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Newsletter**

Settle Community Library and The Cooperative/Crowdfunding support

Settle Community Library is facing a difficult financial problem at the moment. The energy costs for the library have quadrupled over the last few months while our income has stayed static. From April these energy costs are likely to rise even higher.

Since the library opened, our income has come from any charges for Book clubs, ordering books, hire of the library for events, fines for late return of books and grants found by the Management Committee.

These grants have always been for capital expenditure (new furniture, blinds, projectors etc).

The Cooperative/Crowdfunding is offering help towards energy costs to help maintain the Warm Places on offer to the public. Our application for this financial support was successful and our Crowdfunding site went live recently giving the public the opportunity of supporting the library.

Access to the Crowdfunding site can be found on our Facebook page, Twitter and Settle chat Facebook page. It is also on the Settle Library website.

The library now really needs your help, and every penny donated by YOU will be matched by the Cooperative society, so every £10 becomes £20. We need to work together to conserve this wonderful local amenity.

Would you like to become a friend of Settle Community Library?

One of our Library Trustees, Bob Young, has been asked to review the workings of the Friends of Settle Library scheme to see (a) whether it meets the expectations of current Friends and (b) whether it could be improved with a view to attracting more Friends.

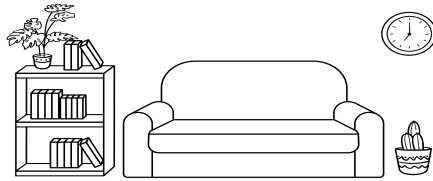
Under present arrangements, Friends subscribe £10 per annum to the library, or more if they so wish. We currently have just over 100 Friends, who thus – generously – contribute roughly £1,000 per annum to library funds. Revenue from Friends is allocated by the Trustees to a variety of functions that the library fulfils, and the allocation changes from year to year. To give an example, £1,000 of contributions will fund several speaker events at the library which aim to stimulate community interest in and usage of the library. In almost all its activities the library's costs continue to rise sharply, so the generosity of Friends matters a great deal and is much appreciated.

Bob Young will shortly be emailing those Friends who have provided an email address in order to solicit their views on how the Friends scheme could be enhanced. If you don't have an email address or would prefer to submit your views without waiting to be asked, please write to: The Secretary to the Trustees, Settle Community Library, Limestone View, Greenfoot, Settle, BD24 9RB.

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HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

Volunteers in the Home Library Service would like to increase the use of the system within the community.

The service is free for people of any age who, perhaps because of ill health or a disability, find it difficult to get to the library or to carry books.

So, if you, or anyone you know—relative, friend or neighbour—are in need of help to obtain books, audio books or DVDs, please get in touch via the contact information given below.

Alternatively, if you have access to the internet at home, you can access a range of free resources including e-books, e-audio books, newspapers and magazines.

This can be done by logging on to: www.northyorks.gov.uk/digital-library
We can also help you with this.

Our book deliverers, as you might expect, are a friendly sympathetic bunch and their visits are welcomed by our 'customers'.

We look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible.

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Home Library Service - homelibraryservice@settlelibrary.org.uk

SPECIAL QUIET SPACE

“The meeting room is being slowly altered into a quieter space. This will be open for use by those wanting a space to work or for anyone wanting a calmer area to escape the busyness of the library. This will be of particular use to families who have a child with neurodivergent symptoms such as autism or ADHD. The room has been tidied and we are looking to obtain some suitable furniture, as well as decorating the area in calming colours.”

Debi Burridge and Janet Donnelly

Please visit <http://settlelibrary.org.uk> and see what we have to offer
we are so much more than just a Library.

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