

# Suffolk Libraries

## Kesgrave Library report 2019

### 2019 highlights

- Lego Club on Tuesday afternoon, run by a volunteer, continues to be successful. A pupil from Kesgrave High School completed the volunteering element of the Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze Award, by helping to run the club.
- Various class visits from Cedarwood Primary and Gorselands Primary schools.
- During the 2018 World Cup, staff ran sticker swap sessions on Sunday mornings. These proved very popular and enabled football fans to swap stickers to complete their collections.
- At the end of Baby Bounce sessions every week, staff now offer tea / coffee and biscuits to the new parents and carers, thereby, enabling them to socialise and chat, reducing isolation and loneliness.
- Three work experience places provided.
- Summer reading challenge 2018 was very successful. Staff visited five local primary schools to promote it. Over 400 people attended a 'Paw Patrol' party to launch the challenge. There were crafts, stalls, a raffle and refreshments available. Over 500 children signed up to the challenge and 365 completed – the highest number of finishers at Kesgrave ever. 1633 children enjoyed the free Mischief Makers crafts which were on offer. The presentation event enabled those who finished the challenge to collect their medals and certificates from Neal Beecroft- Smith, Kesgrave Town Council chairman and Charles Rayworth, the Chair from Sparks, who had donated £450 to the Kesgrave Library Community Group to help run the challenge. Volunteers gave up 690 hours to support staff with the challenge and associated events.
- In September there were a variety of events at the library – a visit from the police promoting the Suffolk Key Safe Scheme, Suffolk Parent Carer's Network came along to offer support to parents, as well as Beach Bonkers which brought the beach into the library. It enabled customers to take part in beachcombing, craft activities and discovering shark and mammoth teeth.
- From October – December, the library offered a range of Christmas cards to residents from Cards for Good Causes, Suffolk Wildlife Fund and The Somersham Ward from Ipswich Hospital.
- Scout's Post Box for local Christmas card deliveries hosted at the library.
- Macmillan Cancer Support Group launched in January 2019.
- Staff successfully applied for a grant to purchase some literacy games for children and for a grant to purchase toys which are suitable for the babies who attend Baby Bounce.
- In December, Kesgrave Library Community Group held a successful Christmas Fayre raising nearly £200.

### Performance figures: Usage of Kesgrave Library

The performance figures below show the steady growth in popularity of Kesgrave Library over the last few years. It is the busiest small library in Suffolk. The number of visits has increased from a quarterly average of 11,760 in 2015 / 2016 to 12,394 in 2018 / 2019 and quarterly issues has increased from 10,680 to 18,538. Staff and volunteers have managed to increase the number of events and activities at the library from an average of 56 per quarter in 2015 / 2016 to 65 in 2018 / 2019 with the number of attendees remaining consistently high throughout.

Quarter	Visitors				Book Issues			
	15/16	16/17	17/18	18 / 19	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
Q1	10453	11046	11471	10623	9536	15519	16250	17487
Q2	15279	16345	16058	16893	11299	19808	21935	22293
Q3	10149	11366	11033	11658	10338	14856	15640	16223
Q4	11159	10482	10580	10403	11545	15657	16050	18147
Average	11760	12310	12286	12394	10680	16460	17469	18538

Month	Total number of attendees at events															
	Children				Adults				Total				Sessions			
	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
Q1	716	1246	1028	915	602	941	1197	775	1318	2187	2225	1690	40	58	63	83
Q2	2476	2357	2766	2620	1763	1870	1776	1989	4239	4227	4542	4609	74	75	94	107
Q3	1293	1233	1110	950	1067	1128	1010	786	2360	2361	2120	1736	52	56	76	79
Q4	1295	1073	1003	1094	1082	904	926	878	2377	1525	1929	1972	56	70	76	86
Average	1445	1477	1477	1395	1129	1211	1227	1107	2574	2575	2704	2678	56	65	77	89