

October to
December
2011

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Your guide to all that's
happening in
**libraries,
archives and
local studies**



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Welcome to our current events calendar for Medway's libraries

The coming months offer a range of exciting events and activities in Medway libraries to suit all ages and interests.

Following the launch of Rochester Community Hub earlier this year, Chatham Library has been brought together with Chatham Contact Point to become Chatham Community Hub, offering a wealth of information, learning opportunities, entertainment and support.

Keep yourself entertained in the autumn months with a pictorial display of *Bygone Lordswood*, a talk about *The Great Exhibition of 1851* and *Medway Opera's Remembrance concert*, and get into the Christmas spirit with *Mrs Beeton's Victorian Christmas*.

Children can enjoy Halloween-themed events including *Spooky tales* and *Bats and all that* in October, and join in the Christmas festivities during December with *Winter wonderland* and *Tinsel and baubles* stories and craft.

There's a wealth of useful and interesting resources available for the whole community in Medway libraries. Whether you want to join a regular group or learn something completely new, as well as courses and talks, there are free to use computers with internet access.

Libraries also offer an extensive range of entertainment from DVDs and Blu-rays to DS and Wii, PlayStation 3 and Xbox games as well as thousands of books including the latest titles.

I hope you'll find this leaflet useful and enjoy your next visit to your library.

Councillor Howard Doe
Portfolio Holder for Community Services

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Medway libraries are committed to being vital, inclusive resources at the heart of the community

Our promise to you

- Free membership.
- Services appropriate to all in Medway, reflecting the diversity of local people.
- Reply to any letter in 10 working days, email in five days, will answer the phone promptly and deal with comments and complaints fairly and honestly.
- Friendly, helpful and courteous staff who will be well trained to answer your enquiry.
- A high-quality website giving 24-hour access from home.
- If things go wrong, we will tell you and put them right.

Please help us to help you

- Treat staff with courtesy and respect.
- Take care of all library resources.
- Renew or return items by the due date.
- Remember to bring your ticket when borrowing items and using the computers.
- Tell us when we have made a mistake.

Regular events in your library for adults

All events are free to attend unless stated otherwise.

Anchor support

Support for people with learning difficulties in residential settings and supported living schemes.

**Third Fri of the month, 10am - 3pm,
Strood Library**



Councillor surgery

Residents can meet and discuss local issues with their councillor.

**First Sat of the month, 10 - 10.30am,
Lordswood Library**
**First Sat of the month, 10am - 12noon,
Twydall Library**
**First Sat of the month, 10.30am - 12noon,
Walderslade Village Library**
**Fourth Sat of the month, 10.30 - 11.30am,
Gillingham Library**

Country dancing

Sessions run by University of the Third Age, a self-help organisation for people no longer in full-time employment.

**Tue, fortnightly, 3 - 4.30pm,
Strood Library**

ESOL course

Learning English as a second language.
Term-time only.

**Wed, 6.30pm
Chatham Community Hub, booking
essential**

Family history group

Help researching your family history using the census, parish records and websites.

**Mon, 9.30 - 10.30am,
Hempstead Library**

Hi Kent hearing advice

Advice and practical support for people who use hearing aids.

**Third Mon of every second month
(19 Sep, 21 Nov), 10 - 11.30am,
Gillingham Library**

HoH readers' group

This group is for people who have impaired hearing and enjoy talking about books within a smaller group.

**First Wed of the
month, 2pm,
Chatham
Community Hub**



Housing advice for the Slovak and Czech community

Advice for the Slovak and Czech community provided by Medway Council's housing department.

**Thu, 9am - 3pm,
Luton Library**



ICT in partnership with Medway Adult and Community Learning Service

Computing - first steps

Wed, 5 Oct to Wed, 9 Nov, 2.15pm,
Walderslade Village Library,
booking essential
£78.40, concessions available

Thu, 6 Oct to Thu, 10 Nov, 1.30pm,
Luton Library, booking essential
£78.40, concessions available

Tue, 1 Nov to Tue, 6 Dec, 10am,
Twydall Library, booking essential
£68, concessions available

Fri, 4 Nov to Fri, 9 Dec, 9.30am,
Strood Library, booking essential
£78.40, concessions available

Computing - moving on

Mon, 31 Oct to Mon, 5 Dec, 10am,
Rainham Library, booking essential
£85.40, concessions available

