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**SHOUT about Libraries**

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## **Appendix.**

The following details the free text responses obtained for each question.

### **What do you think would be important for a library made just for children?**

Trampoline

Food banks and soup kitchens

Accelerated reader (renaissance) book levels

Having a fun time reading

Nothing

Helping children's education

Let's people read together

story time

GIVING AWAY BOOKS

colouring pages

Colouring pages and pens

kids book library

maybe they can make a soft play area and also a boom area so if the children want to play they can and if they wa area

toy librairy,sport

If they don't know how to read it could have a speaker

Kids play area for 7 year olds and older

Books in age like from age 9- 18

A science lab

A quiet corner for the people who are really good.

Audiobooks

Seats that are comfy

A LOT OF BOOKS

Borrowing books

Play area

INTERESTING THICK books

Borrowing books and spending time with friends and read in peace

Lots of games like sports.

Borrowing books and reading them.

Mo boox

learning

Maybe helping with fantasy

tutors

Making friends

Soccer mini field

Computers

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help navigating legitimate news/information sites on the internet.

To help learning

Trips so children can learn the actual history around books

Running away from the fart boys

Beanbag area

Play

Group social activities such as book clubs, reading challenges etc.

Sensory room

Speak new language like french,spanish....

Interact with other people

Learning an instrument/language

Overall social communication with other children and adults

introducing musical instruments to kids from a young age

Research for events, projects or other things

Free Tutor area

Computers

video games

None

an own area for babies

To help them have a place for them to be calm.

Bring more interesting books to school

Maybe selling books for kids?

Encouraging children to read

revision

Encouraging children to read

make sure they are comfortable

reading buddy

for redl

help interact with people

Relaxing

It's needed for there education.

Help with reading in class.

feelings

Nothing good ideas but more activtes etc

nothing

summer reading challege.

kids book area

let kids bring there own books from home

help learn about stuff

Origami, witting books and drwings.

learn new things

Different aged books from 0-17.

Have different kinds of books and all kinds of books

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safe environment  
the different seats

Quiet area

A booth just for quiet reading and no disturbance and sealed off from the rest of the library . Some gaming computers

Do an award system to get children to read more.

Allowing schools to visit near them.

sensory room and equipment because my sister is autistic and loves a quiet space.

A book review or quiz about the book we have read

nothing

helping with tests

maybe books that people like

it helps children improve their reading and spelling it also helps children's parents that don't have enough money

going through challenging vocabulary.

Help to learn the language

Don't need a children's library keep the one we've got

To help socialize with people who have similar hobbies

play house

ONLINE GAMES

tennis

more books

make books for different ages and picture books for kids

help picking a book.

learn to read

getting books for free

good books

authors coming in

more soft things

there is not a lot our library is missing i like it a lot

the school library missed nothing

helping children find their preferred books to borrow

nothing

reading with friends

bean bags , pillows, teddys.

nothing

help with spelling

bean bags , pillows, teddys.

bean bags , pillows, teddys.

The summer reading challenges are amazing

helps children to read

rr

a area for students to study.

nothing

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buying things  
teach grammar  
Somewhere to read with my mumma.  
Kids book clubs type clubs  
School holiday programmes, after school clubs  
Maybe some clubs for children; theatrics, projects around books, games  
short courses to help their future  
Explore different books  
football bookes  
reading areas  
help reading  
nothing  
NO  
soft play area  
vending machine  
todler area  
todler area  
having fun.  
food  
a climbing frame outside to bring some life to the libre  
food and drinks  
a quiet place to sit  
more sigma alfa males (aka ur mum)  
Food are if they get hungry but they want to stay  
reading buddies people with higher reading levels can help people with lower reading levels  
Sections for different book series  
Outdoor area where kids can read  
Arts and crafts  
learning braille or sign language classes. A place to educate after school, interactive, community.  
Football match 11 aside  
Maybe you could have storytelling! 📖📖  
To Learn new words.  
Helping with education  
A little game area  
Ok  
Challenges  
Summer Reading Challenge  
Challenges

reading on their own  
more play time  
Maybe we can get some books and read them and search for ideas  
Lots of people to help children do stuff

quiet time  
Quiet studying/revising

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easier to find the books you want

tv

chatting with friends in a quiet place                      A belief room

no

fun activities

NOTHING

playing games related to reading, such as: reading bingo etc.

