

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 sessions 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 [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
- 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.
- Pilates class for older people – weekly, in partnership with Healthy Generations.
- Yoga class for older people – weekly, in partnership with Healthy Generations.

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 – weekly, providing help with mobile phones, tablets etc.
- Reading group – monthly.

Children

- Baby Bounce – twice weekly, all year round.
- Chatter books reading group for children – weekly.
- Lego club – monthly.
- School class visit and local nursery programme – weekly.
- Under-fives – twice weekly, all year round.

Other

- Councillors' Surgery.
- First Steps Learning Centre – ACL deliver English, ESOL, and vocational skills 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.

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly, all year round.
- ChatterBooks reading group for children – weekly.
- Drawing /colouring club – monthly.
- Family Saturday craft club – monthly.
- Games club – monthly.
- 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.
- Desks for study.

[Finsbury Library webpage](#)

Lewis Carroll Children's Library

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly, all year round.
- ChatterBooks reading group for children – weekly.
- Family Colouring Club - weekly.
- Family Craft Club - weekly.
- Lego club - monthly.
- 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

- Craft taster class – weekly, in partnership with ACL.
- Knitting and Crochet group - fortnightly.
- Poetry group – monthly.
- Reading group – monthly.

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly all year round.
- Family Saturday 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.
- Knitting group – monthly.
- Reading Group – monthly.

Children

- 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 Healthy Generations.
- Knit and Stitch group – monthly.
- Pilates bone health class for older people – weekly, in partnership with Healthy Generations.
- Read Aloud and Wellbeing group for adults - monthly.
- 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.
- Councillors hold their surgery in the library.

Other

- Councillors' Surgery.
- Hall available for bookings.

[North Library webpage](#)

South Library

Adults

- Knit and Natter group – fortnightly.
- Reading group – monthly.

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly all year round.
- Drawing club – weekly.
- Lego club – monthly.
- Saturday story session – weekly.
- 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 Healthy Generations.
- Dance fitness class for older people – weekly, in partnership with Healthy Generations.
- ESOL classes – weekly, delivered in the hall by ACL.
- Gentle exercise class for older people – weekly, in partnership with Healthy Generations.
- Line dancing session for older people – weekly, in partnership with Healthy Generations.
- Reading group – monthly.

Children

- Baby Bounce – weekly all year round.
- Coding club – weekly.
- 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.
- 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](#)