Tue, 1 Nov to Tue, 6 Dec, 1.30pm,
Wigmore Library, booking essential
£85.40, concessions available

Wed, 2 Nov to Wed, 7 Dec, 10am,
Wigmore Library, booking essential
£85.40, concessions available

Desktop publishing
- using Microsoft Publisher
Fri, 4 Nov to Fri, 9 Dec, 1pm,
Hoo Library, booking essential
£85.40, concessions available

Getting online - internet and email
Thu, 3 Nov to Thu, 8 Dec, 10am,
Chatham Community Hub,
booking essential
£78.40, concessions available

Kent Family History Society

Help and guidance with family tree and genealogy research.
Last Thu of the month, 1 - 4.30pm,
Strood Library

Knitting for charity group

For anyone who enjoys knitting or wants to learn. Knitting for local and overseas charities.

Mon, fortnightly, 10.30am,
Hempstead Library

Mon, fortnightly, 2pm,
Rainham Library

Wed, weekly, 10am - 12noon,
Luton Library

Fri, fortnightly, 2pm,
Cuxton Library

Fri, fortnightly, 2pm,
Lordswood Library



LoopEd Flow

Dance classes for people with physical or learning disabilities including those in wheelchairs. Over 18's, carers welcome. Phone 01634 831531 for more details or to book.

Wed, 11am - 12noon,

Strood Library, booking essential
£3 per class

Medway Crossroads readers' group

Reading group for members of the Medway Crossroads carer scheme. Ask at the library for details.

Third Fri of the month, 10.30 - 11.30am,
Walderslade Village Library

Medway lace makers

A social lace making group.

Second Fri of the month, 10 - 2pm,
Strood Library
£3.50 per session



Medway poetry readers' group

For people who love to read and discuss poetry.

First Mon of the month, 7.30 - 8.30pm,
Strood Library

New to computers

Introductory sessions that are ideal for people who want to know how to use a mouse and keyboard or set up an email account. **These sessions are available on request in all Medway libraries but appointments must be booked in advance. Contact your local library (see pages 14 and 15) to make an appointment.**

Police surgery

An opportunity to come along and discuss any issues that you are experiencing within the local community.

Fourth Thu of the month, 10 - 11.30am,
Luton Library

Reach out 2 work

Advice on searching job vacancies, training opportunities and improving employment prospects.

Tue, 10am - 12.30pm, Gillingham Library

Thu, 9.30am - 12noon, Luton Library

Thu, 9.30am - 12noon, Twydall Library

Readers' group

For people who love to read and want to discuss books with others. Come along, you will make new friends and find lots of new authors you would never have dreamt of reading without the encouragement of the group.

Third Mon of the month, 7pm,
Strood Library

Last Mon of the month, 7pm,
Rochester Community Hub

First Tue of the month, 10am,
Rainham Library

Second Tue of the month, 10.30am,
Gillingham Library

Third Tue of the month, 2.30pm,
Twydall Library

Last Wed of the month, 2pm,
Cuxton Library

Third Thu of the month, 10.30am,
Chatham Community Hub

Third Thu of the month, 2.30pm
Walderslade Village Library

Fourth Thu of the month, 2pm,
Wigmore Library

Last Thu of the month, 10.30am,
Lordswood Library

First Sat of the month, 10.30am,
Hoo Library





Retired and proud (RAP)

Join us for an afternoon of games or just a chat and a cup of tea.

**First and third Fri of the month, 2pm,
Grain Library**

Stop smoking

Drop-in sessions for people to get advice and help on how to stop smoking. Run in partnership with the NHS.

Tue, 12.30 - 2pm,

Strood Library

Wed, 6.30 - 7.30pm,

Strood Library

Thu, 5.30 - 6.45pm,

Chatham Community Hub

Sat, 11am - 12.30pm,

Chatham Community Hub

Time out

Meet and chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Wed, 10am - 12noon,

Luton Library

TNG (Training Network Group)

If you are looking for a job, TNG can help you get back into work.

**Arranged on request,
booking essential.**

Chatham Community Hub

VIP readers' group

Group for visually impaired people (VIP) who listen to talking books and enjoy an informal discussion.

**Last Thu of the month, 2pm,
Chatham Community Hub**

**Third Fri of the month, 2pm,
Rochester Community Hub**



West Kent Lifeways

Providing housing support and advice to vulnerable adults.

