

STOKE LIBRARY



Community Librarian

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Stoke Library
21 Albert Road
Stoke
Plymouth
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Tenure and date

- Leased from Whitton Laing
- Opened in the mid-1960s to serve Stoke and Morice Town.
- A former house, its ownership has been complex. The upper floors of the building have now been converted into apartments.

Size and location

A small library, its fortunes have fluctuated with those of the area. A candidate for closure in the early 1990s, the growth of new apartments and influx of middle-class residents has seen a renaissance in the library. Internally the library reflects its domestic origins, giving it a homely, domestic and welcoming atmosphere which is attractive to customers and promoted by the team who work there.

Access

- Level access.
- Ample on-street parking
- Good bus service

Staffing and use

fte 1.38

Visits 2011-2012 25,018

Loans 2011-2012 33,303

Staff cost	Building cost	Income	Net cost	Cost per loan	Cost per PC hours used/10	Cost per visit
£37,276	£10,576	£2,184	£45,668	£1.43	£1.43	£1.83

Opening hours

29.5 opening hours per week

Monday: 2pm to 7pm

Tuesday: 9.30am to 5.30pm

Wednesday: closed

Thursday: 9.30am to 5.30pm

Friday: 2pm to 7pm

Saturday: 9.30am to 1pm

Sunday: closed

Services

- Books, talking books and books in large print
- Free computer access - internet and web based email, MS Office
- DVDs
- Requests service
- Family Sharing collection
- Photocopying service
- Space for displays
- Notice boards for community information
- Jobs and careers information
- Meeting room
 - 26m²
 - Seats 30 theatre style
 - Suitable for small meetings, classes, exercise activities and exhibitions

Regular events at Stoke Library

- Reading group - first Saturday of the month. Ask staff for details
- Stoke Writers Group - third Saturday of the month: 10.30am
- West Plymouth Credit Union, Tuesdays: 1.30pm to 2.30pm
- Monthly surgeries with Councillor Jill Dolan: Last Friday of the month: 2.30pm to 3.30pm
- Photography Group (new members welcome) - first Thursday of the month: 10am to 11.30am

- University of the Third Age: Antiques and collectibles group: Fourth Thursday of each month 10.30am to 12.30pm
- Stoke Community Craft Club: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, 10am to 12 noon
- Tai-Chi: Thursday lunchtimes, 1pm to 2pm
- Yoga classes: Tuesdays, ask staff for details

Children's events

- Rhymetimes: Tuesdays from 10.30am (Term time only)
- Chatterbooks: Reading group for children. First Friday of the month, 5pm to 5.30pm

Current stakeholders

Scope
Councillors Surgery
Credit Union
U3A Photography
U3A Antiques
Community Craft
College Road Primary

Characters Day Nursey
Curious Kittens
College Road Nursery
Stuart Road Nursery
Morice Town Keystone
Stoke Damerel Primary
Keyham Barton Primary

Drake Primary
Morice Town Primary
Knit & Natter mental Health
Stoke PCSO