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East Sussex
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Books

All our libraries have a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, large print, books for children and young people, and much more.

Books are free to borrow for three weeks. If you would like to extend the loan period there are many ways you can renew your books. Visit us online at eastsussex.gov.uk/renew, download our app to manage your account, pop into any library or call us on **0345 60 80 196**.

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Activities for the under-5s

Free *Rhymetimes* and *Storytimes* are held in many of our libraries and are suitable for the under-5s. Parents can meet up and take part.

To find out when *Rhymetimes* and *Storytimes* happen visit eastsussex.gov.uk/libraryevents or talk to the staff in your library.

Children five and under will receive a *Bookstart* pack with free books, these are gifted through health visitors and at nurseries and pre-schools. Bookstart is a national scheme offering free books to children under five years old and advice to their parents on sharing books with children from a very early age.



Activities for children

Every year we run a **Summer Reading Challenge** aimed at 4-11 year olds, encouraging children to read over the summer holidays. Visit eastsussex.gov.uk/src from mid-July to sign up.

We run after school coding clubs in some libraries for 8-13 year olds, teaching animation, games and website design. Coding kits are available to borrow from all our libraries, as well as a great range of coding books.



Learning

Our libraries offer a variety of learning opportunities. You can access our bitesize online tutorials across a whole range of everyday digital tasks from home, from the library – from anywhere with internet access!

If you're seeking a qualification, our **Learning Centres** offer accredited courses in English and Maths (free of charge) and Computing (fees may apply subject to income).

To enrol with our Learning Centres call **01323 463903**.

And if you'd like to learn more about computers but are not ready for a course you can join one of our **IT for You** sessions for free 1 to 1 training. To book your place on **IT for You** call **01323 463759**.

Or visit **eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries** to find out more.



Free Wi-Fi and computers



All our libraries have free Wi-Fi and computers for library customers. If you need support using our computers (or your own device) our **Computer Buddies** are here to help. You can book a Buddy on **0345 60 80 196** or by visiting your library.

Printing and photocopying

You can print (colour and black and white), photocopy and scan in all our libraries (charges apply).



Reference resources

Librarians can help you find information. You can talk to staff in your local library; you can also go online and use our wide range of reference resources for free. There are resources to help you study, help with job seeking, consumer advice and more.

Visit eastsussex.gov.uk/reference

ESCIS

Visit ESCIS.org.uk to find out what is going on in your local area. The online community directory lists over 8,000 local groups, organisations and clubs, plus a diary of upcoming events. **ESCIS** covers East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. It's free to be listed, free to use, and the information is constantly updated.



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Local history resources

All libraries have resources relating to their own area and the county in general. You can find out about the people, history, culture and development of East Sussex, plus research advice and suggested reading. Just visit eastsussex.gov.uk/localstudies



Family history research

For people wanting to research their family history, we have free access to both *Ancestry* and *Find My Past* websites on our library computers, plus books and eMagazines on genealogy. Some libraries also have family history volunteers who may be able to help with your research.



Health and Wellbeing resources

Every library has a section that can help you understand and manage your own health and wellbeing. There are book collections on topics such as mental health, dementia and other long term conditions.

We also have a range of wellbeing boxes which include a variety of resources and practical activities which can be used to boost your wellbeing. There are more wellbeing resources and further information available online at eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/wellbeing



Reminiscence resources

Reminiscence resources include activity books, films, music, pictures, jigsaws and other objects which help to awaken memories of people's life experiences. They can be useful when working with older people, including those with dementia or disabilities, either in a group setting or on a one-on-one basis. They are ideal for care homes, carers and family members. Visit eastsussex.gov.uk/reminiscence



Volunteer for your library

From *Storytime* sessions to community outreach projects we have a variety of volunteering opportunities which help support your library service.

For information on all of the roles available please visit eastsussex.gov.uk/libraryvolunteers or email library.volunteers@eastsussex.gov.uk

Contact details:

eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries

Enquiries: **0345 6080196**

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