

## Your local library bulletin

It's been a busy few months for our libraries. Here is a summary of April-June 2023 in Cadbury Heath

### Supporting communities – people and place

- over 6,300 visits were made to Cadbury Heath Library April to June 2023
- our friendly, knowledgeable staff answered over 870 enquiries
- we have been told our unstaffed hours service ([Open Access](#)) *'solves all my studying issues'*
- South Gloucestershire libraries also support 6 volunteer run community libraries delivering library services in outlying areas

*'Excellent atmosphere really helpful staff' (Google review)*

*Customer comes in every time we are open for a milky tea. He told me today that he does not own a fridge and relies on libraries for his hot drinks. He is elderly and lives alone*



Clare Fletcher  
Group Librarian

### Health and wellbeing

- our expert-endorsed Reading Well books were highlighted during Loneliness Awareness week and Mental Health Awareness week. The [collections](#) also cover topics including dementia and living with long term health conditions plus books for children and teens
- during staffed hours we were a collection point for free Warm Packs for residents during the winter months and currently have free cool packs available as part of the Council's ongoing cost of living support
- we have had period products available for anyone who needs to take one as part of the South Gloucestershire Council Women's Staff Network Period Positivity Campaign

*'Events like coffee mornings really help people who are feeling socially isolated and lonely'*

*'The library offers .... a safe space to just be'*



### Giving children the best start in life - children, young people and families

- now in its second year, the 4 year **My Library Card** initiative gives all school children in reception and year 6 their own personalised library cards. We aim to address the attainment gap and ensure all children have access to the benefits of free reading materials and library services. We gave out the reception cards at author events in libraries and school assemblies promoting the Summer Reading Challenge. Year 6 will receive their cards in the Autumn term
- 8 children enjoyed baa-riliant farmyard crafts at Cadbury Heath Library during the May school holiday, with an additional 7 children taking a craft bag away to have fun with at home
- Lego Club is a great way for families to get creative and have fun together and our Mini Builders sessions are for young children to listen to a story and play with the mini blocks
- library staff running the sessions have seen parents who come to weekly rhymetime and start making friends , enjoy a chat in the library and meeting up away from the library. *'Fantastic session for pre-school age children. My children love it and have made many friends. Great for language development'* (Parent)

*'Brilliant library service, spent a whole afternoon doing crafts and playing Duplo with my grandson...'*  
(Google review)

## Resources and support - learning, information and digital skills

- our public computers are free to use, including printing for a small charge, and are all currently being upgraded. The free wi-fi continues to be well used
- the free eNewspaper service moved from Libby to BorrowBox. Library members can now download eBooks, eAudio and eNewspapers (ePress) on the free BorrowBox app or via the website. The newspaper collection includes around 70 national, regional and local titles, available on day of publication
- staff were able to help residents who needed to get photo ID to vote in the May elections

***People tell us they felt relieved, less stressed and grateful after we have helped to for example: print travel tickets, returns labels, official documents, eTickets; access emails and online forms***

## Reading, literacy and culture

- we celebrated The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort with a coronation themed shared reading event, a royal themed adult craft group and Parkwall school music group entertained us with some British songs and we had lovely refreshments
- our staff put together creative and engaging stock displays are continuously changed to tempt you to try something new. We have also had displays that focus on health and wellbeing including grief, mental health, and menopause
- we took part in an initiative to mark Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month with a competition for all children to design a traditional Traveller Wagon, run by the team who support Gypsy, Roma and Traveller children and families. It was a lovely opportunity to be part of a celebration that enables children and young people of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller heritage to feel represented and part of the community and give a positive view of the culture, lifestyle and contribution of Traveller communities



### Coming soon

- printing from customers' own devices via Wi-Fi
- gifting library cards to all year 6 students

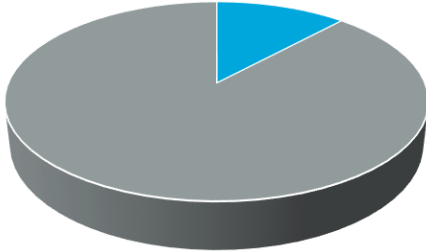
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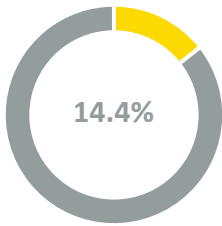
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## Adding value to the community

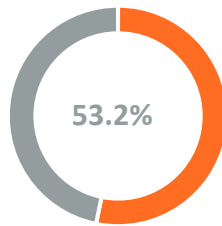
11.89% of the local population use Cadbury Heath Library



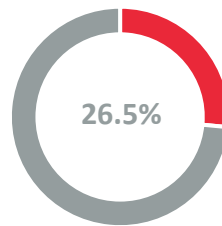
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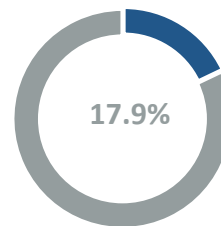
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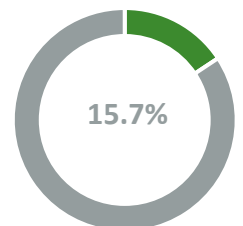
10-15 years



25-49 years

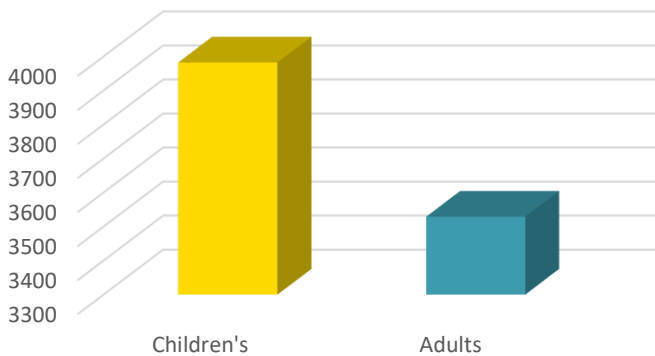


65 and over



% of local community in top 5 different ages who used Cadbury Heath Library in the last 2 years

Book issues at Cadbury Heath Library  
April - June 2023



250

hours

Amount of time public computers were being used at Cadbury Heath Library April to June 2023

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# At your library this summer...



**Saturday 8 July - Saturday 9 September**

- free fun for all 4 – 11 year olds
- children read books they enjoy over the summer holiday and collect stickers to complete their exclusive Ready, Set, Read! collector card and get a medal and certificate
- free bag of goodies including Ready, Set, Read! seeds for all children who join



**See the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to children's reading!**

*'...has SEND and has refused to read outside of school for months. With the motivation of activity packs, stickers and a medal, I got to hear my daughter read beautifully – thank you!'*

Parent, Kingswood Library

*'A great way to engage the kids in reading (both independently & together) – They get such a sense of achievement!'*

Parent, Emersons Green Library

**194**

Children taking part at  
Cadbury Heath Library  
(by 19 August)

**5,619**

Children taking part across  
South Gloucestershire  
(by 19 August)