

Reading Is FUN



Although library buildings are closed at the moment, there are still lots of services you can access whilst you're at home through the [Current Offer from West Sussex Libraries](#). We have dedicated children's activities, home learning and wellbeing resources available and our eBook and eAudio offer is proving equally popular, so much so that we have added 1,300 extra eBooks and 450 eAudio titles to our existing collection. Also, around 32,000 newspapers and magazines are being downloaded each week too. Along with our range of children's eBooks and eAudio we have a vast eComic collection all completely free of charge, simply sign in with your library card.

Just a reminder it is free to join West Sussex Libraries if you live, study or work in the county and you can find out how to [join online on the website](#).

Once a library member, you can borrow [eBooks](#) ; [eAudiobooks](#) ; and [eComics](#) free of charge. These e-products are also fully accessible on most tablets you just need to download the relevant App.

Help is at hand for all those learning at home with the [Children's Learning](#) page and the [Children's Activities](#) page links to some amazing activities including some videos of illustrators showing how they draw their book characters.

There is something for all the family. Free access to online newspapers, magazines, family history websites and you can even have a sing-a-long with [Melody for the Mind](#).

We have created a few [online Rhyme Time and Storytime sessions](#) which have subtitles added too.

Families can keep up to date with library news through our social media pages [Twitter](#) @WSCCLibraries and [Facebook](#) WestSussexLibraries. We

have also recently launched a new Facebook group for families: [West Sussex Libraries – Family Corner Facebook group](#). The group, aimed at parents, grandparents, carers and childcare professionals, highlights some of the fantastic children's activities and products we have as part of our current offer, including our popular staff rhyme time and Storytime videos, plus links to children's learning and our range of wellbeing resources.

We have gathered many links to lots of useful websites but do keep visiting as we are always adding new things such as the free online books to help children cope with lockdown:

1 - [Staying Home by Sally Nicholls](#)

Andersen Press are offering the book free of charge online, with a first-look agreement on future printed editions, should lockdown become a regular part of family life. This has been promoted through the [BookTrust website](#).

2 - [The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown](#)

Completely free for all children and families, the extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators. Edited by Katherine Rundell and published by Bloomsbury, this book is dedicated to the doctors, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and everyone currently working in hospitals.

3 - [Coronavirus - a book for children.](#)

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