

SOUTHWAY LIBRARY



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Southway Library
351 Southway Drive
Southway
Plymouth
PL6 5QR

Tenure and date

- Leased from Marcus King & Co who run the entire Southway shopping centre.
- Opened in 1970
- Proposal for new library as part of the north corridor development project

Size and location

A medium-sized library, it is on the first floor of the shopping centre with access from Southway Drive, but not the interior of the shopping centre. From the outside the library is not especially impressive, but once inside its interior is spacious and well-maintained. The library draws from the immediate area as well as Glenholt, Woolwell, Belliver and Roborough.

Staffing and use

3.57 fte

Visits 2011-2012 71494

Loans 2011-2012 69,005

Staff cost	Building cost	Income	Net cost	Cost per loan	Cost per PC hours used/10	Cost per visit	Comments
£88,683	£24,720	£5,421	£107,982	£1.65	£1.37	£1.51	Rent costs £8,750

Opening hours

49.5 opening hours per week

Monday: 9am to 7pm

Tuesday: 9am to 5.30pm

Wednesday: 9am to 5.30pm

Thursday: 9am to 7pm

Friday: 9am to 5.30pm

Saturday: 9am to 1pm

Sunday: closed

Services

- Books, talking books and books in large print
- Free computer access - internet and web based email, MS Office
- CDs for hire
- DVDs for hire
- Requests service
- Family Sharing collection
- Information leaflets
- Language courses
- Photocopying service
- Fax service
- Exhibition and display space
- Notice boards for community information
- Books on Wheels
- Jobs and careers information

Regular events in Southway library

- Reading group: First Thursday of the month, 5.30pm to 6.30pm.
Monthly on Tuesdays from 2pm to 3 pm (ask staff for details).
- Rhymetimes: Wednesdays 10am
- Friendship Group: Third Wednesday of the month from 10.30am
- Chatterbooks: Reading group for children: First Wednesday of the Month 3:45pm to 4:15pm
- NHS Stop Smoking Service: Thursdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm By appointment. For more information or to book phone: 01752 314040

Current stakeholders

NHS Stop smoking
Europe direct
Widewell primary
Oakwood primary

Beechwood primary
Mary Deans primary
Little Blossoms nursery
Flying Start nursery

Little Saints nursery
Mary Deans nursery
The Ark nursery