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Durham County Council's libraries offer free access to:

- Thousands of books
- Bookable computers with internet access, WIFI
- e-magazines, e-books, e-audiobooks and lots more

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How to join

- Joining the library is free for everyone. All you need to provide is one proof of identity which includes your address, such as an electricity bill.
- You may borrow up to twelve books and a maximum of six audio books for a period of three weeks.
- If you don't have proof with you we can still issue a temporary library card so that you can borrow up to three books and use the computer.
- Your library card gives you access to all of the services available at your library so please remember to bring it with you each time you visit. Any lost cards can be easily replaced for a small fee.

Thank you for joining the library, we hope you enjoy your visit. Welcome to your reading journey.

What can I expect when I join?

This leaflet will help you to get the most from your visit. Please don't forget that staff are always on hand to help. Notice boards and digital screens provide up to date information on special events and activities – ranging from arts and craft sessions to reading groups. Each library also has a Health Zone with books and information on healthy lifestyle choices.

Books

- Each library has a wide range of books on their shelves.
- Books on the library catalogue can also be reserved for you for a small fee. In fact we can access almost any library in the country to try and find what you're looking for! So, if you are looking for something specific, by a particular author, or need some inspiration of what to read next, just ask a member of staff who will be pleased to help. They will contact you as soon as the book becomes available for collection.
- If you want to renew your library books you can also do so in person, by telephone or online. Books can be returned to any County Durham library and we can also remind you of the due date by email. Don't forget to sign up for this service.

Log onto **Library Online www.durham.gov.uk/libraryonline** or ask staff for details.

Computers and internet access

- Computer access is free for library members and sessions can be booked in person, by phone or online.
- The computer can be used for up to one hour, which can be extended if no one else is waiting.
- All computers have a range of software and printers and scanners are also available for use.
- As well as the Library Online facility, library computers also give you free access to research and information sites such as: Ancestry.co.uk – the largest online collection of family history records in the UK; online reference sites such as Who's Who and Encyclopaedia Britannica.
- You will also be able to access the full range of e-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines.

There are no age restrictions on use but we have the following safeguards in place. Parents/guardians can withdraw permission for their child under 18 to use a computer (notification letters are sent out when anyone under 18 uses a computer for the first time). We also recommend that younger children be accompanied when using computers as Durham County Council and its staff cannot accept responsibility for children's use of the internet in the library.

Please see our Frequently Asked Questions leaflet on computer and internet access for further details on usage and library by-laws.

Fees and charges

Fees and charges apply for late or non-return of items and for items which have been damaged. A full list of these is on display in your library and can also be found at **www.durham.gov.uk/libraries**

Libraries in County Durham

Library	Phone	Library	Phone
Annfield Plain Library	03000 269 511	**Murton Library**	03000 269 508
Barnard Castle Library	03000 263 409	**Newton Aycliffe Library**	03000 269 519
Belmont Library	03000 269 500	**Newton Hall Library**	03000 269 503
Bishop Auckland Library	03000 269 524	**Pelton Library**	03000 269 515
Blackhall Library	03000 269 505	**Peterlee Library**	03000 269 509
Bowburn Library	03000 269 528	**Sacriston Library**	03000 269 504
Brandon Library	03000 269 501	**Seaham Library**	03000 262 510
Chester-le-Street Library	03000 269 512	**Sedgefield Library**	03000 269 521
Chilton Library	03000 269 518	**Shildon Library**	03000 269 526
Consett Library	03000 269 513	**Shotton Library**	03000 269 510
Cornforth Library	03000 269 529	**South Moor Library**	03000 269 516
Coundon Library	03000 269 525	**Spennymoor Library**	03000 269 531
Crook Library	03000 269 002	**Stanley Library**	03000 269 517
Durham Clayport Library	03000 265 524	**Thornley Library**	03000 269 520
Easington Colliery Library	03000 269 506	**Trimdon Library**	03000 269 522
Esh Winning Library	03000 265 002	**Willington Library**	03000 269 532
Ferryhill Library	03000 269 530	**Wingate Library**	03000 269 523
Horden Library	03000 269 507	**Wolsingham Library**	03000 269 533
Lanchester Library	03000 269 514	**Woodhouse Close Library**	03000 269 527
Langley Park Library	03000 269 502		

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