**Somerset Libraries are Back!**

We are delighted to announce that our libraries have reopened for you to come and choose your books, talking books and DVDs and use our computers. You can see the opening hours here – [full details of opening hours](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.somerset.gov.uk%2Flibraries-leisure-and-communities%2Flibraries%2Four-libraries%2F&data=04%7C01%7CWebTeam%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cc1e2af57fcf14466a6ba08d8fab606ac%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637535007022911216%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=A0SXh1JKZHr4UIeGJJuGwLuFvi47XyVe%2FK%2BeeRkczzc%3D&reserved=0)

Please note that these arrangements may change at short notice following regular reviews and risk assessments.

We will also continue to provide computers for internet access, but please be aware that computer availability is reduced due to social distancing measures. Face coverings are essential, and it is advisable to check with your local library in advance of visiting**,** as you may need to book a session in advance. Struggling to print documents at home? For a small charge, you can print from library computers, or use our new [Wi-Fi printing service](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.somerset.gov.uk%2Flibraries-leisure-and-communities%2Flibraries%2Flibraries-services%2Fwifi-printing%2F&data=04%7C01%7CWebTeam%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cc1e2af57fcf14466a6ba08d8fab606ac%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637535007022921176%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5QOrEtF3d%2BSS1zL4A7L%2BHkvrZW%2BqHPAartvmtLKYBrE%3D&reserved=0) to print from your personal Apple and Android wireless devices.

Our popular [Library Choice Service](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure1.somerset.gov.uk%2Fforms%2FPortalShowForm.asp%3Ffm_formalias%3DSLRRS&data=04%7C01%7CWebTeam%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cc1e2af57fcf14466a6ba08d8fab606ac%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637535007022921176%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vqTKUhteT%2BLawFyhEvPwblA%2BgqDmF6fUanftr7u5Wqo%3D&reserved=0) is still available and you can also use the reservation service for specific books that you would like to read.

The Library Choice Service enables you to request up to ten books hand-picked by a member of staff based on your favourite genres or authors. Complete the [request form](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure1.somerset.gov.uk%2Fforms%2FPortalShowForm.asp%3Ffm_formalias%3DSLRRS&data=04%7C01%7CWebTeam%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cc1e2af57fcf14466a6ba08d8fab606ac%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637535007022921176%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vqTKUhteT%2BLawFyhEvPwblA%2BgqDmF6fUanftr7u5Wqo%3D&reserved=0) on the Somerset Libraries website, or in person at the library, and staff will be in touch about your selections. If you wish to borrow a particular title, you can use the reservation system at [librarieswest.org.uk](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.librarieswest.org.uk%2Fclient%2Fen_GB%2Fdefault&data=04%7C01%7CWebTeam%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cc1e2af57fcf14466a6ba08d8fab606ac%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637535007022931128%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=eOsyTT%2FsDWof1HirJRbLgaPvnF7LiYHtw7eF5IBpBMU%3D&reserved=0). Charges may apply and you will be notified by email, SMS or letter when your item is available.

We have extended all loan periods for books, Talking Books and DVDs currently out on loan, and not overdue, to at least 5 May. All customers are advised to keep checking their[online account](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.librarieswest.org.uk%2Fclient%2Fen_GB%2Fdefault&data=04%7C01%7CWebTeam%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cc1e2af57fcf14466a6ba08d8fab606ac%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637535007022931128%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=eOsyTT%2FsDWof1HirJRbLgaPvnF7LiYHtw7eF5IBpBMU%3D&reserved=0) to monitor loan periods and due dates.

Many [online resources](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fglassboxtaunton.co.uk%2Flearn%2Fonline-resources%2F&data=04%7C01%7CWebTeam%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cc1e2af57fcf14466a6ba08d8fab606ac%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637535007022941091%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1C45LLI60hm%2BXPulMEldJutWZr0XlrQOwmBsN7DgtPE%3D&reserved=0) are also available for you to access from home as well as in the library. If you enjoy researching your family history, take advantage of [home access to Ancestry](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.librarieswest.org.uk%2Fclient%2Fen_GB%2Fdefault%2F%3Frm%3DANCESTRY0%257C%257C%257C1%257C%257C%257C0%257C%257C%257Ctrue&data=04%7C01%7CWebTeam%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cc1e2af57fcf14466a6ba08d8fab606ac%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637535007022941091%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2Pc4WjEgWhCKsRylZjhwbTKtq9ZRtEesaSTY%2BqY1tWA%3D&reserved=0), currently extended to June 2021.

We will continue to post regular online events and updates across Somerset Libraries social media pages. Find “Somerset Libraries UK” on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/somersetlibrariesuk/), @SomersetLib on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/SomersetLib), or search “Somerset Libraries” on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/somersetlibraries/?hl=en).

The [Home Library Service](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-communities/libraries/libraries-services/home-library-service/) and the [Mobile Library](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-communities/libraries/library-facilities/mobile-library/) are also available once again, for those people unable to get to a library building.

You can still [join and use the library online](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.somerset.gov.uk%2Flibraries-leisure-and-communities%2Flibraries%2Flibraries-services%2Flibrary-membership%2F&data=04%7C01%7CWebTeam%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cc1e2af57fcf14466a6ba08d8fab606ac%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637535007022951039%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=f1bshskLDFnT%2FP9jj7VN83%2BrEoT49J8B2sv5BN4x9LI%3D&reserved=0), it’s quicker and easier than ever. Library membership gives you access to a huge [range of online content](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.somerset.gov.uk%2Flibraries-leisure-and-communities%2Flibraries%2Flibrary-facilities%2Fe-books-e-magazines-and-e-audiobooks%2F&data=04%7C01%7CWebTeam%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cc1e2af57fcf14466a6ba08d8fab606ac%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637535007022951039%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ADk6gpkLEufof2cDBQkAboww947CMHHR2jratCqvmB8%3D&reserved=0), 1000s of downloadable books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers and comics – free of charge.

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