

Bristol Libraries – reopening plans July 2020

We are pleased to be able to tell you that we are planning to start reopening some of our library services from mid-July. We will be phasing the reopening in a gradual way so that library users and staff remain safe. Not all libraries will open during the summer, but we will keep you updated via email, on social media and on our website: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/libraries-archives>

We have had to make a number of changes to keep everyone safe and comply with the government guidance.

Online services

During this time we will continue to offer extensive online services, including eBooks and eAudio (see www.bristol.gov.uk/libraries-archives). We will also be continuing with our online events: children's story times and quizzes, a virtual Lego club and our new library podcast. Find us on Twitter @BristolLibrary and Facebook Bristol Libraries.

Bristol Central Library

We're reopening Central Library in stages:

- From Monday 13 July, you can visit to return borrowed items
- Also from Monday 13 July, you can visit to collect books and other items via our Call and Collect service (see below for more details about this)
- From Monday 7 September, you can visit to browse, borrow and return books and use pre-booked computers

These services at Central Library will be available Monday to Saturday, 11am to 4pm

Fishponds, Henbury and Stockwood libraries

From Monday 10 August, you will be able to visit Fishponds, Henbury and Stockwood libraries to:

- Return your loans
- Browse and borrow
- Use pre-booked computers

If you want to use a computer, you must phone the library first to book your session.

We will constantly review the government guidance as we work towards opening more libraries and increasing services – all in a safe and controlled way.

Call and Collect service

This is a new service, available at Central Library from Monday 13th July 2020.

- Call or email the Central Library on 0117 903 7250 to ask for up to 5 adult items and up to 8 items for under 18s
- If you tell us what type of books you like to read (favourite authors, genres, subject areas), and how many you'd like, we can make selections for you
- You can ask for DVDs as well
- We will issue the items to your library account and put them in a washable and reusable bag
- We will telephone or email you to let you know when your items are ready to collect
- You can leave any items you don't want to take home
- You can then bring your books back in the same bag when you are finished, and it will be placed into quarantine

