

Inner East Community Hubs and Libraries Community Committee report

Oct 2024 -
Jan 2025

Compton Centre Community Hub and Library

Scheduled Sessions

Digi Drop in	Thursday 1.30-2.30	Leeds baby bank drop in	second Thursday monthly 10.00-12.00
Kids club	Saturday 11.00-12.00	Money buddies	Friday 9.00-12.00
Code club	alternate Tuesdays and Thursday 3.45-4.45	Leeds Credit union	Thursday 9.00-12.00
Knit & Glow craft group	Wednesdays 4.30-6.30	Story & Rhyme time	Friday 10.30-11.30
Gypsy Roma Traveller (includes EU settlement)	Tuesdays 10.00-12.00 Wednesday 9.00-12.00	Haamla ante natal group	Wednesday 12.00-3.00
Harehills Action Team Chatty Café	Monday 10.30-12.30	Zest ladies sewing group	Tuesday 1.00-3.00
Mens health unlocked group	Thursday 10.00-12.00	Asian ladies sewing group	Thursday 9.30-1.00
Better lives Leeds	Wednesday 4.00-6.00	Community litter pick	Monthly Saturday 2.00-4.00
Councillor Ali surgery	second Thursday of the month 11.00-12.00	Councillor Mothin Ali surgery	Friday of the month 11.00-12.00
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill councillor surgery	First Saturday of the month 10.00-11.00	Retas e visa appointments	Wednesdays and Fridays 10.00-4.00

Make Mine Manga exhibition

We have hosted the Make Mine Manga exhibition at Compton in December, and I ran an accompanying event on 7/12/24 featuring crafts, games and a film screening – it attracted 9 children, 2 teens and 7 adults.

Community Action Day

The community fun day was kindly funded by Harehills and Gipton elected members and implemented through collaboration at the last clear, hold build meeting.

Planning and discussions took place around the community action days that were being held and it sparked a conversation of a way we could celebrate the community and all that we have.

The event was a huge success and it was agreed to hold these quarterly moving forward.

School visits

24 class visits at Compton between October and now, totalling 589 children

Winter Festival

Children and their families joined in for fun free activities. There was an opportunity to meet Santa in his grotto and receive a gift, glitter tattoos, craft activities, cupcake decorating as well as food and drink. Over 70 families attended and free Raffle prizes were given out to the Community, all greatly received.

NESTA Installation Event

On 11th December 2025, the Play Together, Talk Together scheme launched at the Compton Centre Community Hub & Library in Harehills. Featuring seven interactive, nature-themed installations designed to promote early language development and caregiver-child connections, the project was created by Playful Anywhere and Play Explore Art in partnership with the council and NESTA. Stepping stone trails link the installations to the children's library, inspiring exploration and storytelling. The event, attended by local officials and children from Little Owls nursery, included Christmas songs, a visit from Santa, and selection box gifts.

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Ongoing Events in the hub

- Our bond with nature exhibition 8.10.2024-11.10.2024
- Selective licensing drop in session 16.10.2024 9.00-1.00/ 5.12.2024 1.00-5.00
- NHS flu and covid vaccination drop in 10.1.2025 9.00-5.00/ 20.1.2025 9.00-5.00
- Climate Action pop up 3.12.2024 1.00-3.00
- Tutti Frutti club 28.10.2024/30.10.2024
- Book crossings free comic giveaway 15.11.2024 10.00-5.00
- Make Mine Manga exhibition 25.11.2024-13.12.2024
- Manga mini con 7.12.2024 10.30-3.30
- Learning partnership pop up 13.1.2025 11.00-12.30

Library activity and stats

New Joiners



412 329 adults,
83 children

Books Borrowed



4793

PC sessions booked



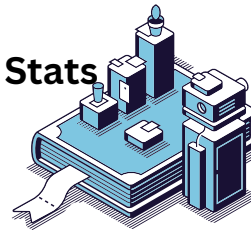
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Customer services stats



Customer Services Enquiries

4148



Jobshop Stats

Library Enquiries

8041

Jobshop Stats



241
Starts



58
Outcomes



1474
Footfall

Jobshop events

Jobs fair 11.11.24 - 61 people attended

Burmantofts Community Hub and Library

Scheduled Sessions

Kids Club	Monthly Average attendance 2-6 per month
CAB	9am-12pm Every Wednesday Average 4 per session
Councillors Surgery	1:30-3:30 3rd Tues of the Month Average attendance 10 per week
Jobshop pop up	Monday & Friday

Winter Festival

The Annual Winter Festival was held at Burmantofts Community Hub and Library 06.12.24. The event was a success with over 60 children and 70 adults attending, we shared festive stories and songs followed by a visit from Santa with each child receiving a gift. Children also had the opportunity to make a LED Christmas card and have festive glitter tattoos. Attendees could also enjoy our hot chocolate, mince pie and biscuit station which everyone loved.

