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LIBRARY
& INFORMATION
SERVICES REPORT

2016/17



INTRODUCTION

Libraries provide access to library services and age appropriate programmes for children, young people, and their families/carers. Support is given to enable children to develop language, reading skills and confidence from early years onwards. We provide choice, opportunity, support and encouragement to ensure that children and young people experience the enjoyment and relevance of reading, building an understanding of the world in a non-threatening way. Libraries support the work delivered through the Children & Families Service, early years' educators and families in PEEP as well as the priorities of Dundee's Single Outcome Agreement.

The importance of reading in a child's development from the earliest possible age is recognised as a key factor in their future attainment. Dundee has significantly low literacy levels and our strategies recognise the importance of child's early years and the need for early intervention. There is a focus on social inclusion and reduction of the attainment gap for school age pupils, helping to reduce social isolation, create positive mental health and wellbeing and provide a place of safety for all age groups.

A number of capital projects have been completed to improve the library buildings. In 2014/15 Blackness Library had major work to create accessible community facilities on the upper floor, with Arthurstone Library experiencing a similar upgrade the following year. This has had a positive impact on the range of services which can be delivered from these buildings and opened up new partnership opportunities at a local level. A programme of capital work at Lochee Library has seen major improvements to staff facilities and accessible toilets, with further work scheduled for later this year to improve the layout of the public area. The use of all library buildings as centres of local communities is continuously developed, actively seeking to increase access to library buildings by other providers.

For Library and Information Services a key resource is the library staff who deliver services across the City. Customer care standards are set high and priority is given to ensuring that staff are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to enable them to provide the correct levels of support to customers.

We have a continued commitment to staff development, enabling our staff to achieve and maintain high quality standards of service delivery. Staff attend professional conferences and training events, including the CILIPS (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland) Annual Conference held in Dundee and the CILIPS Autumn Gathering. This gives staff the opportunity to engage with other library professionals, share good practice, promote Leisure & Culture Dundee Library and Information Service, and develop an individual professional outlook and understanding.

Three members of staff are currently undertaking professional qualifications, and another has recently successfully achieved a post graduate qualification. Other staff are mentors for staff pursuing Chartership status in other local authorities.

A new Public PC Booking System has been installed in all libraries. The system allows customers to log themselves onto PCs using their borrower number and PIN, reducing waiting times at counters. The system has a print management facility so users can see exactly what they are printing, and how much it will cost, before their prints are released. Wi-Fi is available in all libraries, and has recently been upgraded and extended in Central Library.



PERFORMANCE FIGURES

	14/15	15/16	16/17
Visitors	1,309,796	1,268,929	1,156,819
Loans	527,627	501,861	492,119
Requests for Library Items	24,495	27,704	29,767
Reading Events	4,545	4,979	5,722
Enquiries	127,407	128,571	103,291
E-Books and E-Audio Books Downloaded	6,179	7,859	9,633
E-Magazines Downloaded	4,153	4,416	5,488
Digital Literacy Sessions	6,005	8,179	10,531
Volunteer Hours	3,839	4,163	4,058
Class Visits	443	431	565

Highlights of the past year have been:

520 finishers of the Summer Reading Challenge

15% increase in the number of reading related events

23% increase in the number of items downloaded

Class visits have increased by 31%

Digital literacy sessions 29% increase, with volunteers providing over 4000 hours of support.

