

To receive a report from the Community Hub Team Leader and consider any actions or associated expenditure

2023 promises to be a major milestone in the development of the Library Hub in Saltash.

Keeping a flexible timetable of events and activities is at the forefront of the library scheduling this year.

Planning at the moment takes us to the end of April with May targeted as a possible moving month to the Guildhall for a June residency. As we go through the planning process we can develop monthly activities and events should the schedule drop in the calendar.

January and February we have a series of Well-being events and activities for all ages. March we welcome the 10 day Science Fair and Shakespeare Week while April, once again, becomes the Spring environment month.

We are currently working with Cornwall Council on the interim Library software (Soprano), training and technical requirements such as laptops and Wi-Fi for use at the Guildhall (refurb period). We are also working with Cornwall Council IT, through Sarah Marsh, on the re-positioning of the network computers pre to post refurbishment.

Warm Space, as suspected, is working as a quiet 'burner'. People are using the space as a quiet reading area to date. It has also been used for group meetings such as the new Library 'writers' group. The donations from the Co-op and individuals are lasting and we have not needed to purchase any refreshments from our budget line.

Film Fridays, as part of the warm bank offer, is proving popular. Audiences per week range from ten to twenty. Films for the 'All day Christmas Party' contributed to bring in families leading up to Christmas. This will run as an activity through to the end of March.

The £250 that was vired from the activities budget code 6922 to refreshment budget code 6913 - can I suggest to vire the money back to the activities budget which can be used for the March Science Fair? (Spaceport Cornwall have confirmed attendance).

This will still leave £250 in the refreshments budget line should we need to access funds.

We have confirmed participation in the 2023 South West Reading Challenge (for all ages), this runs from February to June. Last year was the first year of the competition and proved popular. The Summer Reading Challenge will still be able to run from the Guildhall when the schools 'break-up'.

The Plougastel Forum has had a resounding positive response and the first meeting will be on Thursday 9th February at the Library Hub. Confirmations to date are:- Leisure Centre, St Annes, Brunel School, Neighbourhood Police, Saltash Health Centre, Fire Service and CE PL12. Others have been invited.

End of Report

Community Hub Team Leader