Mon, weekly, 10am - 1pm,

Strood Library, booking essential

Tue, fortnightly, 1 - 4pm,

Chatham Community Hub,

booking essential

Thu, weekly, 10am - 1pm,

Lordswood Library, booking essential

Fri, fortnightly, 9am - 12noon,

Gillingham Library, booking essential



Special events in your library for adults

All events are free to attend unless stated otherwise.

Bygone Lordswood

Display of 19th and 20th century pictures including landscapes, people and buildings.

Thu, 1 Oct, normal opening hours,
Lordswood Library

Introduction to family history

Help for beginners by Kent Family History Society.

Wed, 5 Oct, 2 - 4pm

Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre, booking essential

Introduction to family history

Help for beginners by Kent Family History Society.

Wed, 12 Oct, 2 - 4pm,

Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre, booking essential

The Great Exhibition of 1851

A talk by Anne Carter. A look at the Crystal Palace.

Thu, 13 Oct, 7.30pm,

Chatham Community Hub,
booking essential

Folk music explored

A folk music afternoon with Derek Moore including playing and singing of folk music.

Mon, 17 Oct, 2pm

Walderslade Village Library,
booking essential

Mystery animals

A talk by Neil Arnold. Neil is a full-time researcher into the strange and unexplained. He has written books about the paranormal in London and specific locations in Kent, including Rochester. He has documented sightings of unexplained animals throughout the British Isles, with a large dossier of events recorded here in Kent and the south-east. Neil will have a selection of his books on sale.

Tue, 25 Oct, 7.30pm,

Eastgate House, booking essential

£5, £4 for Friends of Medway Archives

THE WIGMORE LECTURES

Every third Wed evening
of the month,
Oct 2011 to Mar 2012,
Wigmore Library

This varied and ever-popular series of accessible talks includes: William Cuffay, the mixed-race Victorian radical from Gillingham who became a key figure in the Chartist movement; new takes on paranormal Kent; The Biography of Father Christmas; deaf actor Tim Barlow's long and topsy-turvy life from *Dixon of Dock Green* to *Dr Who* to *Hot Fuzz*; the anarchic history of Punch and Judy and the story of the Women's Land Army. Organised in partnership with Medway Council Arts Development team. Pick up a brochure at your local library.



The cosmopolitan Medway community

Find out about the development of Medway's community since the 1700s. See and hear how various groups, some coming from afar, settled in the area. Explore their contributions to local life and their changeable fortunes. Understand and experience the Medway of today.

**Wed, 26 Oct, 2.30pm,
Rochester Community Hub,
booking essential**

Tea and treat week

Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits at Cuxton Library when you visit during this week to choose books. You will be offered one of our mystery gift-wrapped library books for loan as a further 'treat'. We will have a selection of books from all genres, gift wrapped to conceal your selection until you get home. We hope you discover a new author to your liking that you might never have read.

**Tue, 1 to Sat, 5 November,
Normal opening hours,
Cuxton Library**



Medway Opera Remembrance concert

A concert suitable for all, with well known classical pieces, some reflecting Remembrance Day.

**Sat, 12 Nov, 7pm
Gillingham Library, booking essential
£5**



Behind the scenes of television's golden years, a talk by Wilf Lower

The talk describes the rapid development of the 'scenic' aspect of TV productions in the 50s that contributed significantly to the memorable shows of the 60's, 70's and 80's, including how some of these shows were achieved, and the colourful characters who made it happen. This is a light-hearted (and often hilarious) account of the lesser-known side of TV.

**Tue, 15 Nov, 7.30pm,
Chatham Community Hub,
booking essential**

Statues, plaques and street furniture in Medway exhibition

An exhibition of statues, plaques and street furniture in Medway.

**Mon, 21 Nov to Tue, 10 Jan,
Normal opening hours,
Medway Archives and
Local Studies Centre**

A Christmas cornucopia

Mrs Zenobia Haskin-Davies' magic lantern entertainment.

**Tue, 6 Dec, 7.30pm,
Chatham Community Hub,
booking essential**

Mrs Beeton's Victorian Christmas

A talk by Toni Mount. Looking at Victorian Christmas traditions and food (including Mrs B's recipes) with a brief biography of Mrs B herself - brief because she was only 28 when she died in Greenhithe, Kent.