Finalist in the Volunteer Manager of the Year Awards

Highly Commended in the Evening Telegraph Community Spirit Awards

Finalists in the O2 Next Gen Digital Challenge Awards

Scottish Winner in the Andersen Press Awards

CONTRIBUTING TO DUNDEE'S QUALITY OF LIFE

Books and Reading

Book Week Scotland

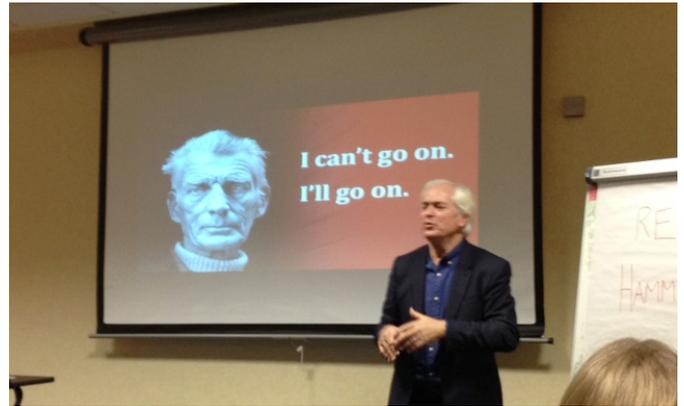
Book Week Scotland takes place annually in November with a range of author talks and activities across the City. We have strong links with Literary Dundee and co-host events such as tea dances with a story telling theme and poetry readings. Book lovers attended Book Week Scotland events across the city and over 1,000 free books were gifted by all our libraries, giving everyone in Dundee the opportunity to take part in this national celebration of books and reading.

Reading groups are supported and hosted by libraries across the city. Award winning author Janice Galloway, spoke to members of the newest reading group, the Story Café, in Central Library in March.

Patchwork Memories

Over eighty people attended the launch of Dundee Libraries' Creative Writing Lab zine of short stories, 'Patchwork Memories', at Central Library as part of National Short Story Week in November. The eight writers in the group have been working with Library staff over several months to produce the publication.

The theme of the collection is 'memory' and was chosen to celebrate Dundee's Dementia Library, the first to be situated in a public library in Scotland. The space is dedicated to the many people living with dementia in the city. Members of the public can access relevant information and books, as well as borrow reminiscence material to help stimulate memories.



21st November, central Library Author event: Take the Stress Test with Ian Robertson

Anna Stewart, Library and Information Assistant said *"Having worked with the group for a number of years, it has been encouraging to see how dedicated the writers are to improving their craft, and how much they've learned from one another. With open minds they've considered and revised their work to produce this short story zine. Their stories, mostly fictional, but inspired by the subconscious and shared experience of memory will help to highlight the wonderful resources we have available in the Dementia Library."*

National Strategy As part of a national network, the Service has been involved in the development of a Scottish Reading Strategy which provides a framework for the implementation of a core range of services, events and activities across Scotland. The outcomes of this are to inspire reading across all interests and age groups from pre literate to fluent readers, to encourage people to read widely, to contribute to the overall health and wellbeing of the individual, to support literacy



development, to recognise and support language and diversity. As part of the implementation of the National Strategy for Public Libraries in Scotland. Dundee is a key partner in two national projects and managed the funding of £26,240 for libraries across Scotland to implement the Welcoming Dyslexic Readers in Libraries project. This was to ensure access to reading is more inclusive and accessible by developing public library staff awareness and knowledge of dyslexia, promoting best practice, and ensuring Dyslexia Awareness Week is marked in every local authority. The other bid, National Reading Promotion - Read the Past - Imagine the Future is to encourage reading throughout communities across Scotland and to widen knowledge of local and national history.

3D Printers are a key resource and are used to great effect with a range of audiences. Library staff host demonstrations and classes both within libraries and at external venues. The aims of these sessions is to raise awareness of technical innovations and inspire participants to learn new skills and consider how the printers can be used creatively.

Through a separate outreach project the library was contacted by Danielle Du Plooy, an art tutor from Uppertunity, which runs a therapeutic art group for working vulnerable adults called Doodles. We offered the group the chance to visit the library and practice 3D modelling using the website Tinkercad. Alistair and Neil showcased previous prints and demonstrated our Ultimaker 3D printer. The group, made up of young adults including some with challenging behaviour and additional support needs were very enthusiastic and all managed to create a 3D model which the library agreed to print and deliver. Support workers commented very positively on the session and the marked improvement in engagement and behaviour of the group members.



