

ST. BUDEAUX LIBRARY



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St Budeaux Library
The Square
Victoria Road
St Budeaux
Plymouth
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Tenure and date

- Owned by PCC
- Opened in 1963
- Plymouth's first purpose-built library intended to serve a wider area than its immediate location.
- It was built with a reference library, lending library, large children's library and lavish staff accommodation.

Size and location

A medium library, over the past almost fifty years the building has only undergone limited refurbishment. It is positioned on an excellent site on the edge of the main St Budeaux shopping area, next door to the Co-op. The reference library was long ago converted into a well-used meeting room and the double-height ceiling throughout the building was lowered in the main lending area in the 1980s. Since the 1990s plans for replacing the library as part of a commercial development have been proposed and met with failure to such an extent that the library now looks dowdy and uninviting.

Access

- Ramped access
- Car park and ample on-street parking
- Bus stop right outside

Staffing and use

2.93 fte

Visits 2011-2012 47,167

Loans 2011-2012 59,822

Staff cost	Building cost	Income	Net cost	Cost per loan	Cost per PC hours used/10	Cost per visit
£88,096	£23,591	£6,581	£105,106	£1.82	£1.24	£2.23

Opening hours

Opening hours per week 49.5

Monday: 9am to 5.30pm

Tuesday: 9am to 7pm

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
- Photocopying service
- Space for displays
- Notice boards for community information
- Plymcards
- Regular sales of withdrawn library stock
- Meeting room
 - 58m²
 - Seats 40 theatre style
 - Suitable for small conferences, meetings, exhibitions and training

Regular events at St Budeaux Library

- Surgeries with local Councillors: Weekly on Saturdays 10.30am to 12 noon
- MP Surgery: Fridays by appointment
- Art classes with Neil Mawdsley: Weekly on Thursdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm (term time only)
- Reading group: Third Monday of the month, 2pm to 3.30pm

- Rhymetimes: Thursdays from 10am
- Chatterbooks: reading group for children, last Wednesday of the month from 4pm. Ask staff for details.
- Friendship Group: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm
- Active Steps Standing Movement Class: Wednesdays, 1.30pm to 3.30pm
- Enterprise Club : Second Thursday of the month at 11am

Current stakeholders

Zebra collective	Art group	Plymouth Options
Victoria Road school	Nomads group	Plaistow Hill Infants
St Pauls RC school	St Budeaux Foundation school	Eldertree
Councillors surgery	Access Plymouth	Adult Social care
PDPAG	Riverside Nursery	Riverside School
MP surgery	Weston Mill Nursery	Weston Mill school
Careers SW	Shining Stars Nursery	