



Welcome to the latest Your Libraries Newsletter

E-books - a new chapter for libraries

As well as being able to borrow books from their local library, Cumbrians can now do so from the comfort of their own home, at any time of day or night, as the County Council launches its first ever e-book lending service.

Cumbria's Libraries have invested £6,000 in a secure e-book lending platform and a further £14,000 on purchasing the actual e-books. The service will offer over 850 e-books for adults, children and young people, which will be available to library members from today, with even more titles to come in the future. All library members have to do is create an Adobe ID via the Adobe website and set up an account on the e-book lending platform, after which they can use their library card and PIN to download e-books of their choice.

For those who choose not to download to their PC or MAC first, it is even possible to download directly to their Android device, iPhone or iPad by installing the relevant app to their e-reader. (Bluefire for Apple users, and Aldiko for Android, available from the appropriate app store).

Just like borrowing a physical book from the library, e-books will be on loan for 21 days (after which they will disappear from the device) and e-books can also be reserved. Customers can have up to two e-books on their device at any one time.

The new stock includes special collections, including electronic versions of our Autism, Dementia, Well Read and Macmillan collections on the site. Tom Holliday, Professional Lead for Libraries, said: *"This is a very exciting project and something our customers have been asking about for some time now. E-books are increasingly popular and for many they are the preferred way to enjoy reading and the new electronic collection adds to our stock of over three quarters of a million physical books. Now we have the system in place e-book content is something we plan to keep growing in the future."*

Both Wirral Council and Stockport Council launched similar schemes in 2011, and have seen huge successes, lending 2,500 e-books monthly and 30,800 e-books since its launch respectively.

Library users can get full instructions on how to download an e-book, including device compatibility, by visiting www.cumbria.gov.uk

A festival of learning

Adult Learners Week is a national celebration of lifelong learning. Now in its 24th year, the biggest festival of learning in England has gone on to inspire many other countries around the world to celebrate their own Adult Learners Weeks.

Look out for events and activities in your local library – visit our website www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries or check out our Facebook pages for more details.



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Some sizzling summer reads

Why not take one of these holiday reads away with you this summer?

Summertime by Vanessa Lafaye

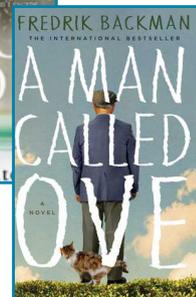
Florida 1935, and the residents of Heron Key are preparing for a 4th July barbecue in the face of an incoming storm. In the early hours of the morning, the body of a woman is found, half-beaten to death, and the finger of suspicion is firmly on one man. In an instant, tensions rise as whites turn on blacks...as the hurricane approaches, life in Heron Key is about to change forever.

I Let You Go by Clare Mackintosh

Haunted by the death of her son in a tragic accident, Jenna Grey leaves Bristol for an isolated cottage on the Welsh coast. DI Ray Stevens is determined to get to the bottom of what happened and finds himself increasingly drawn into the case as Jenna's past looks set to catch up with her.

A Man Called Ove by Frederick Backman

Ove is a very grumpy man indeed. He thinks he is surrounded by 'idiots', including everyone from joggers and shop assistants to the perpetrators of a plot to overthrow him from Chair of the Residents Association. But is there actually something quite refreshing about his vision for how he thinks the world should be?



Inspired to travel?

Not going away this year, but feel the need to escape? Or maybe you're looking for some inspiration about where to go and what to do on your next break? These books might do the trick...

The year of living Danishly by Helen Russell

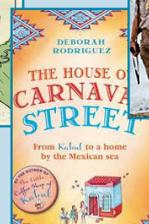
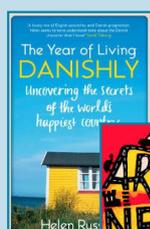
Are we nearly there yet? by Ben Hatch

One man and his bike by Mike Carter

The House on Carnival Street: from Kabul to a

home on the Mexican sea by Deborah Rodriguez

Walking the Nile by Levison Wood



Summer Reading Challenge record-breakers!

Libraries across Cumbria are getting ready to encourage young readers to explore some of the astonishing real-life achievements and world records as featured in the Guinness World Records Books as part of the Summer Reading Challenge 2015.

The challenge is aimed at 4 to 11 year olds and their families; it is simple and fun. Children are encouraged to read six or more library books of their choice during the summer holidays. They will discover the weird, wonderful and wacky records from around the world in six different categories: Cool Tech, Way to Go!, The Big Stuff, Animal Magic, People Power and Action! Adventure! As they read children will collect incentives and rewards, plus there is a certificate for every child who completes the Challenge.

Parents and carers love the challenge, not only is it free but they can see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their children's reading. Last year, over 5,000 children took part, nearly half of them boys! "It was exciting and thrilling and I would like to do it again next year. Favourite character was Minotaur. Stickers were fun to collect." Daniel aged 11, Workington

What's more, teachers can often tell which children have taken part; research shows that children who take part in the Challenge return to school after the summer break as more fluent, confident and happy readers. On days you can't get to the library, there is still the Record Breakers website, with so much for children to discover and they can keep a record of their Challenge too. Children can also recommend books and decide what to read next using the Book Sorter.

Children can sign up at their local library from July 10th – it's absolutely free and runs until September 13th. Look out for summer crafts and activities in libraries too.



Local News



Adult Learners' Week

Author talk: Alan Radbourne – The One Pound Challenge

Carlisle Library, Saturday 17th June, 12.30pm

The humble pound. There isn't much you can really buy with it now-a-days. It wouldn't even get you a cup of coffee. How about using it as the full investment to start up a business?