**Mon, 12 Dec, 7.30pm,
Rochester Community Hub,
booking essential**

Regular events in your library for children and families

All events are free to attend unless stated otherwise.

Baby bounce and rhyme

Parents and carers can enjoy knee bouncing, finger and nursery rhymes. This event is for babies aged 18-months or under. A changing area is available too.

Mon, 10.30 - 11am,

Lordswood Library

Mon, 10.30 - 11am,

Rochester Community Hub

Mon, 10.30 - 11am,

Walderslade Hook Meadow Library

Tue, 10.30 - 11am,

Chatham Community Hub

Tue, 10.30 - 11.15am,

Grain Library

Tue, 2.15 - 2.45pm,

Hempstead Library

Tue, 10.30 - 11am,

Strood Library

Tue, 10.15 - 10.45am,

Walderslade Village Library

Wed, 10.30 - 11am,

Chatham Community Hub

Wed, 11 - 11.30am,

Twydall Library

Thu, 10.30 - 11am,

Luton Library

Thu, 11 - 11.30am,

Rainham Library

Thu, 10.30 - 11am,

Strood Library

Fri, 10.45 - 11.15am,

Gillingham Library

Fri, 10.30 - 11am,

Hoo Library

Fri, 10.30 - 11am,

Rochester Community Hub

Fri, 11 - 11.30am,

Wigmore Library



Baby massage

A free five-week course to learn a massage routine to use on your baby. Run by Bligh Sure Start Children's Centre. Arranged subject to demand. Phone 01634 336209 to book a place. **Cuxton Library, booking essential**

Baby yoga

Free four-week parent and baby yoga course for babies eight-weeks to nine-months-old. Run by Kingfisher Children's Centre. Phone 01634 335850 to book a place.

Fri, 1 - 2pm,

Luton Library, booking essential



Bulgarian storytime

Bulgarian under-eights storytime to promote the English language.

Sat, 10.30 - 11.30am,

Thomas Aveling School and Community Library

Chatterbooks

A lively reading group for eight to 12-year-olds.

Tue, 4 Oct, 18 Oct, 1 Nov, 15 Nov, 29 Nov, 13 Dec, 3.45 - 4.45pm,

Twydall Library

Wed, 5 Oct, 19 Oct, 2 Nov, 16 Nov, 30 Nov, 14 Dec, 3.45 - 5pm,

Thomas Aveling School and Community Library

Wed, 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 23 Nov, 7 Dec, 3.45 - 5pm,

Walderslade Village Library

Sat, 8 Oct, 22 Oct, 5 Nov, 19 Nov, 3 Dec, 17 Dec, 11.30am,

Cuxton Library

Sat, 8 Oct, 5 Nov, 19 Nov, 3 Dec, 17 Dec, 3 - 4pm,

Strood Library



Craft club

Join in with various crafts. Under-eights must be accompanied by an adult.

Sat, 10.30 - 12noon,
Grain Library

Health visitor drop-in clinic

Drop in and meet your local health visitor. Supported by Bligh Children's Centre.

A toy library will also be available.

First and third Thu of the month,
9.30 - 11am,
Cuxton Library

Homework club

For children from both primary and secondary schools. Up-to-date information for homework is available with friendly and knowledgeable staff on hand to help.

Under-eights must be accompanied by an adult. Term-time only.

Fri, 3.30 - 5.30pm,

Grain Library

Fri, 3.30 - 5.30pm,

Hempstead Library

Fri, 3.30 - 5.30pm,

Strood Library



Pop in and play

Parents and children can drop in to meet, chat and play.

Sat, 10am - 12noon,

Luton Library

Sat, from 10.30am,

Rochester Community Hub

Sat, 9am - 12noon,

Strood Library

Shake, rattle and rhyme

A fun and friendly baby bounce and rhyme time for parents and carers with children up to two-years-old. Run by Bligh Children's Centre.

Phone 01634 336209 for more details.

A toy library will also be available.

Second and fourth Thu of the month,
9 - 10.30am,
Cuxton Library



Sing and sign

We help you and your baby enjoy the process of learning to talk with less frustration, better communication and more fun. Run in conjunction with Bligh Children's Centre. Contact Lorraine on 07954 439579, lorrainemurray@singandsign.co.uk or www.singandsign.co.uk for more information or to book.

