Leeds School Library Service
Delivering resources, inspiring discovery

Unlock your library
bringing children and books together

Your School’s Entitlement
Order yours now!
Please pass to your staff
Imagine your perfect library…

What would your perfect library look like? How would it be used? What would your pupils, parents, governors and Ofsted Inspectors say about it?

The hub for all our books, computers and other resources.

The best it can be within budget.

Full of quality books, all clearly catalogued.

Staff and families love to use it too.

A vibrant, multi-purpose centre.

Light, airy, and comfortable.

Shelves full of fresh books every term.

A space that’s a pleasure to spend time in.

Like a magnet!

A place where children discover reading for pleasure.

Technologically up to date.

The focal point for cross-curricular work.
Our Aims and Services

Promoting the benefits of reading through school library resources

Our aims:
• To provide a wide range of high quality resources as an efficient, cost-effective way for schools to resource the curriculum and reading for pleasure
• To provide professional advice and training on the management and organisation of school libraries
• To raise *attainment* in schools through an emphasis on reading for pleasure

Our services include:
• Information and advice on your school library
• Selecting and purchasing quality library stock
• Editing and classifying your library stock
• Offering author visits and other promotions
• Pre- and post- Ofsted requirements
• In-service training courses for school staff
• Topic Boxes and Bookworm Fiction Boxes delivered to your school, to support your classroom teaching

Why use us?
• Support the *progress* of pupils
• Save time and money
• Update your school’s resources
• Take advantage of professional expertise
• Access resources to support curriculum demands
• Leeds City Council schools are paid into the service automatically (2017)

Who can access our services?
*The School Library Service is also available to Leeds Primary Academies and schools outside the Leeds boundary subject to charges – please contact us for our price list.*
Advisory visit

Need help? We’re here to support you

It’s not just about books on shelves; even the best school library still needs ongoing care and attention. We can help you keep your library in the best possible shape with an annual visit and ongoing support.

We offer a visit from an advisor to health check your library. Depending on your needs our advisor can:

- review the books you already have
- suggest what to keep, and what to get rid of
- help you make the most of your budget
- come up with ideas about the best use of space
- advise about furniture, lighting, decor etc.
- discuss modern cataloguing systems
- talk through new technology
- discuss reading for pleasure initiatives backed by Leeds Libraries
- discuss timetables, training, activities, assembly ideas, visiting authors…
- help you turn your vision into a reality
- provide you with a written report detailing the way forward.

How it works
It couldn’t be easier – contact us to arrange a date and don’t forget to make a note to speak to us at the same time next year.

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It was great – professional advice combined with practical support.
Valuable ideas, advice and support bring a new library to life

We’ve drawn on the expertise of the School Library Service for many years. But where the service really came into its own was when we began the transformation of our library last year.

The school became a Voluntary Academy in November but in my mind there was no question of opting out of the service offered by the SLS. Pauline Thresh (School Library Service Manager) came to see us for our annual visit and carried out a full audit of our library provision. This was very valuable for our governors – they got a clear overview of our current position, and along with Pauline’s recommendations, could see where we were heading with our library re-development.

We designed the new space within the school, but Pauline worked with us to bring it to life. More than simply helping us to re-stock our library, she’s arranged for us to have visits from authors and illustrators (illustrator Lynne Chapman even opened our library for us!), enabling our school councillors to visit the SLS and choose their own books, and staff have taken advantage of SLS librarian courses.

The new library has had a marked effect on all of us. Our children, staff and parents are enthused about reading and a number of pupils are entering the Leeds Book Awards scheme. As Head Teacher of St Benedict’s, I’m fully committed to the SLS – with their help we’ve now got an amazing library that we’re all very proud of.

Kieron Flood
Head Teacher, St Benedict’s Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy
Book purchase scheme

Buy the best books for your library at a discount

We have negotiated this unique package with our library book supplier – it’s quick, easy to use and cost effective, saving you time and money.

You get:
- 15% discount
- High quality, up-to-date books from across the range of children’s publishing
- shelf ready books (Dewey classified and jacketed)
- free delivery direct to your school

How it works
- Visit the showroom
  If you (or a cluster of schools) have over £1,000 to spend, we can arrange for you to visit the supplier’s showroom in Preston, where you can choose from hundreds more books than you would find in your local bookshop.

Not sure what to buy?
- A member of our staff can accompany you on the visit to provide professional advice at no extra cost.

To buy online
- contact us for access details to browse online
- enjoy instant access to high-quality, up-to-date books
- order online

Maria Shillitoe, Teaching Assistant,
Kerr Mackie Primary School

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It’s a brilliant way to stay on top of what’s new in children’s publishing.
The refurbishment of our school library was a priority on our School Development plan for this year and the support of the School Library Service has been instrumental in its success. The initial ‘weed’ saw us saying goodbye to much of our stock and quick replacement of the books became quite urgent.

We visited Askews and Holts Library Services along with our SLS adviser, Kirsty Fenn - it was a very successful, productive and enjoyable day. Importantly, we planned in advance who was going to buy what AND had a budget in mind – it would be easy to overspend in their Aladdin’s Cave of books!

Their customer service is phenomenal. Helpful staff scan your books as you fill a trolley so you can keep track of the amount you’ve spent. The books are boxed up for you and arrive with non-fiction books already labelled with the correct Dewey classification number.

All in all it was a fantastic experience. We were very glad of Kirsty’s help and advice, and the support of Askews and Holts staff throughout the whole process.

Stephanie Robinson
Teacher,
Horsforth Featherbank Primary School
**Reading for pleasure**

*Self select: one book per child.*

*Available to Leeds Schools only

Our extensive fiction library is brimming with wonderful books for your school to borrow.

