



How libraries can help – Secondary Schools

Our services support the improvement of reading & literacy, & enhance learning across the whole curriculum. We can help you bring books & reading to life in your classroom to improve your pupils' attainment, stimulate their imaginations & provide for their language needs.

We offer school age children the following services free of charge:

- individual library cards
- access to books and all free library services (including audio books, eBooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers) – with free ordering for under 18s. www.kent.gov.uk/libs
- opportunity for children up to year seven to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge – runs in all Kent libraries.
- free access to library computers. Under 16's need internet permission from their parent / carer.
- free printouts or photocopies for homework support for all children and teenagers in full-time education (up to 5 A4 sheets a day).
- free [online resources](#) for individual students (not for classroom use, as our licensing doesn't cover that)
- online [Ask a Kent Librarian](#) service to support homework (& much more).
- volunteering opportunities for young people to support the local community - a great way of gaining new skills and experiences.

We offer schools the following services free of charge:

- school cards for teachers to borrow up to 50 books and other items for a longer loan period (up to 8 weeks). Choose from a wide range of books from any Kent library or online to support your students' needs, including books in other community languages and resources to support people with dyslexia
- introductory talks promoting library services, by library staff in the library or at school (advanced booking needed)
- visits to the library guided by teaching staff (advanced notice needed to ensure your class gets the best experience)
- "Teachers' toolkit" to assist with library visits

We also offer schools the following services (chargeable):

- Enhanced Sessions on themes of your choice (eg exploring our local history resources) at the library, your school or other venues to support your curriculum.
- for details visit our pages on the Edukent website

For more information on any of the above contact www.kent.gov.uk/libs or 03000 41 31 31 Text Relay: 18001 03000 413131