Tue, 1.30pm,

Cuxton Library, booking essential

£50 for ten week course and a DVD



Storytime

Fun sessions for pre-school children that include stories and rhymes. Some libraries offer craft activities too.

Mon, 2.15 - 2.45pm,

Gillingham Library

Tue, 2.15 - 2.45pm,

Hoo Library

Tue, 2.15 - 2.45pm,

Rainham Library

Tue, 4 - 5pm term-time, 2 - 3pm during school holidays,

Strood Library

Wed, 2.15 - 2.45pm,

Walderslade Hook Meadow Library

Thu, 2.15 - 2.45pm,

Luton Library

Thu, 3.45 - 4.15pm,

Thomas Aveling School and Community Library

Fri, 2.15 - 2.45pm,

Hempstead Library

Fri, 2.15 - 2.45pm,

Walderslade Village Library

Teatime storytime

Storytime session for children up to eight-years-old. Stories for children and refreshments for parents and carers.

Fri, 3.30 - 4pm,

Lordswood Library

Toddler shake and boogie

Energetic and fun-packed activity session offers rhymes, songs and movement for pre-schoolers. Musical instruments, scarves and parachutes are often included.

Mon, 10 - 10.45am,

Strood Library, booking essential

Mon, 11 - 11.45am,

Strood Library, booking essential

Tue, 10.45 - 11.15am,

Gillingham Library

Tue, 11 - 11.30am,

Walderslade Village Library

Thu, 10.30 - 11am,

Chatham Community Hub

Fri, 9.30 - 10am,

Lordswood Library

Fri, 2.15 - 2.45pm,

Luton Library

Fri, 2.30 - 3.15pm,

Wigmore Library



Special events in your library for children and families

Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult.

Once upon a time...

Stories for all the family. To celebrate Black History month Surya Turner will share stories from the Caribbean and Africa for all the family. These inspirational stories will set your imagination free. All ages.

Sat, 22 Oct, 11am,
Rochester Community Hub,
booking essential

Elephants

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds
Mon, 24 Oct, 2.15 - 3pm,
Rainham Library, booking essential

Elephants

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds.
Tue, 25 Oct, 3.30 - 4.30pm,
Hempstead Library, booking essential

Spooky tales

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds.
Tue, 25 Oct, 2 - 3pm,
Strood Library, booking essential

Autumn fun

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds.
Tue, 25 Oct, 2.15 - 3pm,
Twydall Library, booking essential

Bats and all that

Stories and craft for under-eights.
Wed, 26 Oct, 2 - 3pm,
Walderslade Hook Meadow Library,
booking essential

Starbursts and sparkles

Firework stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds.
Thu, 27 Oct, 2.30 - 3.15pm,
Cuxton Library, booking essential

Oh what fun we had!

Games we used to play including cats cradle, hopscotch, skipping, jacks and French skipping. For six to 12-year-olds. Parents, carers and grandparents welcome to watch or join in.
Thu, 27 Oct, 2.15 - 3.15pm,
Gillingham Library

Autumn leaves

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds.
Thu, 27 Oct, 2.15 - 3pm,
Luton Library, booking essential

Autumn leaves collage

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds.
Thu, 27 Oct, 2.30 - 3pm
Rochester Community Hub,
booking essential

Autumn fun

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds.
Booking essential.
• **Thu, 27 Oct,**
3.45 - 4.30pm,
Thomas Aveling School and
Community Library
• **10.30 - 11.30am,**
Wigmore Library



West African storytelling

Join storyteller George Fiawoo in celebrating Black History Month with a fun-packed storytelling session accompanied by African music. For three to 11-year-olds. Booking essential.

Fri, 28 Oct,

- **1.30-2.30pm, Gillingham Library**
- **3-4pm, Strood Library**

Sparkling

Stories and craft for under-eights.

Fri, 28 Oct, 3.30 - 4.15pm,

Lordswood Library, booking essential

Autumn fun

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds.

Fri, 28 Oct, 2.15 - 3pm,

Rainham Library, booking essential

Bats and all that

Stories and craft for under eights.

Fri, 28 Oct, 2 - 3pm,

Walderslade Village Library, booking essential

Dickensian Christmas Festival: children's readings

Readings by The Rochester and Chatham Dickens Fellowship from the works of Charles Dickens, and Dickensian Christmas tales from Mrs Crummies.

