



Government guidelines



Face coverings are mandatory indoors

In line with the latest guidelines, you must wear a face covering inside, unless medically exempt.

Christmas opening hours



Open+

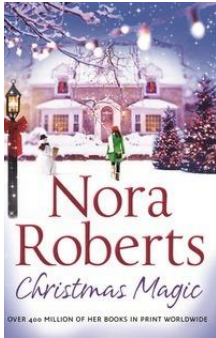
All Bracknell Forest libraries with Open + access will be open throughout the festive period. Please see our [website](#) for further details.

Open+ access is currently available at:

- [Harmans Water Library](#)
- [Sandhurst Library](#)
- [Birch Hill Library](#) (from Monday 6 December)

Staffed opening hours

All libraries when normally open for staffed opening hours will be closed Christmas Day to Tuesday 28th December and New Year's Day, and will close at 1pm on Christmas Eve 24th December and New Year's Eve Friday 31st December.



Ascot Heath Library

Christmas Eve 24th December - closed

Christmas Day 25th December - closed

Monday 27th December - closed

Tuesday 28th December closed

Thursday 30th December - 9.30am-5pm

New Year's Eve 31st December - closed

New Year's Day 1st January - closed

Monday 3rd January - closed

Binfield Library

Christmas Eve 24th December - closed

Christmas Day 25th December - closed

Monday 27th December - closed

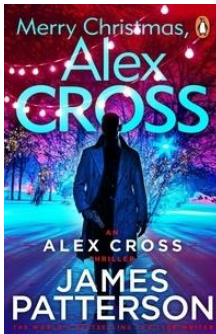
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Thursday 30th December - 9.30am-5pm

New Year's Eve 31st December - closed

New Year's Day 1st January - closed

Monday 3rd January - closed



Birch Hill Library

Christmas Eve 24th December - closed

Christmas Day 25th December - closed

Monday 27th December - closed

Tuesday 28th December - closed

Thursday 30th December - 10am-5pm

New Year's Eve 31st December - closed

New Year's Day 1st January - closed

Monday 3rd January - closed

Bracknell Library

Christmas Eve 24th December - 9.30am-1pm

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Monday 27th December - closed

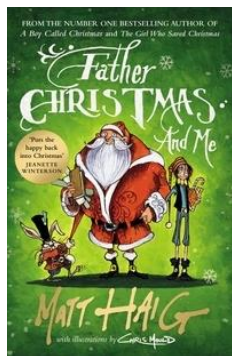
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Thursday 30th December - 9:30am-7pm

New Year's Eve 31st December - 9.30am-1pm

New Year's Day 1st January - closed

Monday 3rd January - closed



Crowthorne Library

Christmas Eve 24th December - 9.30am-1pm

Christmas Day 25th December - closed

Monday 27th December - closed

Tuesday 28th December - closed

Wednesday 29th December - 9.30am-5pm

Thursday 30th December - 9.30am-7pm

New Year's Eve 31st December - 9.30am-1pm

New Year's Day 1st January - closed

Monday 3rd January - closed

Great Hollands Library

Christmas Eve 24th December - 9.30am-1pm

Christmas Day 25th December - closed

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Tuesday 28th December - closed

Wednesday 29th December - 9.30am-7pm

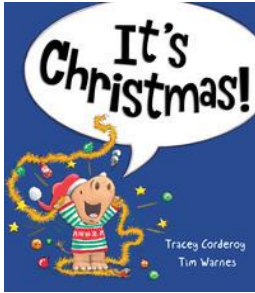
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New Year's Day 1st January - closed

Monday 3rd January - closed





Harmans Water Library

Christmas Eve 24th December - closed

Christmas Day 25th December - closed

Monday 27th December - closed

Tuesday 28th December - closed

Thursday 30th December - 2pm-5pm

New Year's Eve 31st December - closed

New Year's Day 1st January - closed

Monday 3rd January - closed

Sandhurst Library

Christmas Eve 24th December - 9.30am-1pm

Christmas Day 25th December - closed

Monday 27th December - closed

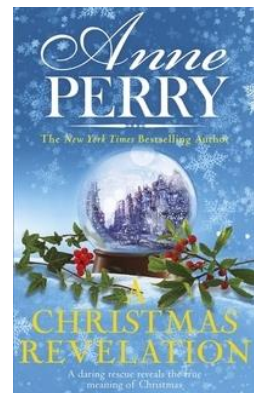
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Thursday 30th December - 9.30am-5pm

