

# Church Street Library

# Bulletin

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**Digging deep to transform Church Street Library Project Update**  
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## Library Design Update



Interior designers Bisset Adams have been appointed to design the internal layout of Church Street Library: They have designed a number of libraries, including the Idea Stores in Tower Hamlets.

The redeveloped library will have 3 floors open to the public and a lift which will allow full disabled access to all areas. Following planning approval the disused area to the rear of the library (pictured) will be enclosed and will form part of the library. At present it is proposed to install a sedum (living green) roof on this extension helping to bring some green into this urban concrete area.

The installation of a sedum roof has a number of benefits including:

- Contributing to the reduction of CO2 levels in the atmosphere.
- Providing a habitat for a rich variety of wildlife.
- Absorbing between 10-20% of airborne dust and toxic particles.

The major areas that will be incorporated into the library designs include; a children's area, study facilities, an IT area, a quiet reading area, a large adult library, a youth

zone, a learning centre and a community space for use by local organisations. Provision will also be made for bicycle parking, toilets (including disabled provision and baby change facilities) and a working area for staff.

To see the first draft of the plans and listen to the ideas behind the design, consultation events for residents and local stakeholders will be held at a variety of locations throughout Church Street (see overleaf for more details).

Plans will also be on display at the following locations

Dates	Venue
14 – 28 June	Church Street Library
14 June	Church Street Market
16–18 June	Neighbourhood Centre
19–21 June	One Stop Shop
23–25 June	Housing Office
26–28 June	Greenside Community Centre

Plans will also be available on-line at [www.westminster.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/libraries)



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# Opening Hours Review

Church Street Library is currently open 55 hours a week. The library is closed by 7pm most evenings and is closed all day on Sunday. Following consultation with local residents (both library members and non users) **53%** of respondents said they would use the library more if it stayed open later Monday to Saturday and **63%** said they would use it more often if it was open on Sunday. Following feedback from residents, we will now carry out an opening hours review for the library. This will look at hourly patterns of use and cost of additional staffing, recommendations will then be put forward for revised opening hours.

Day	Opening Hours
Monday	9.30am - 8.00pm
Tuesday	9.30am - 7.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 7.00pm
Thursday	9.30am - 7.00pm
Friday	9.30am - 7.00pm
Saturday	9.30am - 5.00pm
Sunday	Closed

Currently five Westminster libraries open on a Sunday (Paddington, Charing Cross, Marylebone, Pimlico and St John's Wood). Access to online resources are available at all times through our website [www.westminster.gov.uk](http://www.westminster.gov.uk)

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## National Year of Reading

The National Year of Reading is a celebration of reading, in all its forms. It aims to help build a greater national passion for reading in England – for children, families and adult learners alike.

Each month of the programme has a different theme. For May the theme is; Mind and Body.

Westminster Libraries are running a programme of events as part of the National Year of Reading for more details see [www.westminster.gov.uk/libraries/reading](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/libraries/reading)



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## EVENTS

### CHURCH STREET LIBRARY EVENTS FOR MAY

#### **20 May 2pm - 3.30pm** **Remembering Reading in Childhood**

A discussion and quiz for people over 60

#### **21 May 2pm - 3pm** **Internet taster**

An introduction to the internet for absolute beginners (places are limited)

For more information on these and other forthcoming events please contact the library directly on 020 7641 1300 or at [churchstreetlibrary@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:churchstreetlibrary@westminster.gov.uk)

### LIBRARY DESIGN CONSULTATION

Focus groups are being held to offer everyone the opportunity to look at and comment on the proposed designs for Church Street Library. These groups will be held at:

**Focus Group 1:** 27 May 2008  
6.30 – 8.30pm (light snacks served from 6.15)  
Penfold Street Older People's Hub

**Focus Group 2** - 4 June  
13.30 – 15.30 (lunch from 13.15)  
Greenside Community Centre

**Focus Group 3** - 4 June  
Young people's group  
18.00 – 19.30  
Church Street Children's Library

If you would like to attend any of these groups please RSVP to Laura Hannan