Punch and Judy will also be dropping by. www.whatsonmedway.co.uk

Sat, 3 Dec and Sun, 4 Dec,

10am to 4pm,

Rochester Community Hub

Christmas card making

Stories and craft for under-eights.

Mon, 19 Dec, 10.30 - 11.30pm,

Chatham Community Hub, booking essential

Winter wonderland

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds.

Mon, 19 Dec,

2.15 - 3pm,

Rainham Library, booking essential

Festive fun

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds. Booking essential.

• **Tue, 20 Dec, 3.30 - 4.30pm,**

Hempstead Library

• **Tue, 20 Dec, 2 - 3pm,**

Strood Library



A little bit of Christmas fun

Stories and craft for under-eights.

Wed, 21 Dec, 2 - 3pm,

Walderslade Hook Meadow Library, booking essential

Christmas pud

Stories and craft for under-eights.

Thu, 8 Dec, 2.15 - 3pm,

Luton Library, booking essential



Tinsel and baubles

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds. Make Christmas tree ornaments.

Thu, 22 Dec, 2.30 - 3.15pm,

Cuxton Library, booking essential

Christmas tales

Stories and craft for three to eight-year-olds

Thu, 22 Dec, 3.45 to 4.30pm,

Thomas Aveling School and Community Library, booking essential

Christmas tales

Stories and craft for under-eights.

Fri, 23 Dec, 3.30 - 4.15pm,

Lordswood Library, booking essential

Christmas tales

Stories and craft for under-eights.

Fri, 30 Dec, 3.30 - 4.15pm,

Lordswood Library, booking essential

When is my local library open?

Chatham Chatham Community Hub, Dock Road, Chatham, ME4 4TX T: 01634 337799 F: 01634 337800	Mon 9am-6pm Tue 10am-7pm Wed 9am-6pm	Thu 9am-7pm Fri 9am-6pm Sat 9am-5pm
Cuxton Bush Road, Cuxton, Rochester, ME2 1EY T/F: 01634 711391	Mon closed Tue 9am-1pm Wed closed	Thu 2pm-6pm Fri 2pm-6pm Sat 10am-4pm
Gillingham High Street, Gillingham, ME7 1BG T: 01634 337340 F: 01634 283805	Mon 9am-7pm Tue 10am-7pm Wed 9am-7pm	Thu 9am-7pm Fri 9am-7pm Sat 9am-5pm
Grain The Chapel, Chapel Road, Isle of Grain, ME3 0BZ T: 01634 338727	Mon closed Tue 9am-1pm Wed closed	Thu 2pm-6pm Fri 2pm-6pm Sat 10am-4pm
Hempstead Hempstead Road, Hempstead, Gillingham, ME7 3QG T/F: 01634 361544	Mon 9am-1pm Tue 2pm-6pm Wed closed	Thu closed Fri 2pm-6pm Sat 10am-4pm
Hoo Church Street, Hoo, ME3 9AL T/F: 01634 250640	Mon 9am-6pm Tue 2pm-6pm Wed closed	Thu 2pm-6pm Fri 9am-6pm Sat 10am-4pm
Lordswood Kestrel Road, Lordswood, Chatham, ME5 8TH T: 01634 862096 F: 01634 681595	Mon 9am-5pm Tue 2pm-5pm Wed closed	Thu 9am-5pm Fri 9am-5pm Sat 10am-4pm
Luton 2 Nelson Terrace, Luton, Chatham, ME5 7LA T: 01634 406923	Mon closed Tue 2pm-5pm Wed 9am-1pm	Thu 9am-6pm Fri 2pm-5pm Sat 10am-4pm
Medway Mobile Library For routes and times please visit www.medway.gov.uk/libraries		
Rainham Birling Avenue, Rainham, Gillingham, ME8 7LR T: 01634 333854 F: 01634 263415	Mon 9am-6pm Tue 9am-7pm Wed closed	Thu 9am-6pm Fri 9am-6pm Sat 10am-4pm
Rochester Rochester Community Hub, Eastgate, Rochester, ME1 1EW T: 01634 337411 F: 01634 843837	Mon 9am-7pm Tue 9am-7pm Wed 9am-7pm	Thu 9am-7pm Fri 9am-7pm Sat 10am-4pm
Strood 32 Bryant Road, Strood, Rochester, ME2 3EP T: 01634 335890 F: 01634 297919	Mon 9am-7pm Tue 10am-6pm Wed 9am-6pm	Thu 9am-6pm Fri 9am-7pm Sat 9am-5pm
Thomas Aveling School and Community Library Thomas Aveling School, Arethusa Road, Rochester, ME1 2UW. T/F: 01634 338728	Mon 3pm-6pm Tue 3pm-6pm Wed 3pm-6pm	Thu 3pm-6pm Fri 3pm-6pm Sat 10am-4pm
Twydall 14/15 Twydall Green, Gillingham, ME8 6JY T/F: 01634 232488	Mon 9am-5pm Tue 9am-5pm Wed 9am-1pm	Thu 9am-1pm Fri 2pm-5pm Sat 10am-4pm