Exhibitions are regularly hosted by Central Library and Community Libraries with content provided by local groups as well from national agencies. A recent example was the Irish Consulate's 'Scotland and the 1916 Uprising' which included a lecture on Roger Casement as well as a reception to launch the exhibition. Other exhibitions included the Tay Bridge at 50 organised by the Tay Road Bridge Joint Board, Dundee Photographic Society, Menzieshill Photo Exhibition, Waste Management Drop-In, Earth Hour Schools Competition, Shelter Scotland Touring Photographic Exhibition, The Dighty Project and a Display of James Thomson's caricatures organised by McManus 168 Group.

The Oor Wullie Mini Trail was accommodated by libraries across the City, with 30 mini statues decorated by local schools forming a parallel attraction to the major Oor Wullie Trail. This proved very popular with visitors and attracted new customers to our libraries.

"Just popped into have a look at 'Oor Wullies' but stayed for 1 hour reading books as it is such a lovely place. Great displays."



Local History Outreach - case study by Erin Farley

Based in the Local History department I am currently working on my PhD thesis "Poetry, Song and Community in the Industrial City: Victorian Dundee." Using the A.C. Lamb collection to explore poems and songs from that era.

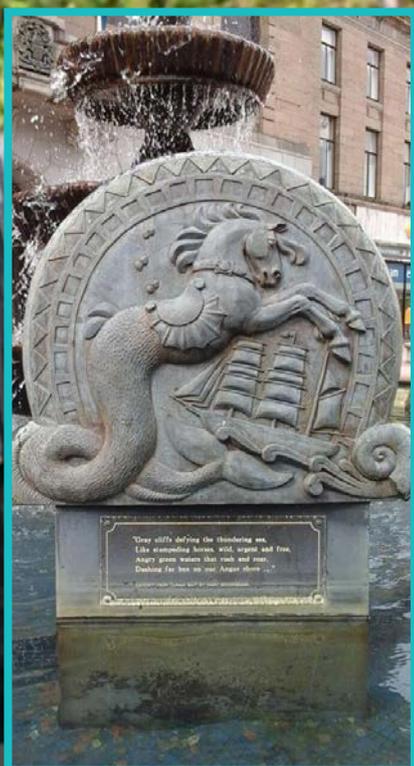
The Local History collection, contains a remarkable amount of material, and much of it is internationally important in terms of literary history. The Poet's Box shop - which continued trading in the Overgate until 1949 - kept a small press in their back room so popular songs of the day could be quickly circulated on lyric sheets. Writing and composing were not reserved for the elite or the middle classes: much of this work was written, and read, by factory workers.

I have been looking for opportunities to share this material widely - I have written about some of my favourite examples on my blog In Ma Fair Toon, which can be found at www.dundeepoetry.wordpress.com. Perhaps my favourite way of sharing poetry, though, has become walking tours: stopping at places which inspired verse by Victorian Dundonians, and performing their words. This is one of the most immediate ways to explore the connections between poetry and place, and the poems are so plentiful that new routes are always suggesting themselves to me. I've done walks around Baxter Park, the Law, and the Verdant Works jute museum, as well as the city centre streets, and look forward to more explorations in the future.

Performing the Victorian material is often as important as reading it to get a sense of what the writers meant: much of this material was read aloud at literary groups, or declaimed by street singers, or intended as a memory aid between performances in the first place. Bringing my research onto the streets has allowed me to meet and work with some fantastic groups of people I might not have met otherwise, like the Stobswell Forum group who celebrate the talent in their local area with a volunteer-run festival each spring. I have also enjoyed looking at the New Year tradition of dressing up herrings - which was completely unique to Dundee - with local singer Lynne Campbell, and we hope to bring a fishy touch to Hogmanay in the city this year!

Although Dundee is my focus for events, I have also had a lot of interest from further afield about this project. Next month I will be hosting an event at the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh, about the broadsides and street songs of Dundee. In November this year I will be taking these poems even further afield, to the North American Victorian Studies Association conference in Banff, Canada.

