts in September.
 - New IT Tablet sessions being delivered.

4. **Kippax Library** –

- 111 children have joined the Summer Reading Challenge Record Breakers so far.
- New IT tablet session delivered to 6 customers
- Strong readers group continuing
- Weekly story and rhyme time.
- New Minecraft club being established

5. **Whinmoor Library** –

- 20 children have joined the Summer Reading Challenge so far.
- The library bookstock has been refreshed and exchanged for new titles e.g. Crime, Large Print.
- Leaflets publicising the service were distributed to the new housing developments in January 2015.
- Librarian visited Whinmoor St. Paul's school to promote the Summer Reading Challenge to 200 pupils.
- Librarian has offered to facilitate class visits to the library next term.
- Continuing partnership work with Children's Centre.

6. **Halton Library**

- 138 children have joined the Summer Reading Challenge, Record Breakers so far.
- Well-attended Summer Reading Challenge event 18/8/15
- Library staff promoted the library service at Temple Newsam Breeze on tour event.
- Partnership work with Temple Newsam and Colton children's centre, contributed to an outstanding Ofsted judgement for the centre.

7. **Mobile Library Services**

- Librarians visited Swillington and Methley schools to promote the Summer Reading Challenge, which also takes place through our Mobile Library services.
- Methley Readers Group, in Riversmeet café is being supported by Library staff.

Looking forward:

- Due to the popularity of Minecraft, Lego and coding work with Children and Young People, we would like to extend provision for such clubs in local libraries.
- Some libraries are using 'Raspberry Pi's' to engage with people in libraries. This is also something we would like to build on.

Conclusion

8. The Community Committee is asked to receive an update from the Senior Communities Librarian for the North East Area, providing an update on some of the work libraries are delivering in local communities.