learn

a quiet and relaxing space

reading

Sofas

it can help with school work

Affecting minds

no

Close proximity to my home

A library for all not a bus

Study areas with laptop charging facilities

Nothing

Quiet space

Football

Probably a lack of proper books

Story time sessions with acting

Petting area if you fell stressed 😞

Relaxing areas to sit and read, access to author talks, creative writing workshops.

Every go to a different and get the person who read the most books and give them a prize

The ability to ask for community borrowing (so you can ask across a community group chat to see if a book is available)

person

Online reading games

Using computers

Linking with early years settings to build up a early love of reading

Books for my A levels

Baby/toddler rhyme time

seating area for parents or a cafe/refreshments corner

Singing sessions for pre schoolers eg wiggle and giggle

Creche facilities

A place to relax and read in peace and quiet

Place to hold clubs like Lego and chess

Clubs/ social groups to help children communicate/social skills

Summer reading challenge

Storytime and rhyme time sessions. Meeting other children

Children's Group activities eg story time and singing songs

Keeping quiet area

Quiet area, computers, consistency

Meeting groups within the community

Visits from petting zoos, dressing up section.

Story telling

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Quiet study area

Encouraging Reading

Children group meetings/events

Parent toddler bounce and rhyme and story times

Must be in our local town

Learning new things from each book.

I like meeting other children and I like it's nice and calm and quiet

Be close enough to our home that we can walk to the library

Walking distance from my house

Research area

Board Games and chess tournaments

Close to home

Coffee morning .bags and school uniforms

Reading club

Story tellers

Activities/sessions especially for sen

Volunteering programme

Study areas

Help with homework or personal tasks when using printers/ computers etc

I would like to learn chess

A section for tutoring

A place to study

## What do you do when you visit the library?

Sit and have some chill time  
Meet new people  
Explore different kinds of books  
Nothing  
Buy books  
Talk to the people  
Book buddies  
TOYS  
Read with children  
Look at books  
Books  
Having a quiet place  
Comfy chairs  
I don't go to a library  
Good books which are interesting like the worlds worst children 2  
Spending some alone time  
Go to events or activities or use free Wi-Fi.  
Reading  
Pley  
reading and relaxing  
Learn new things  
Run from the fart boys  
Give back books  
Make new friends  
Meet others  
Have a quiet place to go to so you can relax and read  
Get local information  
Research  
None  
nothing.  
meet friends  
and sometimes i go with my friends and read together.  
read with my dad  
have play dates  
read with my parents  
Meet with friends  
having peace and quiet  
charneg  
meet up with friends  
i dont go to the libraries  
how many books have you read  
nothing  
sitng on beanbags





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Don't close the library

Calming down

Chill

read on beenbags

Use your library card

school trips

free wifi

NOTHING

no

nothing

buy a book

hang out with friends

Nothing has been missed

Nothing

fun with friends

Having fun

pick up books i have reserved

Just to enjoy a library/time together

Sad if closed

Colour in

Parents join on trips and helps them get involved with teaching how to read

Study with friends

Show my children the library

Used to go to singing group with my toddlers

Meet friends

Meet friends

Play board games

Children's activities

Order books to be brought in from other library

Photocopy

I have 4 children aged 7-20years we have used the gidea park library for over 20 years it has been so helpful for their development

Get orange bags for mum

Nothing

Meet new friends and talk to people, I love feeling independent

Play with other children and spend time with my mum

Meet new like minded friends

Collect orange bags

Pick up recycling bags, and vote with mum & dad

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A lot more

Socialising with with other children and making friends

Share quality time with children and grandchildren

Take the nursery children

My brother does baby bounce then wiggle and giggle. I like the craft activities and storytime. We like when authors visit

