

Library Offer

All libraries offer a wide range of books for loan – including books, audio books, graphic novels, large-print and books suitable for all ages, including pre-school. Our [Great Reads webpage](#) has a number of downloadable booklists that we have created for in-library displays or specialist collections. We also have a range of free [online resources](#) including eBooks and eAudiobooks, online magazines and newspapers and reference resources.

Our libraries provide a comfortable environment for residents to read and select books, access information and somewhere quiet to study. We have over 100 PCs across the libraries providing online access, printing and scanning, free Wi-Fi at all sites, as well as one to one digital support to introduce residents to ICT basics. In addition, all libraries offer a range of regular free activities to support our Library Strategy. Details of these services can be found on [our webpage](#). We post information of events and on our [X \(formally Twitter\) page](#) and our [Facebook account](#). You can also [subscribe for our library news e-bulletins](#).

Anyone can join an Islington library, whether they live, work or study in the borough, or are just visiting. You can sign up for a library card in any of our libraries, [join online](#) or phone 020 7527 6952.

Here is a breakdown of activities at each library:

Archway Library

Adults

- Chess club – weekly.
- Knit and natter group – monthly.
- Reading group – monthly.

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly all year round.
- Chess club – weekly.
- Games club – monthly.
- Lego club – monthly.
- School class visit and local nursery programme – weekly.
- Under-fives – weekly all year round.

[Archway Library webpage](#)

Cat and Mouse Library

Adults

- Maths and English classes – weekly sessions from Adult and Community Learning (ACL) in the community room and segregated space, including when the library is closed.
- Osteoporosis Remedial Exercise class for women with or in high-risk group for osteoporosis – weekly, in partnership with Healthy Generations (HG).
- Pilates class – weekly, in partnership with HG.
- Poetry Writing Classes - monthly.

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly, all year round.
- Games club – monthly.
- Lego club – monthly.
- School class visit and local nursery programme – weekly.
- Under-fives – weekly, all year round.

Other

- Community spaces available for bookings.
- Councillors' Surgery.

[Cat and Mouse Library webpage](#)

Central Library

Adults

- Gadget support sessions providing help with smart phones, tablets etc. – weekly.
- Knitting group – monthly.
- Mindfulness colouring group – weekly.
- Reading group – monthly.

Children

- Baby Bounce – twice weekly, all year round.
- ChatterBooks reading group for children – weekly.
- Chess clubs for children – fortnightly.
- Colouring club – weekly.
- Games club – monthly.
- Lego club – monthly.
- Saturday story session – weekly.
- School class visit and local nursery programme – weekly.
- Toy Library – weekly all year round.
- Under-fives – twice weekly, all year round.

Other

- Councillors' Surgery.
- First Steps Learning Centre – ACL deliver classes during term time.
- Gallery space available for bookings.
- Study space and quiet reading room with over 100 desks.

[Central Library webpage](#)

Finsbury Library

Adults

- Adult Reading Group – monthly.
- Computer skills classes – delivered by ACL during term time in Islington Computer Skills Centre.
- Drawing club – monthly.

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly, all year round.
- ChatterBooks reading group for children – weekly.
- Colouring club – monthly.
- Family craft club – monthly.
- Games club – monthly.
- Lego club – monthly.
- Reading Sparks creative science project – monthly.
- School class visit and local nursery programme – weekly.
- Toy Library – weekly all year round.
- Under-fives – weekly all year round.

Other

- Councillors' Surgery.
- Desks for study.

[Finsbury Library webpage](#)

Lewis Carroll Children's Library

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly, all year round.
- Family Colouring Club – weekly.
- Family Craft Club – weekly.
- Lego club – weekly.
- Saturday story session – weekly.
- School class visit and local nursery programme – weekly.
- Under-fives – weekly, all year round.

[Lewis Carroll Library webpage](#)

Mildmay Library

Adults

- Knitting and crochet group – fortnightly.
- Poetry group – monthly.
- Reading group – monthly.
- Sewing class – weekly, in partnership with ACL.

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly all year round.
- Family craft club – monthly.
- Lego club – monthly.
- School class visit and local nursery programme – weekly.
- Teen reading group – monthly.
- Toy Library – weekly all year round.
- Under-fives – weekly all year round.

Other

- Councillors' Surgery.

[Mildmay Library webpage](#)

N4 Library

Adults

- English conversation club for adults – weekly (starts January 2024).
- Knitting group – monthly.
- Reading Group – monthly.

Children

- Art club – monthly.
- Baby Bounce – weekly all year round.
- ChatterBooks reading group for children – weekly.
- Chess clubs for children and adults – weekly.
- Lego club – monthly.
- Saturday children's story session – weekly.
- School class visit and local nursery programme – weekly.
- Under-fives – weekly all year round.

Other

- Councillors' Surgery.

[N4 Library webpage](#)

North Library

Adults

- Comic Forum – monthly.
- Gentle exercise class for older people – weekly, in partnership with HG.
- Knit and stitch group – monthly.
- Pilates bone health class for older people – weekly, in partnership with HG.
- Read Aloud and Wellbeing group for adults – monthly.
- Science Fiction/Fantasy Reading Group for adults – monthly.

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly all year round.
- Lego club – monthly.
- School class visit and local nursery programme – weekly.
- Toy Library – weekly all year round.
- Under-fives – weekly all year round.

Other

- Councillors' Surgery.
- Hall available for bookings.

[North Library webpage](#)

South Library

Adults

- Reading group – monthly.

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly all year round.
- Colouring club – weekly.
- Lego club – monthly.
- Saturday story session – fortnightly.
- School class visit and local nursery programme – weekly.
- Under-fives – weekly all year round.

[South Library webpage](#)

West Library

Adults

- Chair yoga class for older people – weekly, in partnership with HG.
- Chess club – weekly.
- Crime and thriller reading group – monthly.
- Dance fitness class for older people – weekly, in partnership with HG.
- Gentle exercise class for older people – weekly, in partnership with HG.
- Line dancing session for older people – monthly, in partnership with HG.
- Reading group – monthly.

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly all year round.
- Board Games Club – weekly.
- Coding club – weekly.
- Lego club – weekly.
- Music explorers – weekly (run by Guildhall School of Music).
- School class visit and local nursery programme – weekly.
- Toy Library – twice weekly all year round.
- Under-fives – weekly all year round.

Other

- Councillors' Surgery.
- Hall available for bookings.
- Youth Employment Hub based in the library.

[West Library webpage](#)

Home Library Service

If you cannot get to the library because of mobility issues, we can arrange regular visits to Islington residents, and the service is free.

We loan:

- Books and large print
- Talking books
- DVDs
- Music

[Home Library Service webpage](#)