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Information that matters for people who work in libraries

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Libraries Week 2018

The nationwide celebration of libraries will take place between 8-13 October, and aims to increase awareness of what libraries have to offer, and encourage visitors - both new and returning.

With the theme this year of **wellbeing**, together we will champion everything that libraries do to bring people and communities together, combat loneliness and isolation, provide a space for reading and creativity, and support people with their mental health.



More details will be published from 11 June on **Librariesweek.org.uk**. Make sure you **register** to take part and you will be alerted as resources and promotional material become available.



Congratulations to the 6 people awarded funding. Library staff from Oldham, West Lothian, Powys,

Redbridge, Bexley and Wakefield will be starting projects on topics as diverse as using the library at night, recycled robots, and library merchandise.

<https://bit.ly/2LHPKJG>

Libraries: Opportunities for Everyone (LOFE) Innovation Fund: 'Just a Cuppa' in Norfolk and sensory space in Chelmsford

Many of the 30 projects have an impact on health and wellbeing. Norfolk are bringing people together through tea and conversation, while in Chelmsford central library, a new space designed for children and families includes a sensory wall.

Search #LOFEfund on our blog to read more about these projects. Also, read about another sensory space, in Oldham library.

Outcome: Wellbeing. Libraries Deliver: healthier and happier lives



The Taskforce has just published the first of its new brochures which illustrate the Outcomes presented in Libraries Deliver: Ambition.

The theme is wellbeing: read case studies from Suffolk and Norfolk, plus ideas to use in advocacy work. Download here: <https://bit.ly/2H5skus>



We'll distribute it alongside the SCL/TRA health infographic, created to illustrate the health Universal Offer. Find it here: <https://reading-well.org.uk/resources/2773>

Do you have a story or suggestion of something that you would like to see here? Email: librariestaskforce@culture.gov.uk

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