Use Printers

My tutor sometimes meets me there to do some studying together

## What do you like about spending time in the library?

Play area

I like to zone out on the real world, and for it to be just me and my book

Having a lot of different books

Learn stuff from ages ago

Book buddies

Use school library

need computers

LERNIG

Sweets

I don't go to a library

Comfy chairs to relax and a play area with some board games or soft play

Reading challenges and not just the summer reading challenge

Sports

Relaxing

Crust ut

I like hiding from the fart boys

Have fun

nothing

Meeting others

I can try lots of different types of books and authors

None

nothing.

explore

explore

raidl

nothing

nothing cause i dont go

reading

we can buy a book from the library and then we can read it there

meeting new people

Studying.

entertain myself

The different types of books there.

Looking at big picture books

I lay down and study while reading a book

Reading in a quiet place.

I do not use library 's

I spend less time on the internet.

Nothing

nothing

Allows me to use internet when my PC at home is not working.

drawing

It's free

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nothing

I like doing sports and learn togetherness

nothing

the computers

finding books

learning about the past

more beanbags

nothing

get inspired by craft books

beanbags

nothing

reading calmly with your friends

nothing

Get books

enjoying sequels in series of books

It's a space to be with my mumma. She says it's a free activity for us.

Access to printer/photocopier

It's a nice relaxing space, can take time to choose books that interest me

borrowing books

look at books

NOPE

still dont go:/

i like to read on my own. i do not study there

I like reading with my friends

fortnite

I like the range of books that children can borrow

reading books I don't have at home

It helps with prizes for reading competitions

Computer or technology

Nothing

I learned new stuff and I feel safe

Wide range of books

I like it because children can read book

Nothing

when you are angry you can calm down

Reading your favourite books

i just borrow books so i dont spent time there

Speaking to friends privately

NOTHING

i dont go to the libray so i dont know

i don't go to the library

to make my mom happy

i dont go to the library

Nothing missed

I'm disabled and love borrowing books it's somewhere I can go myself on my scooter

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Nothing

Nothing

drawings

Making new friends

It encourages a love of books

I suggest new books to others

My daughter likes to colour in everytime we go

It's a lovely bonding experience for myself and my 19 month year old.

Have some quiet times

Local toilet access for children

Reading to my children

There is always someone who can help you in the library

Children borrow books for school projects

Finding out things that I might have not been interested before

GET TO EXPLORE GENRE'S, I HAVENT READ BEFORE

I am safe and warm

Toddler groups when young

The nice atmosphere and people who work there

I feel happy, I like that it is a small library

Chatting to the staff

It helps me feel independent

Looking at books I don't have at home

Safe, friendly place. Can pick any book I want. It's local.

Meeting my friends and sharing books

Great for nursery children

I do homework with my freinds there and it has a calming atmosphere that helps us to concentrate.

Browsing books

Lots of books to choose from so I can read lots of different books that I don't have at home or try a new author

## What are some of the things you'd feel or experience if your nearest library closed?

A community hub

I would be reading a lot less, and i would have to spend a lot of money on books

Nothing

I Wouldn't have anywhere to make new friends

Being alone

There is no stuff to pick up

Bean bag chairs

Spending time together

Football

Meeting friendshj

Ciser

idk

Would be unhappy that some people dont have somewhere to go even if i do

So I can't read and have fun

It don't really matter to me

I would be safe from the fart boys

nothing

not be able to interact with others

My reading skills will get worse

i don't go to librarys

None

i wouldn't borrow books that often because other libraries are far away

I wouldn't be bothered

sad because i dont have any were to go to read

a tirln

nothing

the same as i always do

i will read less.

You couldn't get lots of books for free.

I would have to go to a even further library

Read different books that you can't afford or find.

