

May 2025

Newsletter

Torpoint Library and Community Hub



We have welcomed over 5000 people through our doors this month!
We have delivered over 40 services and activities, with our partners.
We have been supported in all of this, by our amazing staff and over 25 volunteers!



Gardening Day with our Fantastic volunteers

Thank you to our Champion volunteer gardener, Malcolm, along with Rob, Sandy, Neville and John the caretaker, for all their hard work getting the front of the library ready for people to enjoy this spring and summer. Sandy has been busy painting the concrete pillars in vibrant colour!

Story time Under the Sea

We welcomed children from Torpoint Nursery and Infant School, and they enjoyed stories about sea life, as well as crafting activities.



The scouts visited the Library and Archives on VE Day!



What's happening in June?

2nd June Armchair Pilates.

6th June, Volunteer Cornwall, volunteering event - 10-2.

18th and the 23rd of June, Library and Community Hub, Open Day, for people who have never been in before.

Torpoint Library and Community Hub update for May/June 2025, for the Development and Localism Committee.

Community Hub Grant update

The Community Hub grant application has been successful, with the total grant being awarded of £18,000.

This covers the normal hub activities as well as projects that will be delivered under the following headings:

Start Well, Live Well, Age Well and Die Well.

Future projects that are being worked on are:

Positive Death Library with St Lukes Hospice.

Pain Café.

Grow your own veg.

Cooking for 9–16-year-olds.

Promoting the Library and Community Hub offer

During July the library will be promoting 2 Library and Community Hub Open Days. These events will encourage people who have never stepped into the library, to pop in and see what is on offer and get a free cup of tea!

The event will also promote, becoming a library member.

Sensory Story Packs

Cornwall Libraries have created a limited number of Sensory Story packs. This a method of storytelling that engages multiple senses to create a more immersive and engaging experience. Used often for children/adults with special needs. Sensory stories are designed to activate all five senses. The Torpoint library will be replicating and creating story packs and before promoting, we will have a session with parents and carers, on how best to use the packs and tell the stories.

Extending Rhyme Time to include, Interactive Play

Rhyme Time will now, when age-appropriate children attend, be extended to cover interactive play. This will involve using a parachute that children can stand under, role balls around on and have lots of fun.

Working with our schools

In May we welcomed two classes of children from Torpoint Nursery and Infant School, who were read stories in line with their curriculum, the theme of "Under the Sea". After Storytime, the children did craft activities in the outside children's area of the library.

In June, children from Carbeile School will be visiting the library for a talk on NASA and space. Cornwall libraries have engaged a lady called Claire who works on NASA research projects. Watch this space!

The Summer Reading Challenge

This year the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge is Story Garden. The library will make sure there are lots of books available that will inspire reading and creativity as well as educate on the wonders of nature.

The library will also be creating a Jack in the Beanstalk theme, and with the Torpoint Players, throughout the summer will run several, bringing a story to life, Jack and the Beanstalk, story time sessions.

Families from Afghanistan visiting the Library and Community Hub

The library and community hub has welcomed greater numbers from the Afghanistan community who have been resettled in Torpoint. On the last Sunday in May, we welcomed around 19 Afghan ladies and 2 gentlemen who came to watch the Sustainable Sunday ladies' do their sewing. We are hoping to organise some sewing lessons for the ladies' in the near future.

Foodie Saturday

Working with the Resettlement Team, on a Saturday when the library is open, an event will be held called, Foodie Saturday. Ladies from the Afghan community, Ukraine community and local people, will be bringing along some of their cuisine. One lady wants to demonstrate how to pickle and ferment food. Another lady from Ukraine would like to demonstrate what can be done with raw cabbage.

May half term activities

During the May half term, 15 children potted up beans and sunflowers, 30 children and parents attended Rhyme Time, 10 children between 7-11 attended Silent Disco Yoga!

Our highest door count was on the Thursday with 329 people visiting the library and community hub

Case studies

Case studies are still being written up to help us understand the range of queries and support that is offered to people. Case studies also help the team to understand gaps in knowledge. Following a recent review with the team, we will do training sessions with the team on, how to support someone who is homeless – Manager to write up some guidance support. How to support someone with poor mental health or who is suffering a panic attack- Manager to ask one of our mental health professionals to develop a support sheet.

Volunteer week

2nd-8th June is Volunteer Week and to celebrate, the library will be hosting an event for Volunteer Cornwall. Some of the library volunteers will be talking to anyone considering being a volunteer at the library.

Work Experience

This year the library will be hosting 2 students from Torpoint Community College.