Dundee continues to be home to many talented folk - some of whom, like their Victorian counterparts, gain little recognition for their work. As the city continues to change today, it is important to remember that the creativity we are seeing in Dundee today is part of a long tradition of writers, artists and performers, who have reflected and shaped this city for centuries. I hope that by highlighting this history, I can contribute a little to making sure the story of Dundee is told by a multitude of voices.



PROMOTION OF WELL-BEING

Library and Information Services play a key role in the promotion of services which address health and wellbeing. There is substantial evidence that reading makes an important contribution to an individual's health and wellbeing and the service builds on this through the provision of resource collections which promote health issues and support. We actively seek funding opportunities with partners and involve local groups and individuals to ensure that the services and resources provided are relevant to local communities.

The **Dementia Library** was developed in 2015 through Scottish Government Funding in consultation with Dementia Services Development Centre, University of Stirling, Alzheimer Scotland and the Scottish Dementia Working Group. It provides access to information, resources and group activities for people living with dementia, their carers, family members and people working in dementia care in a relaxed, non-clinical library environment. A group of people with dementia and their carers meet weekly to share experiences in a supportive environment.

"I think the Dementia Library is an incredible achievement. Dementia is a condition that many fear - I know I fear it - but when I saw it, normalized as a category on library shelves, it reduced that fear."

**Maureen Sangster, Project Manager
Lapidus Scotland**

Reminiscence packs

Reminiscence Sessions have been delivered both within libraries and other venues, with an extensive collection of themed resources available for loan to local groups such as support agencies and care homes. The resources



include photographs, fact sheets, memorabilia and sensory materials to stimulate memories and encourage discussion. This has been proved to be beneficial for people experiencing memory loss. The collections have been enhanced through £1,500 from successful applications for funding to local trusts including the Pattullo Trust and the Walter Craig Charitable Trust.

"All in all everyone including residents, family and staff thought this was a GREAT reminiscing source and it is on display in our lounge for a short time."

Moyness Care Home

Health Collections

Staff were invited to attend the Smart Care Convention 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds' to promote the services provided by libraries to support the use of technology in health. The collections of health books and resources held in libraries for both physical and mental health conditions were highlighted. The 'Shelf Help' collection contains titles for those looking for support with difficult feelings and experiences that can affect wellbeing. The 'Mood Boosting' collection is uplifting titles selected by individuals diagnosed with cancer who have found them to be mood-boosting during or after treatment.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

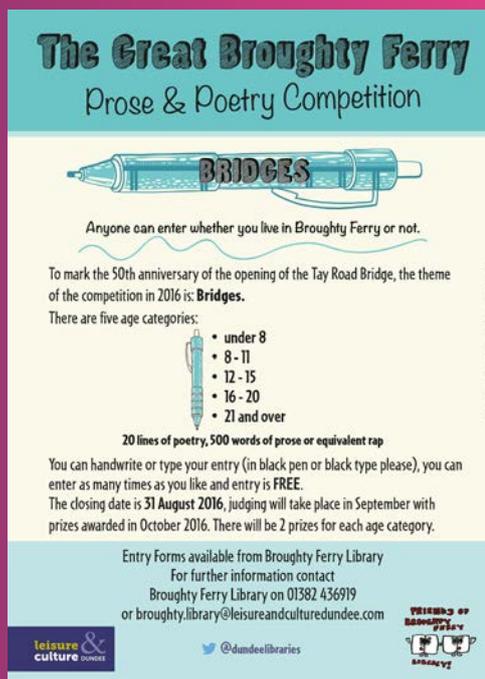
Community Involvement in service development and delivery is essential to libraries in ensuring that the focus remains relevant and responsive to the needs of our customers. Stakeholder groups targeting different age groups have been established to inform service provision and provide feedback on how we should promote our services and attract new users. They have regular meetings to discuss issues impacting on libraries and agree measures to address them. Broughty Ferry Library has a very successful Friends Group which supports the work of the library. Similarly the Friends of the Wighton group promotes the use of the collection through regular events and activities.

