

# CENTRAL LIBRARY



Central Library Manager

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Plymouth Central Library  
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## Tenure and date

- Owned by PCC.
- Built in 1910 for a population of 113,000, rebuilt in 1954-56. Extended to include the former St Luke's Church and other outbuildings in Tavistock Place in 1965.

## Size and location

Just outside the edge of the core city centre, next to the City Museum and Art Gallery (there is no physical connection due to difference in floor levels). Library Annexe (former St Luke's Church) houses lesser-used book collections together with headquarters staff including essential support teams covering stock, ICT, business support, children's and young people's services and senior managers.

## Access

- Level access at rear; stepped at front
- Internal lift to first floor
- Limited chargeable on-street parking with two disabled bays in Tavistock Place.
- Bus stop outside.
- Buses stopping on North Hill have been significantly reduced over the past ten years

## Staffing and use

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Visits 2011-2012 331,936

Loans 2011-2012 227,833

Staff cost	Building cost	Income	Net cost	Cost per loan	Cost per PC hours used/10	Cost per visit	Comments
£430,333	£84,770	£ 62,690	£452,413	£2.44	£0.65	£1.36	Cleaning costs £45,524, incl HQ functions

## Opening hours

53.5 opening hours per week

Monday: 9am to 7pm

Tuesday: 9am to 5.30pm

Wednesday: 9am to 5.30pm

Thursday: 9am to 5.30pm

Friday: 9am to 7pm

Saturday: 9am to 5pm

Sunday: closed

## Services and resources

### GROUND FLOOR

- Adult fiction and non-fiction books to borrow, including collections of audio books, large print books and books in other languages.
- Children's library with fiction, non-fiction and picture books to borrow, computers, story and music CDs and family sharing collection.
- Young people's section including fiction, graphic novels and Manga.
- Large collections of CDs and DVDs (including Blu-Ray) to hire.
- Music scores, sheet music and orchestral sets to borrow. Find out more about our music service.
- Quick use computers.
- Energy Monitors to borrow

### FIRST FLOOR

- Computers with Internet and MS Office free for up to two hours per day.

### THE QUIET ROOM

- Study space, quick reference books, directories, Europe Direct, Intellectual property information, Newspapers and magazines.

### THE HISTORY ROOM

- Collection of books, maps, directories, journals and pamphlets relating to Plymouth's history. Plus everything you need for researching your family tree. Including parish registers and

census returns for Plymouth, plus the GRO Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths. Free access online to Ancestry Library Edition and Find My Past.

- Find out more about Local and Family History.

## MEETING ROOM

- 93m<sup>2</sup>
- Seats 100 theatre style
- Suitable for conferences, film shows, exhibitions and training
- Digital projector, screen, PA system, DVD player and Wii all available

## Regular events in the Central Library

### CHILDREN

- Rhymetimes: Mondays 11am and Thursdays 2pm
- Storytime and crafts: Wednesdays 11am
- Yu-Gi-Oh! Club: Second Friday of the month, 4.30pm to 6.30pm
- Teen review group: second Thursday of the month, 4pm and 5.30pm

### ADULTS

- Book group: Second Wednesday of the month, 12.30pm to 1.30pm
- Crime book group (For lovers of crime fiction) Monthly on Mondays: 6pm to 6.50pm
- Open for Advice: Drop in sessions with an Open University tutor. Monthly on Thursdays or Saturdays, 11am to 1.30pm. Contact the library for dates.
- Friendship group: First Wednesday of the month, 2pm.
- Free film shows - Three every month.
- Book sale - Every two months.

## Current stakeholders

Ernesettle Archive Group	Babylab	WEA
U3A	National Refugee Week	Plymouth University
Trevi House	Sun safe cancer awareness	P.A.C.L.
Shopmobility	March of the bees	Y.M.C.A
Open University	International Book Festival	Devon Real Nappy Project
WRVS	Nappuccino	P.C.A.D
Friendship Group	Attachment group	Macular Eye Group
Polish Armed Forces	Ghanaian Drums	Get into Reading
Age UK	Womens Institute	Plymstock Friendship Group
Access Plymouth	Estover Friendship Group	
Community Art Project	Assisted Parenting Group	