

Denbighshire Libraries

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Coming Soon

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge has now started. Libraries run the Challenge every summer as it encourages children to keep reading during the long summer break. Children are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading. There is also a Mini Challenge for younger children.



It's FREE to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays. There will also be lots of activities and events in our libraries over the summer, including games sessions, crafts and storytimes.

Visit your local library to sign up for the Challenge, or join online <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Borrow Sports Kit and Get Active!



This summer we have teamed up with Denbighshire Leisure to offer families the chance to borrow sports equipment from their local library. If you've been inspired by Wimbledon to take up tennis why not borrow a couple of tennis racquets and try them out! There's a selection of different equipment to choose from, including hockey sticks, balls, bean bags, balance boards, hula hoops, skipping ropes and more!

Bookstart Sessions over the Summer

Our regular Rhymetimes take a break over the summer but we will still be holding rhymetimes for babies, and also some fun outdoor sessions.

Summer Baby Sessions
4 weeks of Summer Rhymetime sessions for pre-moving babies, starting July 24th



Tuesday
10.30am - Rhyl Library
1.30pm - Prestatyn Library

Wednesday
10.30am - Denbigh Library
1.30pm - St Asaph Library

Book your **FREE** place online weekly at www.Bookwhen.com/Denbighshire-Bookstart



Summer Fun

Join the Bookstart Team for some fun outdoor sessions this Summer Holiday!



Prestatyn
Wednesday 19th July, 10.30am
Meet at the Morfa Woods car park - LL19 8ED

Ruthin
Monday 31st July, 10.30am
Meet at the Cae Ddol car park

Rhuddlan
Monday 14th August, 10.30am
Meet at the Rhuddlan Nature Reserve car park

St Asaph
Wednesday 30th August, 10.30am
Meet at St Asaph Library

No booking required - All welcome!



Great Big Green Week 10th-18th June

The Great Big Green Week is a nationwide celebration of action on climate change, taking place across the UK. We have been developing a Bee Friendly Garden around the Library in Rhyl and during the Great Big Green Week we teamed up with some participants from Working Denbighshire to create a Bug Hotel, using old pallets, cardboard and bamboo canes. We've got some great books in stock if you want to find out how to make your garden more environmentally friendly.



Chess Club at Ruthin Library

Ruthin Library have launched a Chess Club which will be on every Saturday, 9.30-12.30. A very warm welcome to everyone of all ages and skill level! Come and join us!



Social Morning at Rhuddlan Library



Did you know that Rhuddlan Library hold a social morning every Friday, 9.30-12.30?

Join them for a cuppa and a chat, books, magazines, newspapers, board games and jigsaws.

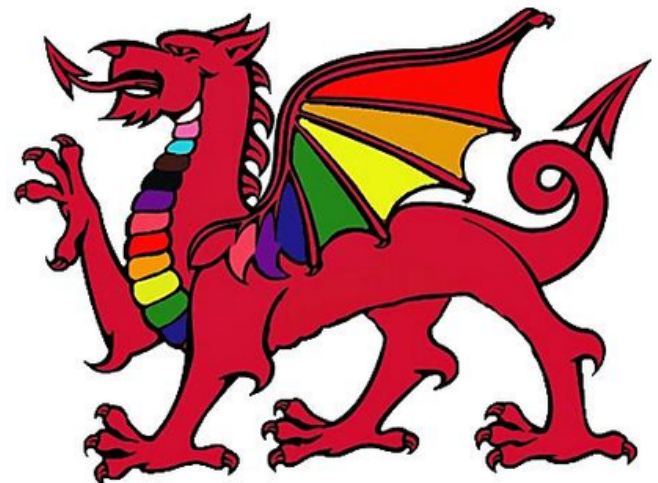
You can also find out how to access our digital resources on your ipad or tablet.

LGBT History Month in June - launch of the LGBTQ+ Timeline

On 28th June we launched the LGBTQ+ History Timeline for Denbighshire. This is part of a Wales wide project to produce LGBTQ+ history timelines for all 22 Counties in Wales.