Film Screenings in the Steps Theatre have attracted audiences of over 1661 (1156 adults and 505 children) people to see films from the library collections, giving access to a cinema environment which may not be generally accessible to some of our customers. The literary tie-in often leads to customers borrowing the book of the film and again the social experience is invaluable.

The Friends of Broughty Ferry Library

The Friends of Broughty Ferry Library hosted a varied programme of sell out evening talks including *Mansions and Mariners of Broughty Ferry* by Callum Webster, *The V & A Scotland's Design Museum* by Peter Nurick and *the Law Killers* by Alexander McGregor. The Friends have also raised funds to refurbish the Young People's Area of the library. This successful project highlighted as good practice and a promotional video was filmed by the Co-op. This can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/xMCJJgmFC44?t=7>

On National Poetry Day winners of The Great Broughty Ferry Prose & Poetry Competition were presented the with their prizes by local poet John Brewster. To mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Tay Road Bridge the competition's theme, this year, was bridges. Mr Alan Hutchison, Manager of the Tay Road Bridge, read a poem that had won the Evening Telegraph's prize back in 1966, when the road bridge first opened. All the winning entries are to be compiled into a booklet which will be available later in the year.



The Great Broughty Ferry
Prose & Poetry Competition

BRIDGES

Anyone can enter whether you live in Broughty Ferry or not.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Tay Road Bridge, the theme of the competition in 2016 is: **Bridges**.

There are five age categories:

- under 8
- 8 - 11
- 12 - 15
- 16 - 20
- 21 and over

20 lines of poetry, 500 words of prose or equivalent rap

You can handwrite or type your entry (in black pen or black type please), you can enter as many times as you like and entry is **FREE**.

The closing date is **31 August 2016**, judging will take place in September with prizes awarded in October 2016. There will be 2 prizes for each age category.

Entry Forms available from Broughty Ferry Library
For further information contact
Broughty Ferry Library on 01382 436919
or broughty.library@leisureandculturedundee.com

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Friends of Broughty Ferry



FAIRNESS AND INCLUSION

The Outreach Service

Focuses on providing services to those who are unable to access library buildings, some of whom have mobility difficulties, mental health issues, or other conditions which make traditional library use impossible. The At Home Service addresses the needs of over 300 customers who are unable to leave their homes. Library staff visit with a selection of books and are often one of the few visitors the customer receives. The visit provides the person with social interaction as well as the opportunity for wider issues to be raised, where library staff can signpost other agencies to provide support. iPads with Internet access are loaned with training and support provided to ensure that customers experience the same resource provision as other library users. The Mobile Library visits areas of the City which are at a distance from library buildings and where there is a high proportion of elderly residents who are more likely to have challenges in accessing static services.

"To the At Home team - thank you for the great selection of books and CDs. It's like Christmas every three weeks."

The Connections Service

Addresses the barriers to access experienced by individuals and groups who are experiencing exclusion, including the delivery of specialist sessions tailored to meet specific needs. A collection of specialised material is available for use with and by people with additional support needs and their carers. A range of digital devices are loaned to individuals and other service providers together with training and support, to extend access to groups with additional support needs. Working with third sector providers and members of the Health and Social Care Partnership, library staff provide a welcoming, supportive experience to people who may encounter a less positive approach in other areas of their lives.

The Blue Badge Scheme

Is designed to help people who are unable or have difficulty in walking, allowing them to park close to their destination. The Service supports the scheme by issuing the badges in libraries across the City. 282 badges were issued through libraries in 2016/17.

The Opportunities Project

Was developed through Scottish Government funding and works in partnership with DCC, DWP and other organisations to deliver support via staff and volunteers to people experiencing the impact of welfare reform. Feedback from participants is 100% positive and a number of volunteers have gained employment as a direct result of their role. Dundee is seen as an innovator for this work. We are the first library service to provide dedicated welfare reform support linked with health and wellbeing using this approach. This is evidenced by the range of other providers who have visited us



for advice. The project received a Highly Commended Award in the Innovative Educationalist category at the Evening Telegraph Community Spirit Awards earlier this year, and was shortlisted for the O2 NextGen Digital Innovation Awards in 2016. The Project has also been asked to feature as a case study for the CILIP in Scotland #LibrariesMatter campaign

"Got help with my CV and got a cleaning night job out of it. Thank s for your help advice."

