

Friends of Greenhill Library
Newsletter February 2016



*Love books — love your local
community library*

From the Chairman ...

Greenhill Library is a wonderful community initiative. It is difficult to believe that 2 years ago we were only a campaigning group. 18 months ago there were 15 of us on a Steering group planning to take over the running of the Library. Our vision was *"To provide a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive Library as a focal point that would meet the many needs of our community."*



What have we achieved during these last 18 months? We have Recruited and trained 150 volunteers to work in various areas of the Library. Chatterbooks, Storytime and Funtime have all grown, 150 took up the Summer Reading Challenge and local schools and uniformed organisations visit the library. The building itself looks much better and plans are in place for further improvements. However, all the Associate Libraries are still negotiating their Lease. In January 16 we added 600 'new' books to borrow from Greenhill. It would be great if more people could be involved. Please become a Friend of Greenhill Library by donating a small amount each year or offering your time as a volunteer.



Farmers and Artisan Market

Following the massive success of our market last September, we are now taking bookings from stallholders for our next event on Sunday 3 April.

We can accommodate both indoor and outdoor pitches, but space is likely to sell out so for a trader application form browse to www.greenhill-library.org/market or send an email to market@greenhill-library.org

New!

In addition to the "People's Network" of computers, we now offer free Wi-Fi to all library users.



Evening Events at the library

Friday 19 Feb at 7pm

The Best Medicine Comedy Show

An evening of laughter with Jan Flamank

Celebrate the end of winter. Forget the dreary weather and the winter glums and enjoy Jan's hilarious stories about work, friendships, family eccentrics and a few imaginary cats..... Let's put a bit of sparkle and fun back into February.

Expect an evening of wild stories and lots of laughter with her unique look at the wacky world of work, friendships and eccentric but loveable family members – including some imaginary cats The show is aimed at adults, but isn't crude or 'blue', although there may be a bit of swearing, particularly when quoting her eccentric father. You may also hear her own legendary laugh.



Friday 18 March at 7pm

The Building of Totley Tunnel with Ted Hancock

If you've taken the train to Manchester, you've been through it. If you've had lunch in the S17 bistro, you've sat on top of it. It's Totley Tunnel — a three-mile railway tunnel built to create a shorter route between Sheffield and Manchester. Hear Ted talk about the construction of the tunnel and the Navvies who built it.



Friday 15 April at 7pm

Gardening for Wildlife with Ben Keywood

Whether your garden is small or large or something in between, this talk will show how to create a beautiful garden that is also an important habitat for butterflies, bees and dragonflies and a haven for birds, hedgehogs and pond-life. Learn how to create your own garden nature reserve!



All tickets £5, available from the library

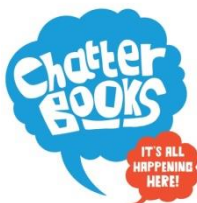


We are in need of **volunteers** to help with cleaning, fund raising and office work. If you can spare a few hours a month and would like to get involved with our friendly volunteer group, whilst making a real contribution back to the community, please get in touch.

We would also like to find tradespeople willing to advise on plumbing and electrical matters.

Finally, we have vacant positions on the **management board** for a Volunteer Co-ordinator, and an Operations Manager.

If you would like to help, then in the first instance please send an email to admin@greenhill-library.org, or call in to the Library to see us.



Chatterbooks is a nationally recognised book club for children aged between 8 and 12. We re-launched Chatterbooks at the Library in September 2015. We look at general reading and non-fiction books, with a range of genres and authors to appeal to this age range.

Sessions are limited to 10 children, so we can focus on everyone and allow all the children to participate. We encourage children to read books (printed or electronic), talk about them, and engage with words. It is the perfect place to meet people who love reading and to make friends, build confidence and develop communication and social skills.

Since starting our sessions, we have had a lot of interest from people wanting to know more. We do offer a taster session for children so please email chatterbooks@greenhill-library.org and let us know more about *why* you want to come along and what you would like your children to get out of the sessions. Reluctant readers are very welcome.

Chatterbooks runs on Mondays after school in term time. Please email for more details. *Louise.*

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The Friends Of Greenhill Library

Greenhill Library is a volunteer-run community library operating as an associate library of Sheffield City Council. We offer the same services as the council-run libraries and you can use your normal library ticket to borrow our books, DVDs, maps and jigsaws. We also offer “The People’s Network” of computers available for use free of charge. We also have an active program of community events.

Opening Times

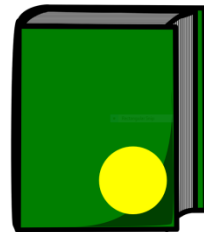
Monday	10am – 6.30pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10am – 5.30pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10am – 5.30pm
Saturday	10am – 12.30pm
Sunday	Closed



Come and visit our **in-library bookshop**, where you can buy a good quality donated book at a bargain price. And keep those book donations coming!

Check out our new book stock!

We have a growing collection of **donated books** available for loan. These are marked with a yellow sticker and you’ll need to check them out (and in) at the reception desk — you cannot use the automatic machines.



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If you have an NHS **hearing aid** you can get replacement batteries from the library. Just remember to bring your NHS hearing aid battery book with you.

Greenhill Community Library User Survey

February 2016

How are we doing now?

Please spare a few moments to tell us what you think about your library since it came under voluntary management in September 2014. Based on your experience, is it performing better than, the same as, or not as well as it did before?

Please tick [✓] only one box in each row.	Better	The same	Not as well	Don't know/ don't use
Selection of books and DVDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borrowing from other libraries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleanliness and overall appearance of the library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Computing, Internet, printing and photocopying facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall level of service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is the main thing that keeps you coming back to the library? Please be specific:

Personal Data (Data supplied will be used only for analysis within this survey):

How often do you use our library? Never ☐ Seldom ☐ Often ☐

Please tick [✓] your age range	11 or less	12-18	19-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is your home post code?

More! PTO ...

Thanks to Stannington and District Library Group for inspiring this survey

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How could we do better in the future?

We intend to seek support from the Big Lottery fund (and elsewhere) with the aim of transforming the library into a self-sustaining community resource. Please help us by indicating, for each of the facilities listed below, how you think it would affect your use of the library by scoring:

- 1 = I would be much more likely to use the library
- 2 = I would be slightly more likely to use the library
- 3 = It wouldn't affect my use of the library one way or the other
- 4 = I would be slightly less likely to use the library
- 5 = I would be much less likely to use the library

Got that? OK ... Give it a go and tick the boxes.:



Please score 1 – 5 for each row	1	2	3	4	5
A refreshed stock of modern, good-quality books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of refreshments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public toilet facility with disabled access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A larger seating / relaxation area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More evening events, e.g. talks, entertainment, quizzes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More daytime adult classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An extension of our program of children's activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A cinema club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What more can be done to make Greenhill the library you want? (We think this is the most important question on the form so please give it some thought!)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please drop completed forms to the survey postbox inside the library, or post them back to us no later than **19 March**. Alternatively you can do the survey on-line at <http://greenhill-library.org/survey>