

Corby Library Newsletter autumn/winter 2025

Local children succeed in Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you to the young people who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year! From the children reading lots of books and receiving their medals, to teens volunteering with us to deliver the challenge and gain some great work experience, we had a fun summer and loads of young people joined in.



Throughout Northamptonshire, 8270 children signed up to take part in the challenge, and 4891 children successfully completed it. This is great for promoting reading and really boosts their literacy! Thank you to all of the children who took part. Congratulations also go to Stanion Primary School, who retained the trophy for the Top School!

115 young adult volunteers generously gave their time to support libraries delivering the Summer Reading Challenge. In Corby Library alone, 13 fabulous young people contributed over 337 hours in volunteering!



Save the date – Christmas Fayre!

**Saturday 29th
November, 10am-3pm**



Make a note for your diaries, the Corby Library Christmas Fayre is coming up on
Saturday 29th November, 10am - 3pm!

Taking place in the Chamber (floor 2 in the Corby Cube), there will be stalls from local crafters with lovely gift ideas for Christmas to browse and buy. Join us for craft stalls, fun and games, tombola, raffle, and much more!



Corby Library, The Corby Cube, Parkland Gateway, **Monday to Friday:**

George Street, Corby, NN17 1QG

0300 126 3000 (option 5, then option 3)

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facebook.com/corbylibrary

9am–6pm

Saturdays:

9am–5pm

Sundays:

CLOSED

Groups and activities for all ages

Join our Reading Friends group for book chat

Keen to join a group, meet people and chat about books? Corby Library runs a Reading Friends group, every second Tuesday, 2-4pm.

If you've read a great book recently that you're dying to recommend to someone, or want to read more and could do with a supportive community, come along and join in. There's no set books and we can chat about our favourites, with free refreshments.

Reading Friends is a Reading Agency initiative, using books and reading to start conversations. It's free and you don't need to book - just pop along and join in.

The next sessions are:

Tuesday 28th October: 2pm-4pm

Tuesday 11th November: 2pm-4pm

Tuesday 25th November: 2pm-4pm

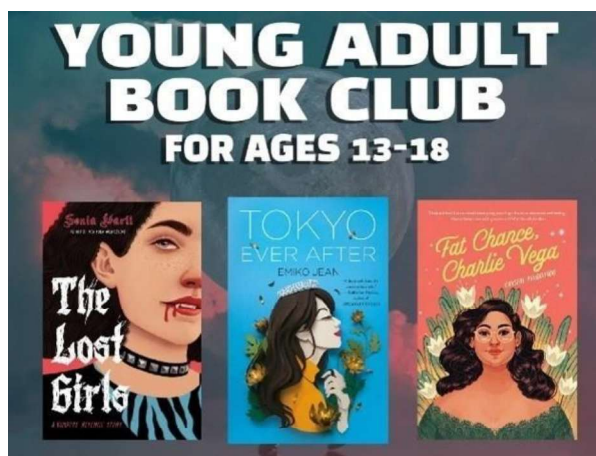


Young Adult Book Club

Corby Library has a Young Adult Book Club! This is 12pm-1pm on the first and third Saturdays of the month, for 13 to 18 year olds. There are no set books to read – read around your level/interests, and meet and chat. If you would love a supportive group to chat books, then this is the group for you!

The next sessions are:

Saturday 1st November, Saturday 15th November, Saturday 6th December



The Rainbow Circle: LGBTQ+ Group for young people at Corby Library

This summer, Corby Library launched a new LGBTQ+ youth group, in partnership with experienced local youth organisation Youth Works. This is for ages 11-16. This is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 4pm-5.30pm. The next sessions will

be: **6th November (Firework Craft Activity), 20th November (Board & Card Games), 4th December (Badge & Key Ring Making), 18th December (Christmas Crafts & Pizza)**. There are free refreshments, and there's no need to book – just drop in! Supported using public funding by Arts Council England.



Libraries Celebrate 'Green Libraries Week'

For Green Libraries Week, Corby Library invited in the Corby Wombles group, who had fun helping visitors to pick up rubbish, collect litter-picking bags and chatting about what they do. We also had

a competition – well done to the children who submitted their logo designs and won a prize!

You can now collect litter picking bags from Corby Library as we are now an official Wombles Litter bag distribution point.

We also have a book collection on Sustainability, for all ages – drop in to browse some great books and plant the seeds of change!



Join in with our friendly Adult Craft Group

Drop in to our Adult Craft Group, every 2nd Monday at 12.30pm-2.30pm. Check out these fabulous bookmarks the group made at the last session – participants took bookmarks home and made extra to leave in the library for people to take!

Everyone is welcome no matter what skill level – our fabulous group leader will show you how to make various crafts. Chat, make friends, join in with crafts and take home what you make.

The next sessions are: Monday 10th November, Monday 24th November, and Monday 8th December (12.30-2.30).



World Nursery Rhyme Week

Coming up on 10th-14th November, Corby Library will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week. Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education, boosting motor skills, vocabulary and language development, and more – and they're fun!

If you haven't tried it yet, drop in to our Rhyme Time sessions with your little one! These are every Thursday in term time, 9.30am and 11.30am, for under-5s and their parents/carers.

Find out more about our events and activities:

www.northnorthants.gov.uk/libraries/events-libraries

Find out more about World Nursery Rhyme Week:

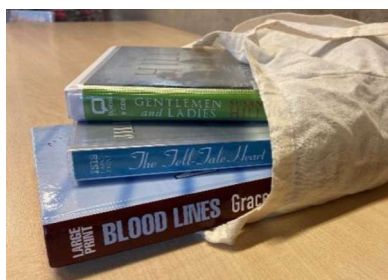
www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com



Book deliveries at home

Can't get to the library? No problem - the library will come to you!

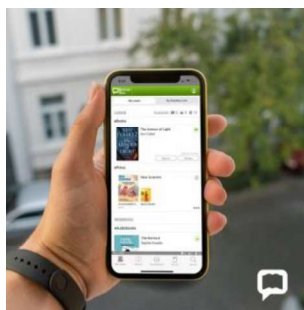
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