The project provides bespoke learning opportunities for digitally excluded citizens of Dundee. Library staff and volunteers offer employability and welfare reform support, drop-in digital assistance, targeted training sessions and access to new technologies in a non-threatening, positive environment. The digital skills that participants gain impact positively on the quality of their life and help to unlock new opportunities.

The number of digital literacy sessions held in libraries delivered by staff and volunteers reached over 10,500 in 16/17, representing a 29% increase on the previous year, with volunteers providing over 4000 hours of support. With the forthcoming roll out of universal credit in November 2017, this is likely to increase further as the requirement for digital access increases.

Macmillan@Dundee Libraries

focuses on the challenges facing individuals and their families who are affected by a cancer diagnosis. An award of £100k from Macmillan is funding a part time Macmillan Project Assistant post and the establishment of three hubs at Central, Lochee and Colside libraries, which will be staffed by a network of volunteers supported by library staff. The emphasis is to be on signposting and support away from a clinical environment and forms part of the city-wide project to improve the experiences of people with cancer. The project recognises need for financial, digital, social and wellbeing support which is accessible in a welcoming, local space.

All libraries across the City are now registered as Keep Safe places. Keep safe is an initiative developed in partnership with Police Scotland and Advocating Together to help people with a disability feel safe within their communities. The initiative ensures that disabled, elderly and vulnerable people know that if they are in distress a designated Keep Safe Place will provide the assistance they require.

The BBC's Build It Scotland Campaign

is marking Scotland's Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design by encouraging budding architects to find out more about the nation's popular landmark buildings by building models of local buildings using 3D design software such as Minecraft, TinkerCad or Sketchup using PCs, laptops or Raspberry Pis.

The Library has worked with 2 schools, Castlepark and Morgan Academy in Opportunities to design and 3D print models which will form part of a larger exhibition in July, showcasing what children have learned and created themselves as well as highlighting the potential role of the library in hosting workshops, stimulating creativity and collaborating with outside agencies.



Keep Safe Initiative

Within this period, Library & Information Services have offered a number of placements to various organisations including Employment Access Trust, Job Centre Work Experience Programme, MSc Information & Library Studies student from RGU, Duke of Edinburgh candidates, school pupil placements including two from Kingspark. We also have had a Modern Apprentice Post, Katy Dallas, who completed an SCQF Level 6 course in Community Arts Management. She is now going onto higher education. The post was partly funded by The National Skills Academy Creative and Cultural Skills.

Ignite Sparks Festival

The Ignite Festival had a unique focus on promoting and celebrating the use of innovative techniques or technologies in Dundee.

In 2016, Dundee Libraries was awarded funding to deliver workshops in Arthursstone Library. These included an Urban Tweet workshop, in partnership with Dundee Ranger Service. This aimed to show how to attract more wildlife to the garden, featuring a range of guide books available from the library and a demonstration of how 3D printed tools and models as well as apps could help.