Presented in partnership with Time to Read, The One Pound Challenge is the inspiring story of Alan Radbourne, a university graduate, who journeyed into the working world through an audacious year-long business adventure to discover how much he could earn from only a £1 investment.

Discover how he took his £1 investment to over £20,000 profit in a year, what drove him to succeed and ultimately gain inspiration to manage your business or personal finances better through the lessons he learnt along the way.

Tickets on sale now....costing, appropriately enough, £1!! Could this be the best £1 you will ever spend!



Meet the Historian

Carlisle Library, Monday 15th June 10 -12

A free drop-in session with local historian Denis Perriam to discuss your local and family history queries.

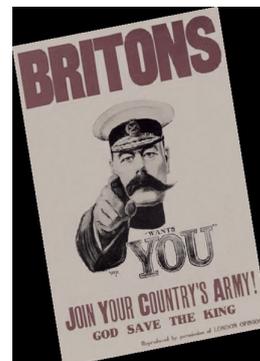


13-19 June 2015

Discover your WW1 relatives

Carlisle Library, Wednesday 17th June, 10am – 12

A drop-in session with local historian Stephen White to find out more about your WW1 connections. Bring along any letters, photos or other documentation you have.



Ancestry Taster Session

Carlisle Library Tuesday 16th June, 11am
Thursday 18th June, 2pm

An introduction to family history using the 'Ancestry' and 'Find My Past' websites. Sessions are free, but need to be booked in advance. Tel. 01228 227321



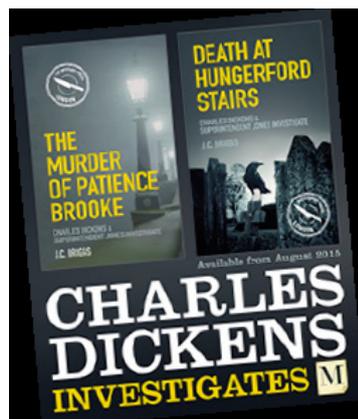
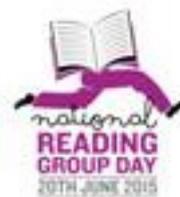
National Reading Group Day

Author talk: J C Briggs

Carlisle Library, Saturday 20th June, 2pm

Suppose Charles Dickens was involved in the investigation of a murder case? Join the author J C Briggs, author of the Dickens and Jones mysteries, as she talks about her books in an event which marks National Reading Group Day, National Crime Reading Month and Adult Learners' Week.

Tickets £1 (free to reading groups), available from the library, 01228 227310

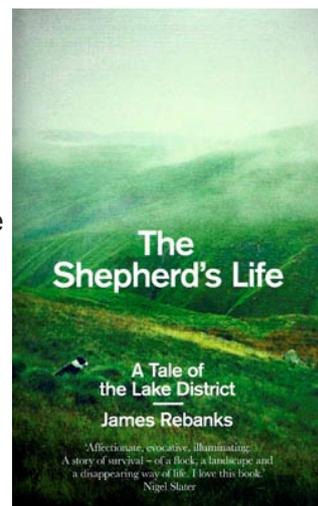




New local book available in the library

The Shepherd's Life: a tale of the Lake District, by James Rebanks

James Rebanks is the Herdwick Shepherd. His family has farmed in the same area for more than six hundred years. These modern dispatches from an ancient landscape tell the story of a deep-rooted attachment to place, describing a way of life that is little noticed and yet has profoundly shaped this landscape.



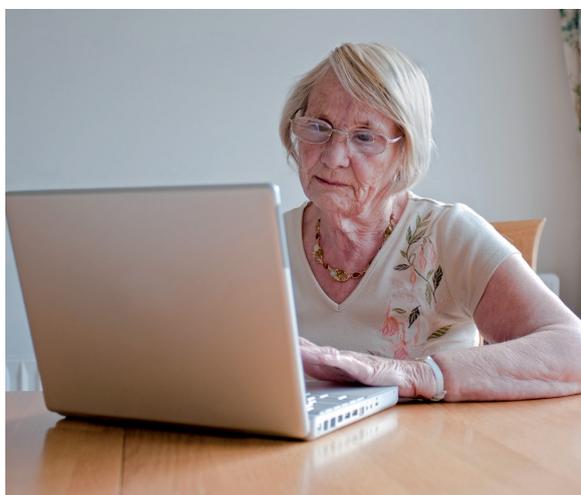
In evocative and lucid prose, James Rebanks takes us through a shepherd's year, offering a unique account of rural life and a fundamental connection with the land that most of us have lost. It is a story of working lives, the people around him, his childhood, his parents and grandparents, a people who exist and endure even as the world changes around them. Many stories are of people working desperately hard to leave a place. This is the story of someone trying desperately hard to stay. James Rebanks will be appearing at the Borderlines Book Festival in Carlisle at the beginning of September.

IT help in Carlisle Library

One-to-one sessions are available for:

- An introduction to the internet
- Email
- Facebook
- Ancestry.com

The sessions are at various times every weekday. Call in at the library to book a session, or phone 01228 227321



New local book available in the library

Cumbrian Ancestors: Notes for Family Historians Published by the Cumbria Archive Service

An ideal guide for family historians and brought up to date (2014) from the 3rd edition in 1998. This book introduces the Cumbrian records that are the most use for tracing your family tree.

The book contains the latest information on holdings and coverage of church records, wills etc. by each Cumbria Archive Centre and other relevant archives, libraries and websites.

