### **Central Library**



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# **Opening Hours**

**Monday-Friday** 9 am - 8 pm Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

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# **Inclusive Libraries**



# Welcome to **Central Library**









## **Easy Reads**

There are books to borrow in Central Library (Floor 1) and libraries across Birmingham





You can borrow up to 8 books at a time and keep them for 4 weeks!

# Books and Stories

# **Bag Books**

Multi-sensory stories that support the learning and development of children and adults with learning disabilities.



Central Library has Bag Book stories that can be used for school visits and group sessions.



# REWRITING THE BOOK

#### THE LIBRARY OF BIRMINGHAM



Birmingham will have a brand new library opening in 2013. You can see the plans in the foyer of Central Library (Ground Floor).

Send us your photo and you could be chosen as a face of the new library!

Write to: 'Face of Library of Birmingham' Central Library Chamberlain Square Birmingham B3 3HQ



Or visit **www.rewritingthebook.com** for more information

Tell us why you're excited about the new library!



#### Centre for the Child

We have a wide range of facilities and services to offer children and young people (see below). Some of the equipment includes:



Clear View + which magnifies the page of a book onto a screen. This can be used in colour, black on white or white on black.

Clear Reader+ is a compact, portable instant text reader that comes with a range of languages and voices.

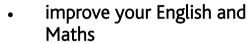
The colourful keyboard with large keys and a big mouse are easier to use for toddlers and children with limited mobility in their hands.





#### **Learning Centre**

We provide information and advice on courses and careers. There are lots of resources to help you:



- learn about computing and email
- learn a foreign language



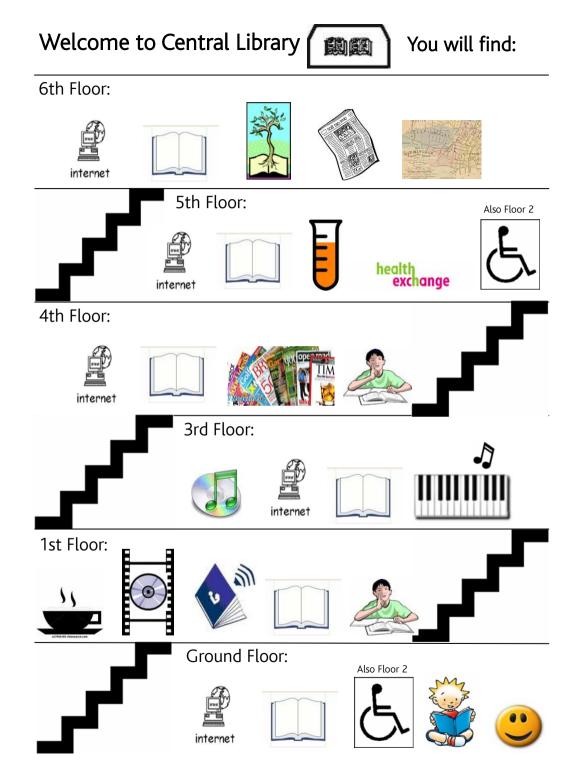
These items can be taken out on your library card or used in the centre.

The Learning Centre has a PC with accessible resources:

- Astor Bannerman height adjustable table
- BigKeys LX keyboard
- Browsealoud reads web pages
- Large trackball
- Large screen monitor
- High contrast keyboard
- textHELP Read and Write 5
- Supernova screen reader and magnifier
- Windows accessibility options







#### Music

CDs and DVDs can be borrowed from the Music Library (Floor 3) and some local libraries.





You can borrow 8 CDs and 5 DVDs at a time! You may need to pay to borrow some items. Library staff can help you.

There are many types of music on CD in the Music Library. If you can't find the music that you like ask a member of the library staff.



There are books about music that you can borrow and magazines that you can read in the library.

Please use the piano...





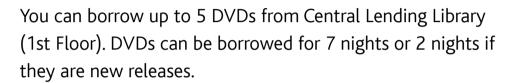
...or book to use the CD player if you want to listen to any of our CDs.



# **Audio-Visual**

#### **DVDs**

- Films
- Television
- Comedy
- Health





There are many titles to choose from. There may be a charge to borrow some DVDs and Talking Books. Library staff can help you.

# **Talking Books**

You can borrow up to 8 talking books at a time and keep them for 4 weeks. Talking books are on CD, cassette and digital "Playaways".





Playaways



### Information Services - Floors 3,4 and 5

- Height adjustable tables for PCs
- Magnifying glasses, sheets and maps
- Supernova software
- Keyboards with large keys
- Large trackball mice





Kurzweil scanning and reading Induction hearing loop
Horizon reader

The Enquiry Point is on Floor 4 where staff can help you.

#### You will also find:

- Information and books about dyslexia (Floor 4)
- Helpful information leaflets (Floor 4)
- Disabled toilet (Floor 5)
- Health Exchange (Floor 5) books and leaflets about health matters



#### **Easy PC**

There is a computer on the Ground Floor (Business Insight) with a touch screen, big keys, and easy to use mouse.





Use the internet and play games on the computer!

#### **Activities**

We can provide sessions for groups on request.

#### For example:

- Help with shopping and money
- An activity based on Shakespeare's *The Tempest* (last performed with Moseley Day Centre)



Duncan and Tracey brush up on their shopping skills!



Other equipment in Centre for the Child includes:

- Adjustable tables
- Book holders
- CD/Cassette players
- Talking books
- Magnifiers
- A touch screen computer
- The Minicom system is for deaf/ hard of hearing people to contact the library by telephone. Telephone number: 0121 303 2714.

Children can book to use CD-ROMs and longer booking times are available.



Centre for the Child has Braille, large print and 'big books' to borrow. We update these on a regular basis. We also have a small selection of popular titles from 'Living Paintings'. These are tactile books for blind and partially-sighted children.

We offer story sessions, activities and author visits. In July we have an Inclusive Libraries Week.