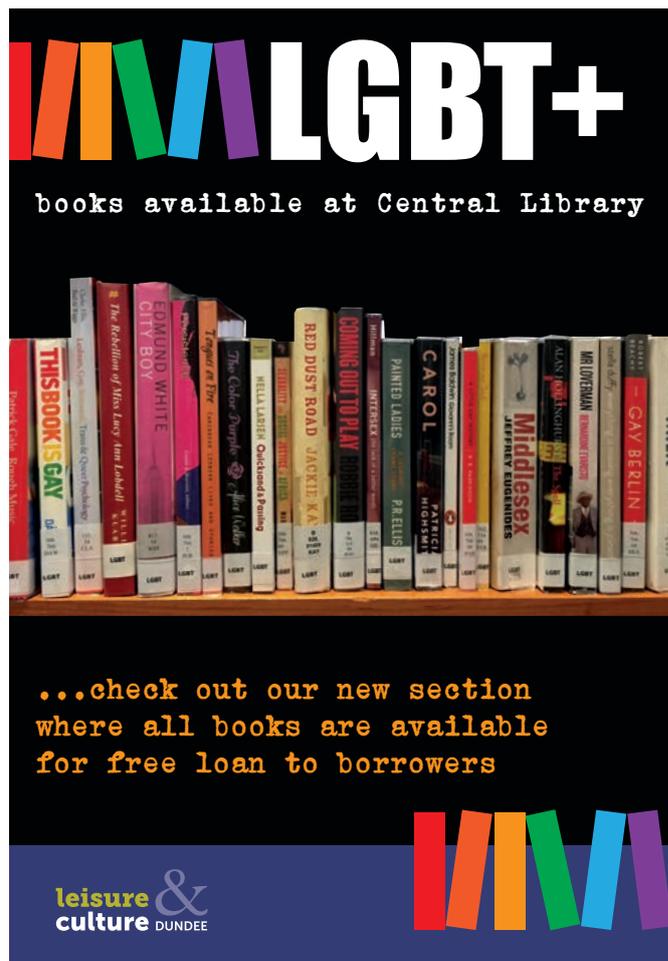
The Batik Workshop, partnered with Dundee Urban Orchard, was an introduction, this was an introduction to the Indonesian method of producing prints using

wax-resistant dyes which took place at Arthursstone. DUO also installed a touring exhibition of silkscreen posters showing the people and values that support Dundee Urban Orchard. The title of the exhibition was 'Orchard City Prints'. This led to another successful funding bid for events in 2017.

Advocating Together Dundee

The Learning Disability and Autism Strategy Planning Group held a focus group with library staff on Wednesday 8th February 2017

to find out more about the services libraries provide in particular to the Learning Disabled and Autism Spectrum Disorders community resulting in Autism friendly film shows.



Our LGBT+ collection continues to be successful, with almost 2,000 items issued to over 500 borrowers.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Bookbug

Is Scotland's Early Years Book Gifting Programme delivered in partnership with Scottish Book Trust. It encourages parents and carers to enjoy the experience of sharing books with their children from babies onwards. In partnership with NHS Tayside and DCC Education, Bookbug bags are distributed to every child on 4 occasions from birth to age 5. Regular Bookbug sessions of stories, songs and rhymes take place in all of our libraries, mainly delivered by library staff. Menzieshill Library has been the venue for a joint pilot with Community Learning & Development, giving the chance to promote other family orientated learning opportunities too. These sessions proved so successful that they are continuing on a permanent basis. The theme for Bookbug Week 2016 was Bookbug Around the World with rhymes and stories linked to the idea of travel and different countries.

"Even the songs I didn't know were easy to pick up."

"I feel there isn't much in this area so would love for it to continue."

"I feel very welcome with my child."

Support to Schools

Is a key element of library service delivery, ensuring that supported access to library resources and services is available. Over 90 % of primary schools and nurseries have regular contact with their local library through class visits, storytelling and tailored sessions to support classroom delivery. This programme has been further

enhanced through our role in the First Minister's Reading Challenge, working with schools to encourage children to read widely.

Summer 2016

Was a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Roald Dahl. The Big Friendly Read, Tesco Bank Summer Reading Challenge Scotland 2016, was launched to a capacity audience in the Steps Theatre. Author and storyteller, Lari Don, delivered an interactive session to pupils from Craigiebarns, Glebelands and SS Peter & Paul Primary Schools. 189 events and activities were held in libraries citywide with 1,948 children across Dundee taking part and 34,568 children's books issued during the period. 520 children completed the challenge and were rewarded with medals and certificates at local events. Broughty Ferry Library hired Castle Green for their awards ceremony where local author, Michelle Sloan, handed out medals and spoke to the children and their families.

Central Children's Library built their celebrations around Dahl's birthday on 13th September with children and staff dressed as their favourite book character, a giant birthday card, members of Dundee Rep Youth Theatre reading from The BFG and a cake, created by a talented member of staff.

