



How libraries can help – Families

- **Our libraries are family friendly.** There's space to relax and enjoy a wide range of fantastic books and other material for children and their parents and carers, including storybooks and audio books (free for children).
- **No charge for any books lost or damaged** while borrowed on a pre-school child's ticket. There are **no late return charges** for items borrowed on child or teen cards (under 18's).
- **Can't find the book you want?** Order books and other items via our [online catalogue](#), for delivery to any Kent library you choose (free for all Kent items ordered on a child or teen card – charges apply for out of county books).
- **Free computer access** (under 16s need parental permission to use the internet). Free printouts and photocopying for homework (up to 5 sheets per day) for children and young people under 18 in full-time education.
- **Homework space.** We have books and other resources specially chosen to help children with their homework. Some libraries have homework clubs too. At home and stuck with your homework? Why not ask for help via Ask A Kent Librarian, our free online service – see [kent.gov.uk/libs](#)
- **Advice for parents / carers** on books to share with children, plus a wide selection of books and other resources on parenting (including books on different situations eg bullying, divorce, etc).
- **Our website [kent.gov.uk/libs](#) has all sorts of useful information** — check your library card, renew books online, browse through the library catalogue, find library addresses and opening times and more.
- **Free online resources:** Check out the eMagazines, eBooks and e Audio books on our website – all free to download. There are encyclopaedias, newspapers and information too – great for homework, great for you! If you get stuck with a query, don't forget our online enquiry service [Ask a Kent Librarian](#)
- **Summer Reading Challenge** - takes place in all Kent libraries during the school holidays. Children aged 12 and under read six books and win stickers, a certificate and a medal.
- **Free regular events for children in most libraries** have free events for children. Ask local library staff for information, check our website for further details [kent.gov.uk/libs](#) or email bookstart@kent.gov.uk

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