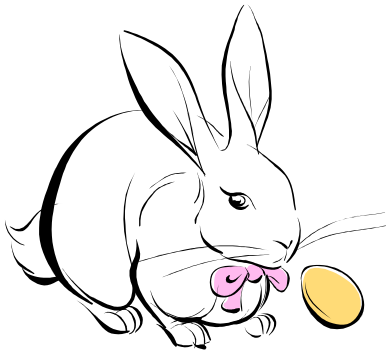


Friends of Thurston Library



Easter Egg Raffle

We will be raffling off several very tasty Chocolate Easter Eggs 2 weeks before Easter!

Please come and support us by buying tickets in the library from Tuesday 24th March to Thursday 2nd April, when we will draw the winning tickets. Good Luck!



Changes to our Library

A working party is currently looking at how the increased space can be used to the advantage of all library users. This group consists of Friends of Thurston Library (including Library staff) as well as 2 students from Thurston Community College. Together we hope to improve the facilities for all ages, and especially reflect the growing use of IT. We love our books, but we also love the opportunities that the internet offers for communication, learning, research and entertainment. If you think you have good ideas and skills to offer, please get in touch – contact details below.

Opening Hours Consultation

The proposed new times are listed below, but we still have to clear a few regulations before putting them into effect. Hopefully we will be able to change in the next few months.

Day	Opening Hours
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	3 - 7
Wednesday	10 - 1
Thursday	2 - 6
Friday	10 - 1
Saturday	10 - 3
Sunday	10 - 3

Ancestry.com

A group of keen family historians has now been formed and has started to meet weekly at the library on Wednesdays at 3:30. The group is led by Jayne Cage from Thurston Community College. She is an expert on Ancestry.com and can also advise on other sources of information. The Ancestry website can be accessed for free if you use any device in the library (including your own). If you would like to join the group, please contact Cathy (details below).

Minecraft Club!

There has been a lot of interest in forming a Minecraft Club, so the Library staff are working to bring this about. If you are interested but haven't registered at the library, please get in touch. (For the uninitiated, Minecraft is a very popular online game.)

Suffolk Libraries e-book Service

Visit Suffolklibraries.co.uk/e-library/ to download regular and audio books. You will need your library card and PIN number to download the Suffolk Libraries Overdrive service for e-books. Many devices can be used, so why not take a little time to explore this. You can then visit a virtual library on any day of the week and at any time! Email reminders come to you automatically for

renewing the book in 3 weeks' time. If you know someone who would benefit from this service but need some help, please ask at the library.

E-readers

The E-readers are now being loaned out and for some people they are much lighter and easier to use than a book, especially ones with large print. If you are interested but not sure about using one, please call in the library and speak to one of the librarians, who will be very pleased to advise you. There is no charge to borrow an E-reader.

Join the Friends of Thurston Library

Become a Friend of Thurston Library. There are leaflets in the library all about the Friends. We would love you to join. Become a member of the Friends group by either paying a £1 annual subscription - full details on the leaflet.

You would also be very welcome at the regular monthly meetings of the Friends of Thurston Library. For details of the next meeting, please ask at the Library. We welcome new ideas to make sure our Library is a vibrant and relevant service to the community. So if you have good ideas, please come and share them.

Surrounding Villages

We are keen to strengthen links with other villages. If you don't live in Thurston, but use the library, please consider becoming a Friend. Our meetings are fun and friendly with no more than 1 per month.

Visit the Suffolk Library website to find out more about the service at:

www.suffolklibraries.co.uk. You can follow them on Facebook, Twitter or sign up for a newsletter.

Contact Cathy McDonald, our librarian, on 01359 235048, Richard Fawcett on 01359 231363 or Anne O'Connell on 01359 231680