I wouldn't care because, there is a library right near my house I just don't use it

I wouldn't be able to meet up with my friends and read a book together

the other library are to far away.

I dont go to librarys

nothing

I wouldn't be affected

I wouldn't be able to relax and be myself

I would not care

I would not care

the computers

nothing realy

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nothing  
i would not learn :(  
nothing  
reading my most favorite books in the world :upside down magic series  
nothing  
wont be able to walk  
nothing  
I wouldn't read with my friends quietly  
you wouldn,t have a quite place to study  
nothing  
will not spend read books i can not find at home or school  
Miss the history of it  
Loss of community facility  
YESNT  
nothing  
i wouldnt go in the 1st place  
I wouldn't be able to get some of my favourite books.  
Do home work  
Nothing  
Nothing  
Zaza  
Nothing  
go home and read  
And I wont be able to do the summer reading challenge  
NOTHING  
no  
i dont go to library  
you wont be able to borrow books as it may be the most local library  
i wouldnt be able to spend more timwe with my family  
i wouldn't be able to learn knowledge from amazing books  
Nothing missed  
lw old be angry as the council have removed a statutory service which will hinder my growth  
and development  
Nothing  
Would find life hard trying to study somewhere else  
Having Depression  
Would not be able to get books I want  
Early years settings do not have the space for large oppportunities to create reading. Parents  
can't afford new books constantly.  
It is very important to our community.  
Art is exhibited/ sold by local artists.  
I use school library as well. But it's different, this is the outside of school I don't go to any clubs  
or anything outside of school so there is less to do.  
Activity missed/ reading challenged missed  
I would not want to go far to another library  
The fun of choosing new books makes me love to read, its free fun educational



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I will read a lot less. It will stop me exploring new subjects and interests. Keep it open please.

I never get to use my school library

It would not be so easy to borrow books

Wouldn't have a place to study near me

I'm home educated and the library is an important place for me to go to , quite often during school hours

## If your nearest library closed, would you be able to visit another library?

Nothing

My parents won't be able to take me

I don't go to the library

Crafts

A happy day

If your library is closed and you couldn't go to another library and you had no books what would you read

Noruto books

Nir

funny books and sumer reading challenge.

I don't want to go.

Petrol money will rise so we have to walk

I dont use libraries

No because the fart boys would be on me

I can't go it is to depressing 😞

nothing

I am w/chair user so distance could be a problem.

i don't go at all

nothing.

a chlinge

i don't go to any library's

nothing

no

Your parents dont have enough time to bring you there after school.

if I could Id go online to visit a library

I could buy the books from the shops

The parking in the other library is very tight.

It wouldn't be the same

i dont use them

I don't know where other libraries are

I could but it probably would not be the same as the one that I am used to.

nothing

To wait to open

I could but i will not

near library

nothing

nothing

I would make a new library card

i could ride my bike to another library

nothing

there could be no library's around where i live

nothing

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I wouldn't got to another library  
i wouldent want to go to another library  
NA UA  
i would go home and get on with my day  
its a bit far but i could still go  
My School Library  
Play area  
Libraries make the community smarter, brings us closer, they are a safe calm place for kids to go.  
I don't go anywhere else  
I don't want to  
No because I love the books at the library  
Zaza  
Nothing  
Yes But it wouldn't be as easy  
ask your mum or dad to take you to one  
NOTHING  
I could visit a school one  
no  
i don't go to libarys  
i dont go to library  
Nothing missed  
Harold Hill is dangerous, too much violence and crime in the immediately vicinity .  
Nothing  
I don't want to go to the library  
Physically Impossible  
School library  
I walk past this library.  
Less children books  
The Upminster library is perfectly place for schools, public, community and early years settings to access.  
It is important to staff too.  
The library is the hub of the high street  
Not aloud to take busses because parents don't think it's safe  
Too far by myself  
The other libraries do not necessarily do the same activities as the one I go to  
It is a longer distance where id have to use more public transport however it is possible.