We constantly update our collection with new and favourite authors. The collection includes multi-cultural stories, dual language picture books, large print for visually impaired children, graphic novels, dyslexia friendly and high interest-lower ability books.

Need advice? We are on hand to help!

Just think of your budget: if there are 300 pupils in your school, that’s the equivalent of around £1,500 worth of books.

How it works

- call us to arrange a visit, or just drop by
- browse through our fantastic range of high-quality books (we’re happy to help)
- borrow one book per pupil
- use as classroom collections or to supplement your library
- anyone can come and choose – a teacher or a group of pupils
- turn your visit into an extra-curricular activity
- borrow a few books at a time, or all at once
- we update the stock all the time, so come again soon.

Please note this service is subject to availability.

**All schools should develop policies to promote reading for enjoyment throughout the school.**

Ofsted, 2012

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Children who say they enjoy reading for pleasure are more likely to score well on reading assessments compared to pupils who said they enjoyed reading less.  

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Foster a love of reading

Your school library can support children's reading, even when they are not at school.

Our wealth of experience combined with a knowledge of local and national reading initiatives can help you inspire children and create enthusiastic readers.

The Leeds Book Awards gives children aged 9-11 the opportunity to read, review and vote for their favourite out of 6 shortlisted titles. The interactive website www.leedsbookawards.co.uk allows them to share their views with children across the city whilst the Awards ceremony is a chance to meet the shortlisted authors.

We can also help and advise you in organising authors/illustrators to visit your school (an inspirational experience for all involved). You could make it the highlight of an event such as Children’s Book Week, or ask them to open your refurbished school library.

Chatterbooks is a national initiative developed by the Reading Agency. Its patron Jacqueline Wilson believes that reading clubs help children build a lifelong reading habit.

Leeds School Library Service can provide support materials and ideas to help you develop exciting reading clubs to engage your children.

The School Library Service runs a range of training sessions to support reading for pleasure in schools. Topics range from establishing sustainable reading groups, to storytelling and how to create vibrant displays. Please see our website for details.
Book boxes

Fantastic collections of fiction and non-fiction

We’ve got hundreds of book boxes for your school to choose from.

Each box is packed with up-to-date, high-quality books.

Non-fiction Topic Box
This is a specially selected collection of themed books to help your class explore a specific curriculum topic. They contain a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 25 books, depending on availability and publishing trends. Your allowance is two boxes per class, per term.

Cost to you FREE!* (as part of your subscription)

Audio Fiction
Each pack has six books and an accompanying CD. Your allowance is three packs per school, per term

Cost to you FREE!* (as part of your subscription)

Bookworm Fiction Box for Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2
These are full of new, contemporary and classic writers, including books to challenge your readers. Your allowance is up to 6 boxes split across the key stages. They are delivered to schools twice per year.

Cost to you FREE!* (as part of your subscription)

How it works
It’s easy to order your boxes:
- browse through our online order pack [www.leeds.gov.uk/sls](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/sls)
- download an order form from our website [www.leeds.gov.uk/sls](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/sls)
- fill this in and email it to us
- we’ll deliver to your school at the beginning of term
- when it’s time to return the books, we’ll get in touch to arrange pick-up before the end of term.
- If you would like extra boxes for special events, just ask us (subject to availability)

Story Bags

Each bag contains a fiction story book, exciting interactive resources to complement the story, and a relevant non-fiction title. Many of the bags cover a range of subjects suitable for both KS1 and KS2, including PSHE issues. (Charges apply)

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Additional services

More ways to transform your library

Your library should be a place of discovery, learning, reading and activity – the hub of your school. To help you get your library fit for purpose and reach your goals we offer a series of packages in addition to your basic entitlement.

1. Vision, policy and planning
   We can help you develop a tailor-made policy that embeds the library within the whole school. It’ll be easy to use too, with a clear action plan and timescale that suits you.

2. Create an inspiring space
   From layout, light and furniture to décor, shelves and displays, we’ll work within your budget to help you create a comfortable and inviting place and turn your library into a focal point. We can help with classification, a library management system and offer advice on classroom collections.

3. Training and development
   Learn how to handle books and the internet effectively and safely. We can show children and staff how to access information and turn it into knowledge in order to boost study skills. Ask about our range of courses designed to inspire and inform.

4. Measure success
   With our help, you’ll be able to track, share and celebrate your progress with teachers, families and others. We can advocate on your behalf too (by giving a short presentation to your governors or parents, for example).

5. Disaster Recovery
   If the worst happens and there’s a flood, fire or some other disaster, we’ll help you:
   - work out what you’ve lost
   - assess the damage for your insurance claim
   - bridge the gap with resources until your claim is settled
   - help your pupils, staff and parents choose new books
   - work with you to design and restore your library.
   With our support, we hope that at least some good comes out of the mess.

Please contact us for our current price list.

Reading for pleasure can have a positive impact on a pupil’s emotional and social behaviour as well as text comprehension and grammar.
“Schools should be empowered to use the expertise of professional cultural practitioners to develop an inspiring curriculum for their pupils to become lifelong participants in the cultural life of the country.”

Department of Education, Cultural Education report, page 9, July 2013

“Reading for Pleasure is not only important because it improves performance in reading tests; it has a much wider significance for children’s education. Research shows that it brings benefits that help pupils achieve more across the whole curriculum.”

Department for Education: Reading: the next steps March 2015

“A good school library service can have a significant impact on pupils’ literacy. We would like to see all schools have a well-stocked library.”

Department for Education: Encouraging Reading for Pleasure, June 2012

About us
The Leeds School Library Service is run by Leeds Libraries & Information Service

Leeds School Library Service (SLS) provides the best available resources direct to you to underpin the curriculum, and inspire reading for pleasure in your pupils and staff, raising attainment throughout the school.

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