

Ready Reads service

During the current lockdown situation, Stevenage Central Library is available for a Government approved **Ready Reads service - We select you collect**.

If children do not already have library membership this can be done online very easily by visiting our website.

Parents can order books for their child and themselves using an online form and then collect from a selected library. The books are collected at the library entrance and you are expected to provide your own bag. Staff will remain socially distant and will be wearing face coverings during the collection process.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/other-library-services/ready-reads.aspx>

This service is proving incredibly popular and we are already supporting families with some home schooling and plenty of reading for pleasure requests including

- *Any books about the Polar regions to help us with home schooling would be very much appreciated. Thank you so much.*
- *She is 6 and half, in year two, could you please choose some reading books for home schooling? thank you*

We are able to supply age appropriate reading books rather than specific school reading schemes and will do our best to match our available books to specific subject requests, based on stock in our libraries. This will need to be on a first come, first served basis.

If families are unable to access online services, please encourage them to contact us on 0300 123 4049 and a member of our team will be able to help fill out the form.

Library membership also enables access to our free e-library where Children can read or listen to books from [BorrowBox](#)

Anything you as a school can do to promote these services would be greatly appreciated.

Details of library opening times and up to date information can be found on our [website](#)

The following/ attached wording below may be helpful to include in newsletters, texts or post on your website to parents

Stevenage Central Library is open for Ready Reads

Join (your child) to the library now – It's Free

It's easy you can [join online](#) when you visit Hertfordshire Libraries website

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives

You will receive a temporary membership number which can be used to access *the online eBook and eAudio library BorrowBox*,

Library membership will enable your family to take full advantage of **Ready Reads – We select you collect**. All you need to do is fill out the online form with details of the type of books required and collect.

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Stevenage Central Library has a fantastic range of new books on offer to support reading for pleasure, home schooling and your child's wellbeing, all for free.