Quotes from participants

"Really good idea - encouraged them to read something different and definitely kick-started real passion for coming to the library as often as possible!"





"We really enjoyed the big friendly read, it introduced us to lots of new books and we loved spending time reading together."

"I thought the big friendly read was awesome and I think if Roald Dahl was here he would have loved it too."

Andersen Press Award

Central Children's Library was announced as the Scottish winner of the Andersen Press Award, receiving Elmer the Patchwork Elephant furniture, rug and collection of books.

"Long live the libraries!"

Elmer creator David McKee

"We wanted to say thank you to the wonderful libraries that have always supported us."

Andersen Press



Dundee Picture Book Award

The Dundee Picture Book Awards 2016 ceremony was held at the Whitehall Theatre on 22nd June and hosted by pupils from Craigiebarns Primary School with children from Glebelands Primary School recording the voice overs for each of the stories.

This was the culmination of partnership working with the Educational Development Service to facilitate P6 pupils sharing a love of reading with P1s. Ben Mantle, author of *The Best Birthday Present Ever!*, was the winner, voted for by pupils from across Dundee.

The Author Visits programme provides access to the creative process of writing in a stimulating environment, inspiring children to read and to help remove perceived barriers to those who want to write creatively. A combination of external funding and local and national partnerships enables us to organise visits from authors who have the ability to motivate their audience and provide a memorable experience which will translate into a love of reading. Author visits over the past year included Matthew Fitt at Menzieshill Library speaking to over 60 Hillside Primary School pupils from P5 and P7. Matthew is best known for translating the stories of Roald Dahl and David Walliams into Scots.

"Our class was abuzz after our visit.....He developed an instant rapport with the children.....His presentation was wonderful."

"Bringing books, writing and the Scots language alive for pupils. Allowing them to see that Matthew was an ordinary Dundee lad who has achieved so much - inspiring pupils to follow their dreams."

FORTHCOMING

As a result of David Michie, ICT Training and Support Officer's secondment to SLIC to deliver Code Club training to library staff across Scotland, Dundee Library staff will be implementing a programme of coding clubs across our libraries. **Coding Clubs**, delivered through libraries, give children and young people the opportunity to develop coding skills, a core component of computing science, in a fun and stimulating environment. The focus on gaming as part of the sessions gives the participants a fun approach to learning, which in turn addresses confidence building and leadership skills. Dundee has been the forerunner in developing the clubs and recently seconded a member of staff to the Scottish Library & Information Council (SLIC) to deliver training to all Scotland's public library services to support a national roll out of the clubs. The clubs are delivered by a mix of library staff and volunteers with backgrounds in programming, making and games development. All the volunteers are STEM ambassadors or undergoing training.

The Photographic Survey 2018 is currently underway with Red Sky Photography as our partners, following on from surveys undertaken in 1916 and 1991. An exhibition will be held in Central Library in spring 2018 with the images then being added to the Local History Collection. The theme of the Survey will be events and people rather than buildings.

An upgrade to the **Library Management System** funded by L&CD is underway, this will provide major enhancements to the library catalogue as well as potential for us to benefit from consortium arrangements with other Scottish library authorities who have the same system.

An **Indoor Wellbeing Garden** is to be created in Central Library which will provide an area of peace and relaxation to people who are experiencing stress. It will also add to the many volunteering roles available

within libraries, with scope for people to help in the maintenance of the plants. A donation of £5,000 has been awarded by Macmillan towards this project.

Iain Flett of the Friends of Dundee City Archives has arranged with the National Library of Scotland to show archive films of Dundee in the **Steps Theatre**. The first film was screened in at a lunchtime in February 2017 and proved popular so a programme was pulled together to show more on a semi regular basis. So far 290 people have enjoyed films of the jute industry, delinquent children and the making of The Courier.



Plans for **Broughty Ferry Community Extension** are progressing and the forthcoming year will see a major push to raise funds for the building.