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New Year's Day 1st January - closed

Monday 3rd January - closed



Whitegrove Library



Christmas Eve 24th December - 9.30am-1pm

Christmas Day 25th December - closed

Monday 27th December - closed

Tuesday 28th December - closed

Wednesday 29th December - 9-30am-6pm

Thursday 30th December - 9.30am-5pm

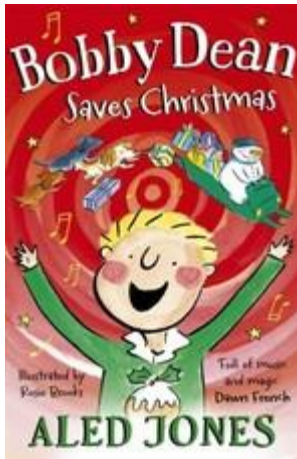
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Christmas books

Children's selection



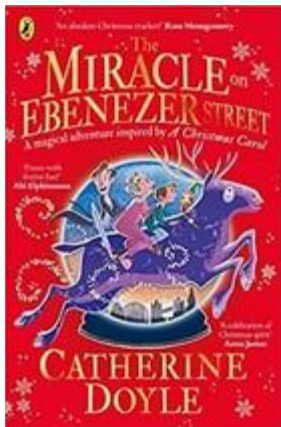
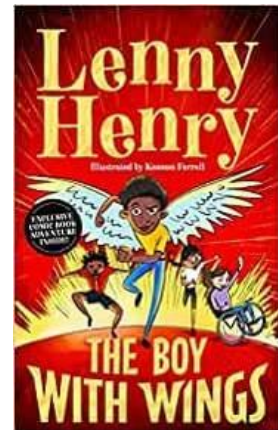
[Bobby Dean saves Christmas by Aled Jones](#)

Meet Bobby: an ordinary kid with an extraordinary voice! Sent off to school for the first time in his life, nine-year-old Bobby Dean is busy making new friends, learning lines for the Nativity Play, and trying to not laugh at the head teacher's terrible jokes. But then Bobby Dean discovers that when he sings magical things can happen! From rescuing kidnapped dogs, helping Santa, and even travelling back in time - Bobby Dean's first term is going to be one full of wonder, adventure, and the magic of song!

[The boy with wings by Lenny Henry](#)

Twelve-year-old Tunde is just your average kid: average friends, average parents, average grades. Sure, he has his quirks, but if he can avoid the school bullies and hang out with his ragtag group of friends, he's happy enough. But his life is about to get turned upside down when, in the middle of a football match, Tunde leaps for the ball and stays in the air - on an enormous pair of wings!

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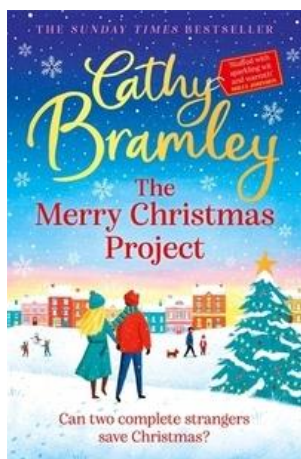
[The miracle on Ebenezer Street by Catherine Doyle.](#) George is about to spend his third Christmas without his mum. Since she died, George's life has felt dull and grey; his dad has thrown himself into his work and has no time for family, and definitely no time for Christmas. Then, George stumbles across Marley's Curiosity Shop. There he finds a mysterious snow globe, which - though George can't quite understand how - appears to show a scene from George's past. A Christmas in which he and his family were together, and happy. That night, George and his dad are swept on an adventure to three Christmases - past, present, and future. With help from new friends, and just a touch of magic, can they begin living life in

full colour again?

New feel-good festive books for adults

[Underneath the Christmas Tree by Heidi Swann](#)

For Liza Wynter, her father's Christmas tree business is a millstone around her neck, but Liza discovers a much-loved business that's flourishing under the stewardship of Ned, the son of her father's business partner. She's happy to stay and help for the Christmas season, but then she has other plans. But will the place where she grew up make her change her mind? And can it weave its Christmas cheer around her heart?



