



Welcome to the library

Our services for children



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA

Here to Help

How do children join the library?

It is easy for children and young people to join the library and there is no minimum age. You don't even have to live in the Royal Borough.

A form needs to be filled in with the child's details and signed by a parent or guardian. You can get a membership form from any of our libraries, or you can download it from our website.



Bring the completed form to any of our libraries along with official proof of name and address.

For example:

- The parent or guardian's library membership card
- A utility bill or bank statement showing the name and address of the person who has signed the form

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

Internet access

All of our libraries have computers for children's use. The number available will depend on the size of the library. You will be asked to sign a permission form when your child joins the library which allows them to use the computers.

Computers have to be booked and a member of staff will explain how to do this. All of our computers for children are filtered so access to unsuitable websites and chat rooms is restricted.

What can a child borrow?

Borrowing books and talking books are free. There is a charge for borrowing DVDs.

A child can borrow a maximum of 16 items. This can include a combination of the following:

- 12 books
- four talking books
- three DVDs



Books 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.

Opening hours

We have six libraries in the Royal Borough. We close on bank and public holidays.

For details of 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 Children's Library

Monday: 9:30am to 6.30pm
Tuesday: 9:30am to 6.30pm
Wednesday: 9:30am to 5pm
Thursday: 9:30am to 6.30pm
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 Children's 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 Children's Library

Monday: 9:30am to 7pm
Tuesday: 9:30am to 7pm
Wednesday: 9:30am to 5pm
Thursday: 9:30am to 7pm
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

Story times

Story times are held in all of our libraries.

They are a fun way to enjoy reading with your children and are aimed at two to five year olds. They are free events.

Please speak to a member of library staff at your local library for details of times and for any additional information.



Parents and carers must stay with their children at all times during these sessions.

Bookstart

Bookstart is the national programme that encourages parents and carers to enjoy books with babies and young children. Bookstart aims to provide every child aged three and under with three free packs of books. Each pack contains two books.



Bookstart packs are only half of the gift to children and their families. The other, more lasting gift is the message of enjoying books together can develop a lifelong love of books in every child.

Please speak to a member of library staff at your local library if you have not received a Bookstart pack.

Baby Rhyme Time

We hold Baby Rhyme Time sessions in all of our libraries for children up to two years old.

They are a fun way to enjoy the library with your children.



As these are popular events we have to limit numbers so entry may be refused when the session becomes full. You may be asked to fold your buggy.

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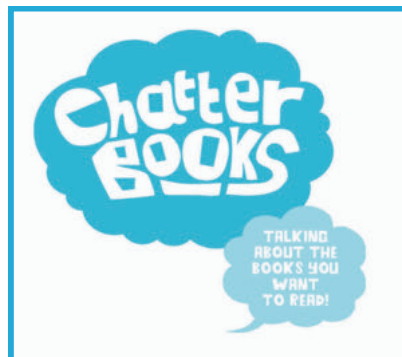
Chatterbooks

Chatterbooks is a monthly reading group for library members aged eight to twelve years.

They discuss all sorts of books and can choose what they would like to read next. Members often get free books as well.

Sessions last for an hour and a half.

If you would like to know more about Chatterbooks or think that your child would enjoy taking part, then please ring Librariesline on **020 7361 3010** for details or speak to a member of library staff at your local library.



Summer Reading Challenge and other activities

Every year between July and September we hold a Summer Reading Challenge on a particular theme which is open to library members.

The Summer Reading Challenge is for children aged four to eleven years and they have to read six books to complete the challenge.

There are stickers, bookmarks and other things to collect and a medal and certificate on completion.


Look out for publicity in your local library to find out how to get involved.


Your local libraries

 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 Ladbrooke Grove
North Kensington
LONDON
W11 1PZ

 Brompton Library
210 Old Brompton Road
LONDON
SW5 0BS

Telephone us on our Librariesline on 020 7361 3010

Visit us

It is worth looking at our website as there are designated pages for children and young people to encourage their reading as well as information on everything in this leaflet.

Check our catalogue at www.rbkc.gov.uk/librarycatalogue

Renew your books: 020 7361 3610

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