

## RECENT INITIATIVES IN LIBRARY SERVICES TO OLDER PEOPLE IN THE UK

These are an example of the increasing work taking place in libraries with older people across Britain.

Services	Libraries					
Library groups . staff and volunteer supported	Cambridgeshire . <a href="#">EngAGE in the Afternoon</a>	Hillingdon . coffee mornings	Kent . <a href="#">Talk Time – weekly</a>	Kirklees . health and wellbeing themed coffee mornings . drawing and writing workshops	Norfolk . Friendship groups . Craft groups	Poole . Coffee mornings
	Redbridge . <a href="#">Knit &amp; Knatter</a>					
Library groups . self-running	Hillingdon . conversation group	Poole . Make Friends with a Book: weekly reading out loud group with community transport	Suffolk . <a href="#">Top Time</a>			
Book groups	Edinburgh . for people with visual impairment	Essex . day-time reading groups in libraries	Kirklees . <a href="#">Bibliotherapy</a> and <a href="#">Toolkit</a>	Norfolk . Read aloud and talking book groups	Poole . in libraries, sheltered housing, and people's homes	Southend . 50 groups . Home library service reading group
	Suffolk . At Home users with free community transport					
Events	East Sussex . Read Aloud – older LGBT group	Edinburgh . Reminiscence /Local history	Kirklees . At Home service day for readers	Lancashire . <a href="#">Music event</a>	Poole . monthly adult story time . author events	Redbridge . Golden Years Teas – 6-monthly,

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						. Summer events
	South Tyneside . monthly film shows	Southend . book festivals, competitions .author events for housebound readers . displays . <a href="#">“Active at 60” event</a>				
Older People’s Day/ Month/ Year	Cambridgeshire . Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age	East Sussex	Kirklees	Lambeth	<a href="#">Lancashire</a>	Norfolk
	Redbridge . Older people’s week	South Gloucester –shire . <a href="#">Spring into Life</a>	<a href="#">South Tyneside</a>	<a href="#">Southend</a>		
Ethnic Group Support	Edinburgh .at home service (WRVS) . Urdu book group (women 50+) . Bilingual service to Chinese sheltered housing	Kent . <a href="#">Nepalese elders</a>	Lambeth . Black elders			
Intergenerational initiatives	East Sussex . intergen mobile phone events with Scouts & Guides .intergenerational mapping	Lancashire . <a href="#">Wii &amp; computer sessions with school pupils</a>	Norfolk . grandparents reading with grandchildren	Redbridge . Bear Day	Suffolk . high schools creative writing with At Home users	

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Support	Edinburgh . Library link: bringing people to & from library . Visual impairment equipment	Poole . 'You choose (in library), we deliver'	Suffolk . Equipment in all libraries for visual & hearing impairment, dexterity, and book carrying			
Work with care homes and supported housing – in addition to library mobile and delivery services	Edinburgh . Read Aloud with Scottish Poetry Library	Kirklees . Bibliotherapy . <a href="#">Good Practice event</a>	Poole . reading promotions	Southend . Bite size courses		
Memory sessions and packs	Cambridgeshire . <a href="#">Creative poetry and publication: The Elephant in the Room</a> . Reminiscence boxes	Cornwall . <a href="#">Books on Prescription Dementia</a> . <a href="#">Reading Allowed: volunteers reading to people with dementia in diff settings</a>	East Sussex . memory mapping (WRVS) . Pictures to Share . Reminiscence collection	Kirklees . Bibliotherapy	Leeds . <a href="#">monthly: for people with dementia and carers, and . Boardmaker software</a>	Norfolk . <a href="#">reminiscence packs for individuals and groups</a>  . Carers cafes
	South Tyneside . reminiscence sessions					
<a href="#">Work with Carers, incl. young carers</a>	Cambridgeshire . Programme for former carers	Devon	Dudley	East Sussex	Edinburgh . Book group	Essex
	Norfolk . Carers cafes . 6 week courses	Southend				

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	for memory loss carers					
Health	Cambridgeshire . <a href="#">Mature and Active</a>	Edinburgh . Health Information Points	Hillingdon . <a href="#">collaboration with Healthy Walks</a>	Norfolk . wii sessions in Older People day . collaboration with health walks	Redbridge . Health event	South Gloucestershire . Wii sessions in Celebrating Age festival
	South Tyneside . in Older People's Festival	Southend . Fit for Life/Fit for Caring				
Access to Benefits Advice and other information and support	Kirklees . <a href="#">with at home service</a>	Norfolk . <a href="#">Home Shield referrals from home delivery service</a>	Poole . Citizens Advice Bureau surgery . Councillors' surgeries . Police surgeries	South Gloucestershire . Will advice during Celeb Age	Southend . Benefits . Recycling resources . Crime reduction information	
IT (most libraries offer IT sessions)	Birmingham . <a href="#">at home users</a>	Cambridgeshire . EngAGE IT	Devon . <a href="#">at home users with volunteers</a>	Edinburgh . beginners' sessions monthly . troubleshooting/practice drop-in for silver surfers	East Sussex . tasters with Seniors Forum	Leeds . <a href="#">tailored: individuals and groups</a>
	Norfolk . Surf's Up: free 6 week course	Redbridge . Mouse skills etc with Age UK	South Gloucestershire . in Celebrating Age festival	/ South Tyneside . in Older People's festival	Southend	
Lifelong learning	East Sussex . facilitating discussion tables	Southend . <a href="#">Bite size courses</a>				
Consultation/Evaluation	Cheshire	Essex . <a href="#">for Library Direct home service</a>	Hillingdon . <a href="#">Acorn Project</a>	Poole	Southend . for new library . involvement in digitisation	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <a href="#">day-time reading groups</a></li> <li>. <a href="#">evaluation of impact on wellbeing</a></li> </ul>				
Promotion of services using new initiatives	Cambridgeshire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. EngAGE and Cambridgeshire.net</li> </ul>	Edinburgh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <a href="#">annual Get Up &amp; Go magazine / web information, and awards</a></li> <li>. Pre-retirement tours with WEA</li> </ul>	Hillingdon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. with healthy walks</li> </ul>	Kirklees	Lancashire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Music event with lunch club</li> <li>. Day centre visit</li> </ul>	Norfolk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. collaboration with bus pass issuers</li> </ul>
	Poole	Southend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Discovery tours and library talks to groups in community</li> </ul>				
Volunteering (some libraries also via WRVS Books on Wheels service)	Devon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. IT at home project</li> </ul>	Essex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Library Direct</li> <li>. partnership with Why Not! research volunteers with Adult Social Care</li> </ul>	Kent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <a href="#">Time2Give</a></li> </ul>	Norfolk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. community garden at library</li> </ul>	Poole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. deliver books to at home readers</li> <li>. give IT sessions</li> <li>. support Make Friends with a Book</li> <li>. support reading groups in sheltered housing</li> <li>. Children's Summer Reading Challenge</li> <li>. Friends of library groups</li> </ul>	Redbridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Books on Wheels</li> <li>. Reading Champion</li> <li>. Summer Reading challenge</li> </ul>
	Southend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. At Home library service and reading group</li> </ul>					

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