[The Merry Christmas Project by Cathy Bramley](#)

This year, Merry's heart might be broken but her new candle business is booming. The last thing she needs is another project - but when her hometown's annual event needs some fresh festive inspiration, Merry can't resist.

Cole loves a project too - though it's usually of the bricks and mortar variety. As a single dad, his Christmas wish is to see his kids again.

Magic is in the air for these two strangers.

[Winter Wedding by Dilly Court](#)

The happiest time of the year is marred by the news that Rosalind Blanchard's husband, Piers, is close to death after a shipwreck at sea. The fate of her beloved family home, the crumbling Rockwood Castle, is once more in her hands.

Pregnant with his unborn child, she turns to the only man who has ever made her heart sing: her husband's brother, Alex, but then news of Piers arrives that changes everything. Another chance of happiness might be the gift Rosalind has been waiting for...



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[The Christmas Secret by Karen Swan](#)

This special e-audio book is available on an unlimited basis so you can check them out anytime with no queue via the BorrowBox app on your phone or tablet.

Or [borrow a printed copy](#) from your local library.

Be a Wild World Hero this Winter!

Winter Mini Challenge

This year, The Reading Agency teamed up with WWF UK for the Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge - exploring nature and action for the environment through reading. Now the Heroes are back to help with the Winter Mini Challenge!



Join the Wild World Heroes as they embark on an Arctic adventure to find out about the creatures that live there. You will find out about the environmental issues facing this remote place and might even spot a narwhal or two.

Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple. Children can read three books (or more) between **1st December and 16th January** and add them to their [online profile](#) to unlock the special virtual badge and certificate. They will be able to find other fun activities on the website too, including games, book reviews, and author content.

Count down to Christmas on Instagram and Facebook!



We'll be posting 24 days of fantastic book recommendations by staff and volunteers on [Instagram](#) (@bracknelllibraries).

You can also follow Elf on the Library Shelf on [Facebook](#) (@bracknell.library). Each day until 24th December he'll be visiting one of our libraries. We would love your comments on

where you think he is, or you can simply say hello!

Get ready for Christmas

For ideas for cooking, crafts, gifting and decorating we have lots of Christmas books in our libraries. Christmas magazines can also be borrowed from your local library or are available for free from PressReader. Login to the PressReader app or go to pressreader.com on a computer with your library card number to get reading. [More about PressReader.](#)

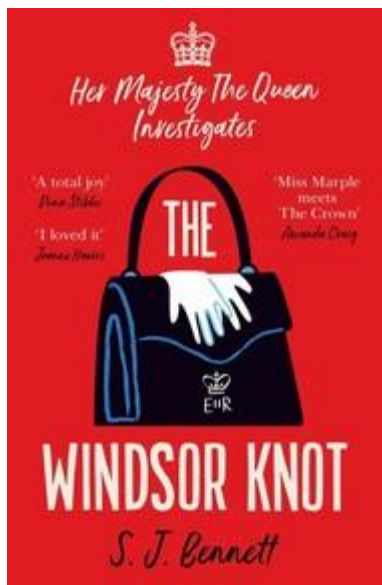


New albums on Freegal Music

You can stream Adele's new album '30' and many others for free with your library card. Download the Freegal Music app or go to <http://bracknellforest.freegalmusic.com> and sign in with your library card number and PIN to stream up to 3 hours a day or download 3 song tracks a week. You can also build and share playlists with Freegal's 16 million songs.



Online Book Group - January Session



Thursday 27 January 2022 at 7pm

Join our online reading group to meet up with other people who enjoy reading and discussing books through an online chat. Everyone is welcome!

We will be discussing 'The Windsor Knot' by SJ Bennett, a funny, clever murder mystery with Her Majesty The Queen tracking down the killer!

Both the [e-book](#) and the [e-audio book](#) are free to borrow from BorrowBox (from January the ebook will be available with unlimited access, so no waiting lists). [Printed copies](#) can also be borrowed from your local library.

Book your place in the book group on [Eventbrite](#) and we'll send you the online Zoom meeting details.

National Careers Service

The National Careers Service will be holding 1:1 appointments on Monday 10th January at Bracknell Library from 10.30am. Booking in advanced is essential. Please contact the National Careers Service to book your appointment. 0800 100 900 or ncsberkshire@adviza.org.uk



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