The timeline places major moments in history alongside local content relating to Denbighshire, starting in Ruthin in 1699. This timeline is a result of work by historian Norena Shopland, Libraries, Heritage, Archives, the Web Team and local organisations such as Unique and Viva, and it is just a starting point. We are asking people to get in touch if they have information they would like to contribute, by emailing library@denbighshire.gov.uk,

At the launch at Rhyl Library, Norena Shopland gave a talk about the project and Lowri Jones, from Denbighshire Archives, entertained with her portrayal of Mary Carryl, the loyal servant and friend of the Ladies of Llangollen.



Did you know that as a library member you can access over 7000 newspapers and magazines online from home? Your library membership gives you free access to PressReader. All you need to do is download the app to your smartphone or tablet, and log in with your library card number and PIN. The publications are available in full text, on the day of publication and look just like the printed edition. They can also be viewed online through an internet browser.

As well as national newspapers such as the Daily Telegraph, Guardian and Times, you can also read the Daily Post and Y Cymro.



Borrowbox

Heading off on holiday? Don't fill your suitcase with books when you can download 10 eBooks or audiobooks onto your tablet or smartphone. There's a great selection to choose from, as this is a service offered by all Welsh libraries. As well as bestselling fiction titles there is a large selection of Welsh novels and also non fiction. There are language courses and travel books, also great for your holidays!

Download the Borrowbox app today and log in with your library card number and PIN. If you aren't already a library member it's quick and easy to join online.

An Evening with Haf Llewelyn

Welsh author Haf Llewelyn visited Denbigh Library to talk about her new Novel 'Salem,' with Ffion Clwyd leading the discussion.

Salem is a novel that moves from 1908 and 2018. The shadow of Vosper's famous painting is woven through the story, and the belief that the devil's face lies in the shawl. Neta has to face her ghosts, and through her actions, the lives of Ceri, Beca and Olwen Agnes are all affected, and prejudice and negative attitudes towards gender and convention are challenged.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Thank you to Siop Clwyd, the book shop in Denbigh, and Menter Iaith Sir Dinbych for attending the evening.

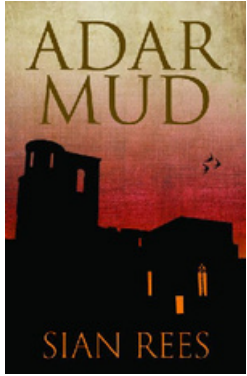


Did you know

2077 children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge in 2022 borrowing almost 25,000 books - have you signed up yet?

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

Coming Soon



An Evening with Sian Rees at Denbigh Library

Tuesday 3rd October 7pm

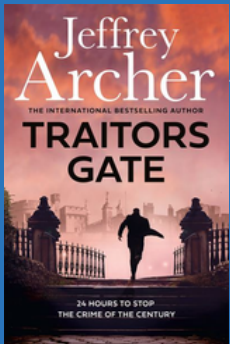
An evening with author Sian Rees to discuss her novel Adar Mud. Join other readers to hear about the author's third novel, set in a small French town towards the end of the Second World War. This is a Welsh medium event – warm welcome to experienced new speakers.



Open Doors 2023 - September

A wonderful range of interesting, unusual and beautiful historic homes and buildings in Ruthin (9th / 10th) and Denbigh (16th/17th) will be open to the public for tours and talk this September.

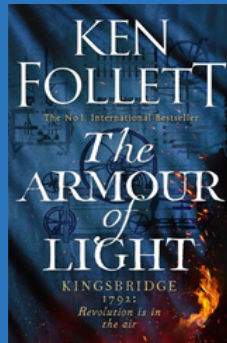
New books



Traitor's Gate by Jeffrey Archer

This is the 6th novel in the William Warwick series, due out in September.

If you thought William Warwick had troubles in the past, it's nothing compared to what he's facing now.



The Armour of Light by Ken Follett

Opening in 1792 this is the long-awaited sequel to A Column of Fire. The Armour of Light, heralds a new dawn for Kingsbridge, England, where progress clashes with tradition, class struggles push into every part of society, and war in Europe engulfs the entire continent and beyond.

Customer feedback

**“It's such an incredibly helpful and interesting resource – I feel privileged to have access to it”
(a library member who is living with dementia)**

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