

Denbighshire Libraries

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Coming Soon

Tablet and Chromebook Loan

Our libraries are now offering a device loan scheme which will enable library members across the County to borrow a tablet or chromebook for 6 weeks, to help you improve digital skills and experience the benefits of being online.



Find My Past and the 1921 Census

If you are researching your family history you can now access Find My Past at your local library. This includes access to the 1921 Census. This is in addition to free access to Ancestry.

Home Library Service

Our Home Library Service has gone green and is now operating from a Peugeot e-expert van to cut down on carbon emissions. The Home Library Service supports people who can't make it to a library due to ill health, disability or caring responsibilities. It can visit your home, sheltered accommodation, nursing home or day centre once a month. It offers a wide range of books, audiobooks and large print, which can be borrowed for a month at a time.

To contact the Home Library Service please phone Ruthin Library on 01824 705274 or email library@denbighshire.gov.uk



Bookstart Siarad Babi book launch

We've launched our brand new baby book, Siarad Babi: Du a Gwyn / Baby Talk: Black and White, which will be gifted to all newborn babies by health visitors. At birth babies only see in black and white and shades of grey. By sharing bold pictures and talking to a baby over and over they will soon start to respond. It's never too early to start sharing books with babies.



Mental Health Awareness Week 15-21 May

Reading is good for your mental health!

Our libraries offer the Reading Well for Mental Health Scheme, a collection of books which provide helpful information for managing common mental health conditions, or dealing with difficult feelings and experiences. Some books also include personal stories from people who are living with or caring for someone with mental health needs.



Read Aloud Group at Rhyl Library

New weekly Reading Group at Rhyl Library on Mondays, 2-3.30pm.

Sit back and listen to short stories and poems being read aloud. Come and join us.

2 in 5 readers say reading helps them get a better night's sleep

People who enjoy reading and do so regularly report reduced feelings of stress and depression

Reading, whether by yourself or in a group, can reduce feelings of loneliness

Local and Community History Month in May

Rhuddlan Library in association with Rhuddlan Local History Society are celebrating Local and Community History month each Friday throughout May. Sessions will take place from 10-12:30 and 2:00-4:30 on Friday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th May. Activities will include photo identification, help with researching your family tree, a display commemorating the times royalty has visited Rhuddlan, and an Artefact Quiz. There will be refreshments and opportunities to join RLHS.

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Talking Points

Talking Points are a way for people to find out what help and support is available in their local area to improve their health and well-being. They provide information about what is available in an area, such as community services, activities or support groups. They also offer the opportunity for a face-to-face conversation with a Community Navigator about what matters and is important to you, and the opportunity to share your knowledge, skills and experiences to improve the well-being of others in your community.

They operate in local libraries - you can just drop in or phone the Single Point of Access on 0300 456 1000 to make an appointment. Contact your local library for more information.

Barclays Community Banking Service at Prestatyn Library

Did you know that you can now get one to one banking support with Barclays Local at Prestatyn Library?

Pop in for a chat Monday, Thursday, Friday 10.00-16.00, Saturday 9.30-12.30, or book an appointment at barclays.co.uk/local.

The service had its official launch in March, when the Barclays Premier League and Super League trophies visited the library for the day!



Dementia Action Week 15-21 May

Our libraries offer a range of resources to support people who are living with dementia and their carers.

We offer a Jigsaw Library, themed Memory Bags, and our collection of Reading Well for Dementia books provides information and advice, support for living well, advice for relatives and carers, and personal stories.

Hi-Vis Fortnight 1-14 June

Did you know that our libraries stock a range of books in large print and audio cd? If you can't make it to the library we offer a Home Delivery Service which can bring a regular supply of books to your door!

We also offer eBooks through the Borrowbox app, which enables you to change the size of the print on your screen, change the colour of the background, or zoom in on particular sections. If you prefer there's a great range of audiobooks on cd to choose from too.

Our digital services also include eMagazines and newspapers, which offer a variety of accessibility features, such as text to speech, to have the information read aloud..



Empathy Day 8 June

'Empathy isn't important, it's everything. To have a day where it's visibly recognised is a fundamental step in making our lives kinder and more joyful'

Phil Earle, author

EMPATHY is being able to experience and understand other people's feelings and points of view. Research shows that we're not born with a fixed quantity of empathy – it's a skill we can all learn, and books are a powerful tool to develop it. When children identify with book characters, they learn to see things from others' points of view. Our libraries stock the Reading for Empathy book collections - find out more at your local library.



An Evening with Trisha Ashley, Juliet Greenwood and Norma Curtis

We enjoyed a lovely evening at Llangollen Library when three bestselling authors joined us to talk about their books and their writing. Trisha Ashley writes romantic comedies and her latest book, *The Wedding Dress Repair Shop* is due to be published soon. Norma Curtis' latest book, *the Coronation Party*, is actually set in Llangollen during the Queen's Coronation in 1953 and is a heartwarming and emotional saga. Juliet Greenwood writes historical novels about independent minded women, determined to succeed.

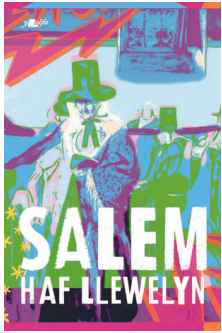


Did you know

**4% of the people in Denbighshire joined the library last year
More than half of the people of Denbighshire are library members
Will you join this year?**

**You can join the library for free at your local library or online here
www.denbighshire.gov.uk/libraries**

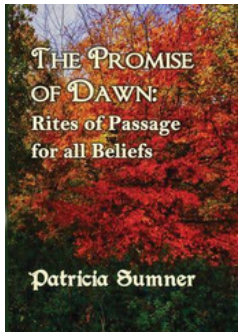
Coming Soon



An Evening with Haf Llewelyn

Meet novelist Haf Llewelyn as we celebrate the release of her new novel. A Denbigh Midsummer Festival event, through the medium of Welsh and confident learners are most welcome.

Monday 19 June, 7pm
at Denbigh Library



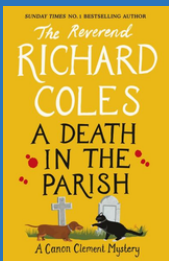
Poetry Evening

Join us for an evening showcasing the talents of local poets. Hosted by author Pat Sumner who will also be launching her new book 'The Promise of Dawn'. A Gŵyl Rhuthun Festival event

Thursday 29 June, 7-9pm
at Ruthin Library



New books



A Death in the Parish by Richard Coles

Due to be published in June this is the sequel to the bestselling 'Murder Before Evensong' featuring Canon Daniel Clement, a title that might appeal to fans of Richard Osman.



Napoleon's Spy by Ben Kane

Due out in May fans of historical fiction will enjoy this epic new adventure featuring the Napoleonic Wars, a departure for Ben Kane, who usually features Roman history.

Customer feedback

"I just wanted to applaud Rhyl Library on its staff and its vast selection of marvellous books and audio books. The staff are so very friendly and such a lovely sense of humour and a wonderful rapport between them. If I could pick up Rhyl Library and its staff and put them in my town, I absolutely would. The Council must be pleased to have a dedicated Library Service that Rhyl has. Wonderful, one of a kind library."

For more information about all our services go to
www.denbighshire.gov.uk/libraries