

Friends of Market Bosworth Community Library



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Spring into Action !

We want our volunteers to know that Market Bosworth Community Library (MBCL) is continuing to prepare for the handover on Monday 18th April. Despite a recent headline in the Hinckley Times, our plans have not been halted. The trustees will be meeting with representatives from Leicestershire County Council (LCC) on 14th April and we expect to finalise arrangements then. We have decided to hold celebratory events later in the year, including an Open Day.

While the ongoing dispute between The Market Bosworth School (TMBS) and LCC may not be resolved before our handover date, we have discussed plans to separate our services from TMBS and will seek to prevent further delay.

Trustees News MBCL is a registered charity (No. 1165437), with twelve trustees, formerly members of the steering group, who form the management committee for MBCL. We have appointed a new treasurer and have been seeking legal advice about the lease and grant agreements that we will have to sign prior to the transfer. We have arranged insurance and are obtaining quotes for the planned alterations.

Community Libraries in the News

The BBC has recently reported on changes to libraries across the country. At least 174 libraries have now been transferred to community groups.

Volunteer Training Begins!

Leicestershire Libraries Service training for volunteers will take place in Market Bosworth library during the two weeks prior to the 18th April. Over 40 volunteers have already attended informal meetings with MBCL volunteer co-ordinators and will soon be ready to act as session leaders and library assistants, and to take on a number of other roles related to our work in the library. Training will cover a range of skills, such as using the Library Management System, stock handling and the digital library. We will see most of you at the training!

Logo Competition Special Exhibition

Pupils attending the after school Art Club at St Peter's CE Primary Academy have entered our logo competition. We will be announcing the winners during the week beginning 18th April and all the entries will be on show in a special exhibition in the library. MBCL will use the logo on new signage and on our website.

A Big Thank you to Jane As a community, we are very aware of the excellent service that our current librarian, Jane Alesbrook has provided for many years in Market Bosworth and we are sorry that she will no longer be the friendly face behind the counter, ready to assist and support us all as library users. We are pleased that there will still be a library in Market Bosworth of course, even if it will take over 40 volunteers to replace her!