Library activity and stats

New Joiners



34 18adults,
16children

Books Borrowed



461

PC sessions booked

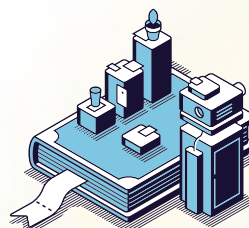


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Customer services stats



Customer Service
Enquiries
669



Library
Enquiries
362

Jobshop Stats



10
Starts



4
Outcomes



25
Footfall

Crossgates Library

Scheduled Sessions

Digi drop in

Fortnightly

Storey and Rhyme Time

Friday 10:30 - 11:30am

Librarian public events:

30 Oct Board Reading: collab with University of Leeds, 10 families attended the drop in to play board games

Leeds in WWII talk by ELHAS

event in conjunction with LFH resources and Library book collections/Leodis photos. Sold out - 38 people attended

Book Crossing

Free comics giveaway for all ages, Drop in event, hundreds of comics given away, registered new users to library and promo our digital apps, for free ecomics on Libby.

Supporting Crossgates Shopping Centre partner events

Librarian stall - Leeds Libraries & Cust Services promo ,banners, leaflets, books, services information, with books on display, all relevant to event themes;

29 Oct Winter Health & Wellbeing event

27 Nov White Ribbon event - domestic violence

30 Oct Storytelling and Children and families day

Library activity and stats

New Joiners



154 100adults,
54children

Books Borrowed

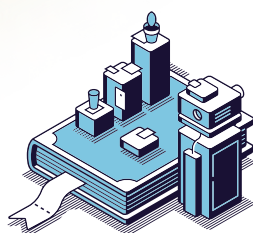


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PC sessions booked



1569



Library
Enquiries
5544

Seacroft Community Hub and Library

Scheduled Sessions

Digital Drop in	By weekly Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:30
Story & Rhyme Time	Weekly Thursday 10:30 - 11:30
Advonet – advocacy service	By weekly Tuesday 10am – 1pm
Craft Group	By weekly Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:30
Community Links	Weekly wed 9-1
Kids Club	Monthly
CAB - Appointment sessions	Weekly
Employment and skills	weekly

SE Winter Festival

Great turnout over 30 attended with a visit from Santa thanks to LS14 Trust. Chapel FM also attended where we aired live on radio giving children the opportunity to ask Santa any questions live on air. Hot chocolate, biscuit decorating, xmas crafts – free family friendly event!

Blood pressure checks

Wednesday 18th January – free blood pressure checks and health checks 10-3pm-drop-in session.

NHS vaccination programme (Covid booster and Flu).

Yorkshire MESMAC 28.11.2024 11am – 2pm

MESMAC - Offering free STI and HIV testing to the community

Librarian led Library Tours

Leeds City College ESOL groups – termly with new groups

Registration event for college ESOL students and tour and introduction to library with Librarian

Library activity and stats

New Joiners



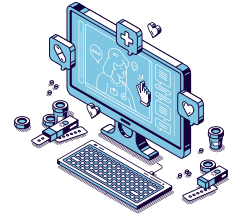
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24 children

Books Borrowed



3624

PC sessions booked



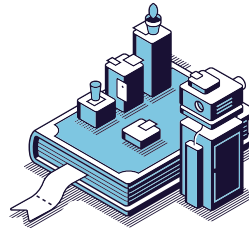
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Customer services stats



Customer Service
Enquiries

2093



Library
Enquiries

1219

Jobshop Stats



40
Starts



30
Outcomes



482
Footfall

Scholes Library

Scheduled Sessions

Digital Drop in

Weekly term time

Story & Rhyme Time

Weekly

Library activity and stats

New Joiners



11

5 adults,
6 children

Books Borrowed



881

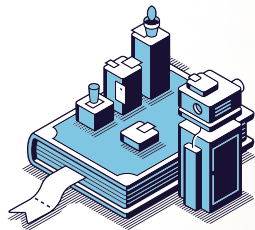
PC sessions booked



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Library
Enquiries

525



Whinmoor Library

Scheduled Sessions

Whinmoor Library Social

Monthly

Story & Rhyme Time

Monday 10:30 - 11:30

Kids Club

second Tuesday monthly, 3.30-
4.30pm

Christmas Storytime

to Find a Bookworm interactive storytelling with theatre group. 15 families/30+ people

Library activity and stats

New Joiners



11 5 adults,
6 children

Books Borrowed

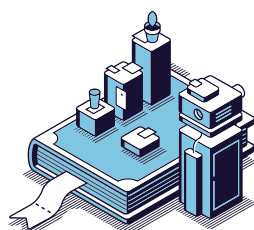


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PC sessions booked



32



Library Enquiries

525

Good news story

Play Together, Talk Together

The new scheme consists of seven interactive installations that now have pride of place in the grounds of the Compton Centre Community Hub & Library in Harehills.

The nature-themed installations were designed and produced by creative organisations Playful Anywhere and Play Explore Art following a commission from a partnership between the council and Nesta, the UK's innovation agency for social good.

Each one has different features – such as laminated imagery, sensory panels and sound tubes – that aim to stimulate special moments of connection between children and caregivers while also supporting early years language and communication development.

Stepping stone trails provide a physical link between the installations and the Compton Centre, encouraging young visitors to explore the children's library so they can further fire their imaginations through the magic of reading and storytelling. The ceremony was attended by, Councillor Mary Harland, Julie Longworth, Tom Symons, deputy director of fairer start at Nesta, with youngsters from the Little Owls nursery in Harehills on hand to try out the new installations.

