

Your local library bulletin

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

Supporting communities – people and place

- over 7,290 visits were made to Filton Library April to June 2023
- our friendly, knowledgeable staff answered over 670 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

Anne
Wright



Rebecca
Furness



Group
Librarians
(job share)

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
- 10 children enjoyed baa-rillicant farmyard crafts at Filton Library during the May school holiday, with an additional 44 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. Our Lego Club is proving so popular it is now fortnightly
- library staff running the sessions have seen parents who come to weekly rhymetime and storytime, start making friends 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 Royal themed rhymetime and Lego Club ; plus crown crafts and visitors helped us turn the library into a Royal flower garden with flowers, birds and bees crafts which they could also take home
- our staff put together creative and engaging stock displays including Pride month, summer reads and new stock
- 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
- Travelling Library of the World is a collection of books showcasing stories from around the world including Africa, India, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, the Middle East plus many more. It has been curated out of personal recommendations provided by the South Gloucestershire Race Equality Network's members and will tour libraries over the coming months



Coming soon

- printing from customers' own devices via Wi-Fi

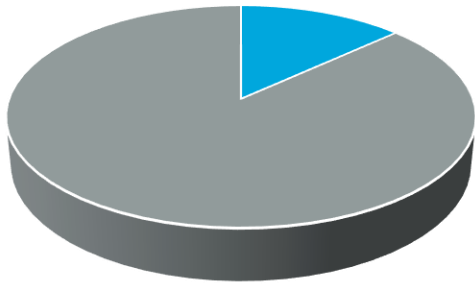
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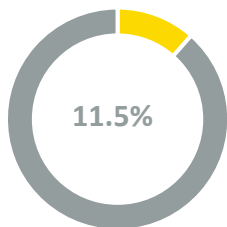
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Adding value to the community

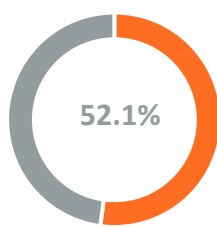
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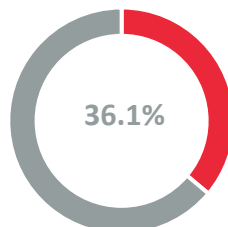
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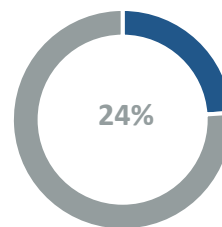
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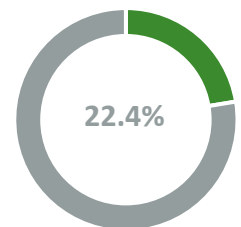
10-15 years



25-49 years

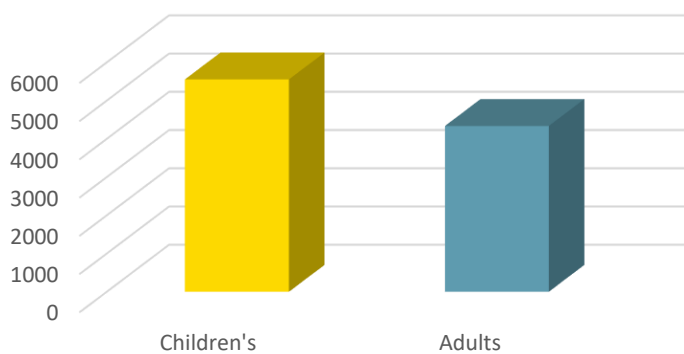


65 and over



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

Book issues at Filton Library April - June 2023



763
hours

Amount of time public computers were being used at Filton 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

192

Children taking part at
Filton Library
(by 19 August)

5,619

Children taking part across
South Gloucestershire
(by 19 August)