

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

An amazing Summer Reading Challenge (Healthy Body, Healthy Mind) concluded on Saturday 16th. Over-all 292 readers signed up, 54 of which were new card joiners, well past our Cornwall Council target of 199 sign-ons. We had eight young volunteers helping us through out the summer as well, all presented with Volunteer certificates. 160 Gold Medal Finishers made it a 58% Gold completion rate. This year's Cornwall's target was 45% conversion to gold medal finishers.

We partnered with Core Saltash and The Leisure Centre to give out climbing competition 'Treasure Hunt' prizes and swimming 'gold medal' reading prizes as well as having activities and events such as children's motion and yoga sessions with Gee and kite painting. Children's author Simon James 'kicked off' proceedings for the July 8 launch morning to a full house. Certificates will be delivered to local schools to give out at assemblies.

Septembers Autumn Environment month included busy events from Saturday environment craft and children's plastic toy swap to presentations and schools Outreach mornings from National Marine Aquarium/Ocean Conservation Trust and Tamar Valley AONB.

We also partnered Tree Saltash in its 'Right Tree, Right Place' Exhibition and Consultation while also promoting #Endfossilfuels with SEA Saltash by means of a creative art and writing competition and display.

Fountain Head School brought students to the Library Hub and St Stephens Primary are aiming to support the Library Hub weekly as well as Brunel Primary.

Saltash.net Community School are keen to take special digital card numbers to access the free online offer of Borrowbox (Books) and Pressreader. They will also attend key events such as the upcoming Literary Festival and March 2024 Science week (Planning well underway) and other occasions when suited to their curriculum.

October starts off with a vibrant and varied selection of 'Meet the Author' presentations, Cornwall Writers are visiting and Coppice children's Theatre Group are presenting two sessions of 'How to catch a Book Witch!'. The new Spanish Language Group adds to our other library groups, Saturday Book Club and Writers Group while our community groups and activities continue to utilize the Library spaces. Story Time, Knit & Natter, Colouring Group, Music Man.

U3A are exhibiting their photography skills throughout the month on our wall and mezzanine landing boards. We will finish the month with the very popular Scary Saturday Halloween morning of costumes, crafts and face-painting.

November and December months are now being scheduled knowing that the earliest that the refurbishment will be starting could be mid-January.

We are looking to re-establish Film Fridays through November and December, offer the warm space for as long as possible and present a build up to a Christmas of events and activities such as Adult Clay Club, Adult Yoga and another Christmas Childrens Toy Swap. Window Wonderland will take us through to our Christmas all day Xmas Party on 21 December.

STC Library Hub has applied for DHSC Community Automated External Defibrillator (AED). 100 applications across the country will be selected for fully funded AEDs and 1,900 applications will receive partial funding where we would be required to provide £750. This would need to be looked at should we be successful at a later stage.

End of report
Community Hub Team Leader