



Welcome to the library

Your gateway to information

Here to Help



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA

How do I join the library?

Joining the library is simple. You will need to fill in a membership form and provide official proof of name and address.



Examples of identification that we accept are:

- Current driving licence
- Current Council Tax bill
- Current bank or building society statement
- Current utilities bills such as Gas, Water and Electricity
- Medical card

If you live outside the Royal Borough you can still join our libraries.

If you are unsure what documents to bring in with your application, please speak to a member of library staff or call us on 020 7361 3010.

Please note: All applications for membership of children and young people under 16 require the signature of a parent or guardian.

What can I borrow?

Borrowing books is free. There is a charge for borrowing CDs, talking books, DVDs, and language courses, but you may be entitled to concessions.

If you want to know if you are entitled to any concessions please ask a member of library staff, call us on 020 7361 3010 or email us at libraries@rbkc.gov.uk

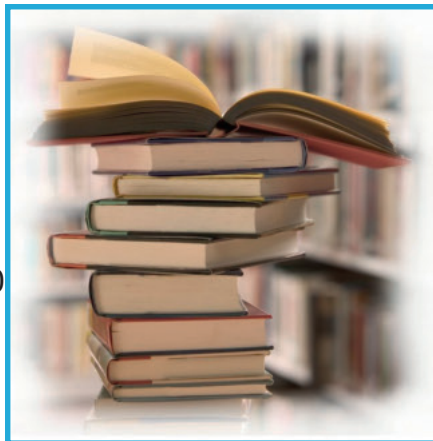
With a library card, you can borrow up to a maximum of 25 items. This can include a combination of the following:

- 15 books
- eight music CDs or talking books
- two language courses
- three DVDs

Books, music CDs and talking books are issued for three weeks. Other loan periods may vary. Please speak to a member of library staff in your local library or call us on 020 7361 3010 for further information.

All items may be renewed in person, online or by phone.

Our fines and charges will vary accordingly to you membership type. Please visit our website at www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries for more information. Alternatively, you can request a copy of the fines and charges in your local library.



Opening hours

We have six libraries in the Royal Borough. We close on bank and public holidays. For details of such closures, please see our website: www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries.

Brompton Library

Monday: 9:30am to 8pm
Tuesday: 9:30am to 8pm
Wednesday: 9:30am to 5pm
Thursday: 9:30am to 8pm
Friday: 9:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 9:30am to 5pm

Chelsea Library

Monday: 9:30am to 8pm
Tuesday: 9:30am to 8pm
Wednesday: 9:30am to 5pm
Thursday: 9:30am to 8pm
Friday: 9:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 9:30am to 5pm
Sunday: 1pm to 5pm

Kensal Library

Monday: 1pm to 6pm
Tuesday: 1pm to 6pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 1pm to 6pm
Friday: 9.30am to 5pm
Saturday: 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm

Kensington Central Library

Monday: 9:30am to 8pm
Tuesday: 9:30am to 8pm
Wednesday: 9:30am to 5pm
Thursday: 9:30am to 8pm
Friday: 9:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 9:30am to 5pm

North Kensington Library

Monday: 9:30am to 8pm
Tuesday: 9:30am to 8pm
Wednesday: 9:30am to 5pm
Thursday: 9:30am to 8pm
Friday: 9:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 9:30am to 5pm

Notting Hill Gate Library

Monday: 1pm to 8pm
Tuesday: 1pm to 7pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 9.30am to 1pm
Friday: 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm
Saturday: 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm

Remote access to the Library Service

The website of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea will provide you with a wealth of information as well as access to a wide range of library services.

Search our library catalogue at:
www.rbkc.gov.uk/librarycatalogue.



If you wish to find out something and are unable to visit your local library, why not e-mail us at libraries@rbkc.gov.uk.

You can access the 24 hour reference library at www.rbkc.gov.uk/leisureandlibraries/libraries/referenceandinformation which includes the Dictionary of National Biography and the Times Digital Archive

You can access our digital library at www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries. Download your selections to your computer to use, or transfer to a compatible portable device, including iPod, iPhone, MP3 players and even some mobile phones.

Internet access

We offer free internet access using the People's Network in all of our libraries. You will have to book to use the People's Network machines. Wireless connection to the internet is available in four of our libraries.

To find out more please visit our website at www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries.

Reference and local studies

All our libraries provide a core collection of reference materials for you to use and there is a range of online resources.

Our local studies collections contain all the Borough's material on the history of both Kensington and Chelsea, including:

- Books and maps
- Press cuttings
- Illustrations
- Census returns and electoral registers
- Manuscripts, ephemera and other archive material

The collections are housed in the Kensington Central Library. If you want to see local studies archive records please make an appointment by phoning Librariesline on 020 7361 3010.

Our Local Studies Librarian writes a weekly blog, the Library Time Machine, exploring the visual history of Kensington and Chelsea. Have a look at: <http://rbkcllocalstudies.wordpress.com>



Special collections

Our libraries also hold a number of special collections. These include:

- Biographies in Kensington Central Library
- Costume in Chelsea Reference Library
- Folklore and customs in Kensington Reference Library

All items included in the collections can be found on the library catalogue.

Film and music

All our libraries have CDs and DVDs available to borrow.

We also have:

- A collection of music reference books covering all types of music
- A range of music magazines
- A collection of printed music for most instruments, both solo and accompanied as well vocal, choral and study scores
- Popular music songbooks



Reading Activities

Reading Groups for adults are held in five of our libraries. These meet monthly and read and discuss a wide range of books.

Our staff are involved with the groups and highlight new titles or recommended reads but the books are usually chosen by the groups themselves.

We also hold regular author events and other activities. Check our quarterly events programme for more details.



If you would like to join a reading group – or even form a new one – then please speak to a member of library staff at your local library or ring Librariesline on 020 7361 3010.

Your local libraries

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|  Kensington Central Library
Phillimore Walk
LONDON
W8 7RX | Notting Hill Gate Library
1 Pembridge Square
Notting Hill
LONDON
W2 4EW |
|  Chelsea Library
Chelsea Old Town Hall
King's Road
LONDON
SW3 5EZ |  Kensal Library
20 Golborne Road
LONDON
W10 5PF |
|  North Kensington Library
108 Ladbroke Grove
North Kensington
LONDON
W11 1PZ |  Brompton Library
210 Old Brompton Road
LONDON
SW5 0BS |

If you are physically unable to get to our libraries, why not enquire about our home library service on 020 7361 3010 or visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/leisureandlibraries/libraries/libraryservices/homelibraryservice

Contact us

24 hour renewal: Ring 020 7361 3610 or log into "My Account" on www.rbkc.gov.uk/librarycatalogue.

You will be asked for your library membership number (20116..) and your personal identification number (PIN).

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Become a fan on Facebook (search RBKC Library)

Email us at libraries@rbkc.gov.uk or ring Librariesline on 020 7361 3010