

**Porlock Community Library Report
for Porlock Parish Council Meeting 13th November 2024**

The Anniversary Coffee Morning to celebrate ten years of being a Community-led library was well attended with over 70 people coming through the library doors, including a group of children from the school, making the event all-age inclusive - something we aim to achieve.

The quarterly Community Library Partnership meeting was held. The library service continues to be pleased with the progress Porlock makes. Footfall for the second quarter of the year was up by 11% against the same period last year.

The final statistics for the Summer Reading Challenge were produced. Participation throughout the South West was down by 25% on the previous year. However, Porlock Community Library signed up 77 children, representing a 40% increase, one of only four Somerset libraries to increase their year on year figure.

The library's talks and events during October were, generally, well supported. We now look forward to 21st November when the Library Poets first book is launched, in the library, with a Coffee Morning from 10am to midday. Our thanks to all the contributors, Lucy Allenby for putting it all together and the poets who have paid the publishing costs. All proceeds will go to library funds.

We are now looking forward, subject to funding and re-purposing of items, to our expansion into the smaller of the two rooms recently vacated at the OSC. Working alongside the Lovelace Resource Centre.

Mary Perkins
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