Walderslade Hook Meadow King George Road, Walderslade, Chatham, ME5 0TZ T/F: 01634 861531	Mon	9am-1pm	Thu	closed
	Tue	2pm-6pm	Fri	2pm-6pm
	Wed	9am-6pm	Sat	10am-4pm

Walderslade Village Walderslade Centre, Walderslade Road, Chatham, ME5 9LR T: 01634 686467 F: 01634 681505	Mon	closed	Thu	2pm-6pm
	Tue	9am-6pm	Fri	9am-6pm
	Wed	2pm-6pm	Sat	10am-4pm

Wigmore 208 Fairview Avenue, Wigmore, Gillingham, ME8 0PX T: 01634 235576 F: 01634 375064	Mon	closed	Thu	9am-7pm
	Tue	9am-6pm	Fri	9am-6pm
	Wed	9am-6pm	Sat	10am-4pm

Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre

Civic Centre, Strood, Kent ME2 4AU T: 01634 332714 F: 01634 332341 Email: malsc@medway.gov.uk www.medway.gov.uk/archives www.facebook.com/medwayarchivesandlocalstudies	Mon	9am-5pm	Thu	9am-5pm
	Tue	9am-5pm	Fri	9am-5pm
	Wed	closed	Sat	9am-4pm

Please note all Medway libraries and the Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre are closed on Sundays.

It's free to join your library

There is no upper or lower age limit and anyone can use the library.
Think there is nothing to interest you in Medway libraries? Think again:

- Borrow up to 30 items including books, graphic novels, DVDs, Blu-ray discs, audio books and console games.
- No fines for children if books are borrowed on a child ticket.
- Concessions for over-60s and teenagers.
- Reserve and renew books via our website, by telephone or in any Medway library.
- Borrow, return and renew items at any branch.
- Electronic resources via our website.
- Events for all ages and interests.
- Computers with free internet access in every library.
- Books in other languages, dual language picture books and language courses.
- Mobile library service - books brought to a convenient location near you.
- Home library service for those who cannot get to the library.
- Postal service for visually impaired customers.

Other services

- Recycling bags and dog poop bags are available at all libraries.
- Parking vouchers at Chatham Community Hub, Gillingham, Luton, Rainham, Rochester and Strood libraries.
- Medway Council contact points at Gillingham and Rochester libraries.
- Free three-week loan of energy meters at Chatham Community Hub, Gillingham, Strood and Wigmore libraries.

If you wish to bring a group to the library please contact one of our community librarians on **01634 337799**.

**There is so much to do in our libraries, you could spend hours in them.
What are you waiting for?**

Coming soon

Thu, 12 Jan to Tue, 28 Feb - **Archives of Great Expectations exhibition**
Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre

Tue, 21 Feb - **Ordnance survey ancient and modern - the history of ordnance survey and modern map and data centres**
Chatham Community Hub

Tue, 20 Mar - **A life in Literature: Dickens in Medway talk by Jeremy Clarke from the Guildhall Museum, Rochester**
Chatham Community Hub

Who to contact



Customer services: 01634 333333 8am to 8pm (Mon-Fri) 9am to 1pm (Sat)

Please note: Calls to customer services may be recorded or monitored for security and staff development purposes



Chatham Library, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TX.

Phone: **01634 337799**



Email: chatham.library@medway.gov.uk Web: www.medway.gov.uk/libraries

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please phone **01634 333333**

If you have any questions about this leaflet and you want to speak to someone in your own language please ring **01634 335577**

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