

What can we offer your school?

We can offer a range of support for teaching and learning in your school.

Key to the development of your school library service is KSLAT: the Kent School Library Advisory Team. They provide:

A range of support services at realistic prices. These include book loans, advice on school library redevelopment, training courses and advice on school library software.

Leading Edge: a free, termly magazine sent to all Head Teachers and the person with responsibility for the library.

To find out more about the school library service call **01622 605216**, browse our web pages on www.kenttrustweb.org.uk?schoollibraries, or email school.libraries@kent.gov.uk

Kent's Service Development Librarian for School Age Children is Christine Heald. She will be happy to provide you with further information about the initiatives detailed below. Contact her on 01303 715901 or christine.heald@kent.gov.uk

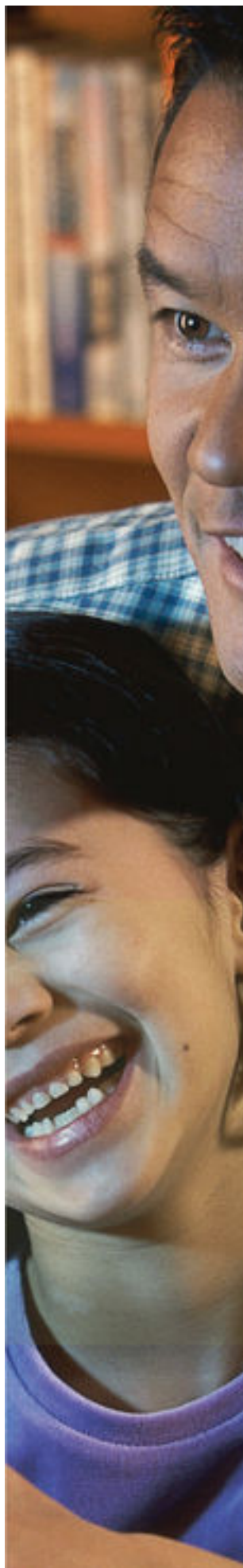
- **Booktime** Every child starting school receives free books through the Booktime scheme, administered by Kent Libraries and Archives. Events and publicity supplied by the library service can help to reinforce the message that reading together for enjoyment is a key to success.
- **Online library resources** We have paid for countywide subscriptions to a wide range of online resources, so that our customers don't have to pay. They include on line encyclopaedias, medical resources, ancestry.co.uk, newspaper index subscriptions and more.

Anyone with a Kent library ticket can access these resources (using their PIN number, available from any Kent Library) from home, work or school.

- **Ask a Kent Librarian** If you need the answer to a question (business or homework, for example) we have staff waiting to respond by telephone, email or online chat, 24 hours a day. Visit www.kent.gov.uk/libs and choose the online library services option. Whatever your age, wherever you are, get in touch!



CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE



- **Archives and Local History** We have a range of materials — including maps, photographs and historic documents going back to 699AD - which can make history come alive for your pupils. Staff at our archives centres and local studies libraries can help you plan local or family history activities.
- **Library catalogue** Access our online catalogue from your school, home or work at www.kent.gov.uk/libs. Anyone with a Kent Library ticket and PIN number can access their personal record to order, renew and review books, CDs and DVDs.
- **Library volunteer** Do you have a parent, governor, FLO, PSA or other member of staff who could act as a communication link with our public library service? With our support, they might run a Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time or Storytime session for preschool children and their parents, or become a Library Champion to promote the library service.
- **Reading groups** Whether you're thinking about an adult or a children's reading group, we can support you. We will give you a group ticket, enabling your group to reserve multiple copies of your chosen titles, free of charge.
- **Summer Reading Challenge** The annual Summer Reading Challenge is the ideal way to keep your pupils reading with enthusiasm through the summer holidays. We send an invitation to join the challenge to all primary school age children and encourage them to read six books with incentives such as certificates, stickers and medals.

Together with our partners we can also offer:

- **Bookstart** Every child in Kent is entitled to free Bookstart packs at birth, 18 months and 3 years. Kent Libraries and Archives deliver these packs through Registrars, Health Visitors and pre-school settings. Contact Karen Sillifant (karen.sillifant@kent.gov.uk, 01843 256211) for further details, or direct parents to their nearest library.
- **Adult learning** Why not organise some adult learning sessions in your school library? Free parenting courses are available to groups of eight or more, if the participants have not reached A-level standard. Contact Adult Education on 01795 415907 for further details.
- **Engaging parents** Can we support a Transition Information Session? Or why not get involved in the annual Family Learning Festival this October via your Family Liaison Officers or Parent Support Advisers? Our Lifelong Learning Manager for Libraries will be happy to advise. (gillian.lawrence@kent.gov.uk, 01622 065219)