



Rear Elevation (South)



Front Elevation (North)

Latest Yate Library building news

For all of you passing West Parade in the middle of the shopping centre, it is clear by it's appearance that work has well and truly started on the redevelopment of the library. EG Carter of Gloucester won the contract to extend and refurbish the library and already footings are down for the new enlarged entrance. There is a great deal of work to do and if all goes to plan, our target reopening date is sometime in November.

Prior to the start of building works, Yate Library staff spent many weeks sorting out 38 years worth of accumulated materials. They packed over 750 crates of books and moved everything needed for Yate's temporary premises housed in South Parade. It was very sad to see the building emptied and the photographs below give you some idea of the scene we left.

Throughout December, we finalised the design of the library layout which was presented to the Library Management Board. Here we looked at the furniture, fittings and options for colour schemes. We are pleased to be working with Opening the Book, one of the country's leading library designers. They create bright, flexible spaces that match the very particular needs of libraries with cutting edge and attractive elements from the retail sector. Photos below give an idea of the shelving and furniture options available.



Temporary accommodation and changes to our activities programme

Staff have now settled into our small library situated at 23 South Parade between the Job Centre and Post Office, opposite Lidl's. Although, the number of books is much smaller than we would have liked, we offer something for all ages, including photocopying, fax and print facilities, 4 PCs with free internet access and daily newspapers. Whilst we stay at this address, reservations for books at other libraries is FREE and a very popular service this is turning out to be!

Opening hours are as before:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 – 7.00
Wednesday Closed
Saturday 9.30 – 5.00
Sunday 11.00 – 3.00

Activities

- Teen focus group meets monthly (now moved to Chipping Sodbury Library 2nd Thursday of each month)
- Term-time pre school storytime Tuesday 2.15pm - 2.45pm (now moved to Chipping Sodbury Library)
- School holidays - children's activities, details on request
- Pensions surgery - every Thursday 10am - 12noon (now moved to Yate One Stop Shop, West Walk)
- Chatterbooks - reading group for children in years 5 and 6. Every 4th Saturday, 2.00pm - 3.00pm (now moved to Yate Leisure Centre)
- Pre-school Wriggle and Rhyme every Friday in term time 10.30am -11.15am (now moved to Children's Centre, Cranleigh Court Road)

Organisations previously based in the library

- Volunteer Bureau: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am - 3.00pm.(now moved to 19 West Walk, 1st floor, Office 5. BS37 4AX) Tel: 01454 324102 Email: volunteercentreyate@btconnect.com
- Connexions (now moved to 19 West Walk, 1st floor, Office 5. BS37 4AX)
- Shop Mobility.(now moved to 2 North Parade, BS37 4AN) Tel: 01454 868718 or for bookings: 07999 574474. Email: mail@community-action.org.uk

Use of Chipping Sodbury Library (next to the Police Station) has also seen its opening hours increased to support yate library and use has grown by 50%!

Opening hours here are:

Tuesday to Saturday 9.30 – 12.30 1.30 - 5.00

Calling all potential, exhibitors, room hirers, advice workers and learning providers.

To make the most of our facilities and to start taking bookings for room hire, arrange our exhibition calendar and learning programme we are contacting as many prospective individuals and groups as possible. For further details please contact Jackie Roseblade at Yate Library on 01454 868006 or e-mail: yate.library@southglos.gov.uk You can also visit our consultation web site at: www.southglos.gov.uk/newyatelibrary

Active Card

The Leisure Trust, Council and NHS of South Gloucestershire have created a NEW Active Card. This card is a library and leisure card.

An Active Mind in an Active Body. Now one card fits all – it will let you borrow books, gain internet access at libraries, have a swim or use the gym. This is not all about sport and fitness – more about a balanced lifestyle, full of interest, vibrancy, reading, learning, playing and health.

All this on offer and it's FREE to join!!

The Active Card replaces many of the existing cards you currently use in South Gloucestershire. When you join the Active scheme you'll have access to information and updates about what's going on in South Gloucestershire so you and your family can get Active. Offering you even more choice, you will have the opportunity to upgrade your card and save money on activities.



DON'T MISS OUT!

Pop in to your local Library/Leisure Centre to join, or visit:

www.activecard.co.uk



Profile of Library Management Board member Carole, Manager of the Volunteer Centre Yate



I was born and raised in Bristol and came to Yate after I was married. I became involved in volunteering as a teenager and enjoyed helping others in the local community. Some of my favourite volunteering roles have been recording taped books for blind people, helping at adult literacy classes and also at the Riding School for the Disabled. We don't have any children, just two pet hens and in my spare time I love crafting, especially making cards, theatre and film. Recently I studied film at Bristol University and used to have my own community film club in Yate – we even held a Film Festival, which was a lot of fun. After initially pursuing a career in British Telecom, the opportunity arose to take my volunteering further as an assistant to the Centre Manager at Yate, on a six month temporary contract. Within the year my manager left, I took over the role and 12 years later, I am still here!

Why is volunteering so important to the community?

Volunteering enables you to give something back to the community, whilst allowing a range of organisations, especially charities to benefit from your skills and experience. It can be a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and gain useful experience.

The range of opportunities are huge. Whatever skills and experience you have, there is something that you can do.

The Volunteer Centre acts like a job centre for volunteers, matching up the right people with the right volunteering opportunities, supporting all involved with advice and guidance.

Currently there is a demand for caring roles and befriending, conservation and environment, being committee members or trustees, sharing IT skills and supporting projects in museums and heritage centres.

Our own Best Buddies scheme asks for volunteers to support those with special needs and we also partner the Involved scheme, which specialises in volunteering for 16 – 24s.

Why are you involved with the Yate Library Management Board?

The library has been our base since 1985, representing as it does a natural meeting place for the community and an easy place for volunteers to find. This is a great place to meet the public and to find out what is going on in the community. Alongside library staff and other agencies that use the building we very much want to be a part of the library redevelopment and access that great network of people and organisations that use library services.

At the same time, the library is planning a whole programme of volunteering to encourage individuals to share their skills and experience with others, especially supporting their reading, IT and learning activities. We will help them do this.



How can people get involved not only in volunteering in the library but in the community as a whole?

Simply contact us at our temporary premises in Yate Shopping on 01454 324102 or email: volunteercentreyate@btconnect.com

Young people can ring Involved on 01454 317289

For further information about our work and opportunities available see us at www.yatevoluntarylink.org.uk or www.do-it.org.uk

visit our website at:

www.southglos.gov.uk/newyatelibrary



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If you want to have a say about the new library, feel free to email the library at any time yate.library@southglos.gov.uk or phone: **01454 868006**.