

Friends of Market Bosworth Community Library Newsletter August 2017



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COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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Happy Birthday! MBCL is one year old on 15th August!

Happy 1st Birthday to MBCL!



It is hard to believe that it is only one year since the keys were handed over from LCC to MBCL! The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has

contributed to our success in our first year as a community library, especially the band of willing volunteers, who have provided an excellent service behind the counter, and behind the scenes, to keep the library service as a welcoming space in our community. Keep up the good work! We need you!

Volunteer Questionnaire Results

Thank you for taking the time to respond – 28 volunteers replied. The full report is available in the library and on the website. In summary, volunteers were satisfied with the



level of service we provide and that our systems, such as using 3Rings, the newsletter and email communications were working efficiently. (If you have not yet received information about how to receive the weekly e-mail notification from 3Rings, please see the Volunteer Information Folder in the library.)

Most volunteers enjoyed meeting people and other different aspects of providing the service. Most volunteers preferred to be busy and disliked quiet times. There are usually jobs to do when it is quiet, but another suggestion might be to review opening times or to plan other activities on Thursday evening for example to attract more customers.

Suggestions for increasing footfall in the library were many and various. Some of these are already in hand, but we do need volunteers to come forward and run additional activities. Please let us know if you want to run an activity – a Cake club, board games or a Beetle drive or anything else! We can only run activities if we have volunteers willing to plan and arrange dates, times, etc.

Training Needs identified



We will arrange refresher training on using ICT in the library, the photocopier and the public computers in the Autumn – details to follow.

Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers We now have five young people volunteering in the library as part of their community service for the Duke of Edinburgh Award – this is great news for us and should also help to strengthen our ties with local schools.

Summer Reading Challenge. The Animal Agents theme is going well and we have over 60 children signed up for the scheme so far. There is still time to sign up if you know anyone who wants to take part.

Dates for Story and Rhyme Time have now been published up until Christmas. The session is open to 0-5 year olds and is at 10.30am on the first Friday of each month, including school holidays.

Fashion Show on 6th

October – Save the Date!

Our fund raising group is planning to hold a fashion show in the Parish Hall –



tickets will be on sale in the library and if you want to be a model for the evening or help in any other way please contact Jackie Pope on 01455290724

200 Club to be launched in October

You may be aware that our funding from LCC will be reducing each year and that we are therefore seeking other ways to raise funds to keep the library open and pay our bills. Up to 200 numbers will be issued initially, at an annual cost of £12 per number and there will be a prize draw each month. We will be sending you more information about this with our next newsletter and hope that you might be willing to give us your support in this way.

