

Library Vision Document 2023 -2028

Our Vision for Moulton Library 2023 – 2028 - the home of endless possibilities at the heart of our community.

Moulton Library, Health and Wellbeing Hub deliver leisure, cultural, learning and information services for the community of Moulton and beyond.

People are at the heart of everything at Moulton Library. We endeavour to create a vibrant place, which serves the whole community whilst offering a warm welcome to all. Our wonderful library space enables a fantastic service to be delivered. This document sets out our Vision for the next five years.

We want everyone to get the most from our library. In recent months people have been facing a cost-of-living crisis that will last for months and possibly years to come. Moulton Library are helping residents more than ever. We provide a safe, welcoming space that improves people's lives by offering a free service for all in the community. You can always be assured of a warm welcome, support and resources.

There are so many reasons to use our library, including:

- A vibrant, exciting and diverse events programme for all ages
- Book stock that promotes reading for pleasure and literacy
- Free Wi-Fi and printing
- Dedicated staff who are committed to offering an excellent service to all our visitors.

Our library will continue to focus on people, helping to make our community a great place to live.

We will:

- Be a neighbourhood venue where local residents are welcome, can talk to people and be helped by our knowledgeable staff
- Continue to work in partnership with Moulton Surgery to maintain and develop our Health and Wellbeing service, increasing community reach
- Enhancing social support

- Provide a warm welcome to all
- Be fully accessible and continue to increase opening hours
- Support people's skills and job prospects
- Increase engagement with young people
- Support local businesses and start-ups

- Support safer and stronger communities and thriving neighbourhoods
- Tackle poverty and social exclusion, combating disadvantage.

Literacy and reading

Reading remains at the core of our library service. Literacy is key to life chances.

We will:

- Provide access to books for all ages, in all formats, promoting the use of Library Apps
 - Borrowbox and Libby
- Ensure that library stock represents our diverse community
- Run Storytimes
- Engage with local schools and nurseries, running visits and special events
- Run the Summer Reading Challenge
- Gift books to children
- Support book clubs
- Host literary events
- Use Book Trust Resources to continually promote the powerful and transformative benefits of reading

Digital inclusion

Our library provide free access to Wi-Fi and the internet, and help residents with their skills and confidence.

We will:

- Provide drop-in and structured learning and skills sessions
- Support residents with specific initiatives, eg. Bus passes
- Seek opportunities to provide free data and devices for residents
- Continue to provide and improve services

Culture and creativity

Using our library makes people feel better.

We will:

- Encourage people to use our safe, warm, free space, helping to reduce loneliness and make people feel better
- Be Age Friendly libraries
- Run social clubs, reading groups, coffee mornings
- Provide access to health information in the library and online and through signposting
- Provide and promote health books and books that improve wellbeing
- Host organisations that support people's health
- Increase the number of volunteers
- Be a trusted ear to residents
- Increase people's pride in their local area through archives and local history.
 - Provide a creative space where people can enjoy creative activities and events on their doorstep.

We will:

- Plan vibrant, diverse and exciting events, accessible to all ages
- Encourage and foster creativity and participation for all ages
- Widen access and opportunities by partnering with local organisations, i.e. Moulton Leisure Centre, Moulton Theatre

- Run Holiday Activity sessions
- Host exhibitions
- Continue to develop the local archives and local history Collection (The Robert Eady Trust Collection).

Review

Part of the governance of community managed libraries is a service level agreement with West Northants Library Service. A review is held annually with West Northants Community managed library coordinators.

Library, health and wellbeing activities as well as aligning with the H & W Strategy are also in line with the library vision document.

All activities also have to fall under the remit of the Moulton Community CIO Governing Document.