

Library Activities

On the opposite page there is some information from the Gloucestershire County Council website about what is going on at different libraries.

In which of the texts (A–G) can you read about the following?

Fill in all the boxes.

All the letters should be used more than once.

Example: Young people who had to move

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1 Libraries offering extra opening hours

2 A person who has written different kinds of texts

3 An example of international co-operation

4 A person with a job that he didn't plan for

5 Collecting stories about hard times

6 Getting information about your forefathers

7 A person who offers help for free

8 Stories that were illustrated by the writers themselves

9 People who started working at a young age

10 A chance for people to get information about their old things

11 Work that must be carried out on a building

12 A chance for people to listen to somebody reading aloud

13 An event where you must pay an entrance fee

14 Plans for printing a number of books

15 Something expensive that can be used without paying

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A Childhood Memories of WW II

The experiences of life for children during the Second World War have been captured in a new book, *Echoes from the Home Front*. The book consists of stories from local people who were evacuated from their homes.

Edited by Jackie Ashman, the book also explores the way schoolchildren contributed to the war effort and how, after leaving school from the age of 14 upwards, people not only worked but also helped out in their spare time.

Over 260 original wartime stories were compiled during a series of special events held at local libraries and homes for the elderly and will form the basis of a series of books.

B Crime Writer to Emersons Green Library

Acclaimed author David Hewson will give a talk about crime writing at Emersons Green Library on Tuesday 12 September.

His series of crime novels set in Italy, starring Detective Nic Costa, combine four thousand years of Roman history with 21st-century police plots and have been described as “better than the *Da Vinci Code*” by the Washington Post.

David has also written travel books and was a weekly columnist for The Sunday Times until last year. Since finding success as a novelist, he has concentrated on his fiction. Tickets for the talk, which begins at 8pm, cost £3 including refreshments.

C Temporary Closure

Downend Library will be closed from Monday 23 January to Saturday 10 June.

During this period, Staple Hill Library will open on additional Mondays from 9.30am to 7pm. And Emersons Green Library will also open on Wednesdays between the hours of 9.30am and 8pm.

The library’s internal wiring and heating systems need to be upgraded and the approximate cost of the improvements is expected to be around £120,000.

D Fake or Fortune

At Longlevens Library there will be an Antiques Roadshow-style event on Saturday 2 September, from 10am to 2pm.

People are being invited to raid their attics and bring along any family heirlooms and household treasures that may be gathering dust. Artefacts including china, silver, copper, brass, small pictures, and both real and costume jewellery will all be looked at.

The session will include, without charge, advice from local expert Anne Pyne, who will be able to tell people whether what they have got is ‘just a fake’ or ‘worth a fortune’.

E Special Visit

Author Chris d’Lacey will be visiting Downend Secondary School next week to read extracts from his latest book. The students will also get the possibility to talk to Chris about his books and learn more about what it takes to become a writer.

Charlotte Smith, school librarian, said: “We are all really excited about Chris’s visit next week and are looking forward to hearing instalments from his latest work.”

Chris has lived most of his life in Leicester, where he has worked at the university for the past twenty-two years. Chris’s teenage ambition was to become a famous guitarist and he actually never intended to become a writer.

F Tracing the Past

People can find out some fascinating facts about their family history at South Gloucestershire libraries, thanks to www.ancestry.co.uk. Normally it is a pay-to-view service, but lucky library users in the district can save themselves nearly £70 in annual subscription fees when they log on for free at their local library.

Once registered, users can browse through some 4,000 collections of family names and look at information gathered from censuses carried out between 1841 and 1901.

G Storytime at Yate Library

Last week the ‘Libraries Go Global’-event linked children from three locations: Goolwa Library in South Australia, Nelson Library in New Zealand and Yate Library in South Gloucestershire. The intention was to create three short stories with a section of each story by each library, with each group given just 30 minutes.

Martin Burton, library manager, said: “This was a really exciting project and the young people produced their part of the story under a great deal of pressure.”

The stories have now been published on the South Gloucestershire Council website. The children also drew images to go with the stories.

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- 4 E
- 5 A
- 6 F
- 7 D
- 8 G
- 9 A
- 10 D
- 11 C
- 12 E
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- 14 A
- 15 F