

Porlock Community Library Report

Porlock Parish Council Meeting 13th September 2024

Following on from last month's report. The new Library Management System is now able to let libraries relocate resources to other libraries. This, along with the ability to have donated books added to stock, albeit via HQ, will enable borrowers to see a change of books held at any one library.

The Summer Reading Challenge has just finished. 78 children registered in Porlock to take part, (55 last year) with over half completing the challenge of reading six books during the school holidays. Seven events were held over the six week period, which included crafts and 3D printer demonstrations. Attendance over the seven events totalled 53 children and 39 adults.

The library was well represented at the Country Fair.

The new Knit, Crochet, Craft and Chatter group started at the beginning of August. It has proved very popular and from October will meet weekly on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm instead of fortnightly. Also, another new group commenced last week - Creative Writing - which will run on the first Wednesday of each month to at least the end of the year.

There are various talks and activities planned. Hopefully these will be well supported by the community and council. Events are always advertised well in advance on the library's Facebook page, PPC website News and posters located around the village, as well as fliers in the library.

Plans are going well for the library's 10th Anniversary of being a Community Library - Coffee Morning on October 10th from 10am to noon. Everyone is welcome to drop in to show support for something that is going from strength to strength despite initial reservations from some quarters.

Finally, my thanks to all the volunteers who keep the library open especially during this time of transferring from one system to another and also, to those volunteers who help with the children's events.

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