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Libraries Unlimited launches Arts Award Discover at Home



Libraries Unlimited has launched Arts Award Discover at Home, an on-line resource of activities made by South West artists aimed at children aged 11 and under (or anyone under 25 with additional needs). Arts Award Discover, is the first level of Arts Award, a set of awards for children and young people that gets them involved in and excited about arts and culture and celebrates their creative achievements.

Daniel Clark, Creative Director at Evolve for Libraries Unlimited said 'Arts Award Discover at Home is a fantastic way for children to be rewarded for the creative activities they enjoy. You can even get a certificate! At this time, it feels even more vital to highlight new ways to deliver the award remotely and engage families creatively online.'

Our Discover at Home page gives families **free** access to a fun selection of creative activities that include easy-to-follow guidance and utilise everyday materials found in most homes. The activities are perfect for keeping children engaged in the arts and boosting their creativity while they are learning at home. Discover at Home is a great option for parents & carers who may not be arts specialists themselves or are looking for something different to keep children engaged and entertained. The activities on offer include Puppet Making with Tessa Bide (all you need is newspaper and masking tape!), Match box book making with Claire Barker (the clues in the name), recycled sculpture with Darrell Wakelam and many more.

Discover at Home enables children to be rewarded for the creative activities they enjoy. If young people would like to apply for an official Arts Award Discover certificate, they will need to complete one of the activities and submit evidence to Libraries Unlimited via the website. There is a small charge to cover the cost of the certificate and postage. Families are welcome to use the resources to structure creative activities at home, without the need to achieve a certificate.

Sarah Waller from Real Ideas Organisation said 'It's been great working with Libraries Unlimited and the Evolve team in supporting local artists to create this material and young people to have the opportunity to engage in Arts Award Discover at Home'.

Arts Award is a nationally recognised qualification that helps young people aged 5 – 25 to explore their creative skills, and to develop as artists and arts leaders, formal certification is run by Trinity College London.

Libraries Unlimited is the charity responsible for running Devon and Torbay Libraries. Arts Award Discover at Home is just one of the activities in the wide Libraries Unlimited cultural offering. Evolve is an imaginative programme of innovative events, cultural experiences and new artworks delivered in partnership with artists and communities and funded by Arts Council England and Exeter City Council.

For further details about Evolve and future events, please visit www.librariesevolve.org.uk

Find Arts Award Discover at Home on our websites - [Devon Libraries](#) and [Torbay Libraries](#).

For further information and our full contact details please visit our web page <https://www.librariesunlimited.org.uk/> Facebook: facebook.com/librariesunlimited

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About Evolve Project

Evolve is an imaginative programme of events and artworks within Devon's libraries, delivered by us, in partnership with artists and communities and funded by Arts Council England.

Your library card is a key that unlocks a world of opportunities, knowledge, imagination and experiences, and a wealth of people to help you navigate it. Explore the latest offering within your local library, and discover a world of technology, adventure, storytelling and creativity. Evolve brings to life your much-loved stories, historical tales and events and some of our favourite literature through animation, digital screenings, touch-activated technology, virtual reality and integrated artworks.

Find out more about Evolve here: <https://www.librariesevolve.org.uk/>

About Libraries Unlimited

Libraries Unlimited is an independent charity and a staff and community owned social enterprise, established in April 2016.

Libraries Unlimited runs Devon's and Torbay's public library service, Devon Libraries and Torbay Libraries, including 54 libraries across the county. Each local library has something for everyone: books and information, eBooks, audiobooks and digital magazines, music, films, computers with access to the Internet, free Wi-Fi and much more.

[Find out more about Devon Libraries here](#)

[Find out more about Torbay Libraries here](#)

Libraries Unlimited also runs Devon's the FabLab and Business & IP Centre (BIPC).

FabLab Devon

FabLab Devon is based in Exeter and Barnstaple Library. It is a small-scale workshop offering digital fabrication facilities. It's an open access, not-for-profit, community resource where anybody can invent and make just about anything.

[Find out more about the FabLab here](#)

Business & IP Centre

The Business & IP Centre in Exeter and Barnstaple Library provides support to business owners, entrepreneurs and inventors, in partnership with the British Library. Users can access a comprehensive collection of online databases and publications and attend practical workshops, one-to-one advice sessions and inspiring talks.