

# TAMESIDE LIBRARIES

## Offer to Schools

“Libraries are an open door for every child to uncounted opportunities - to have fun, to learn, to discover and to share. They are fundamental to reading, learning, to exploring their identity, and to participating in a society that increasingly values knowledge and depends upon being able to find and use information.”

*Brian Ashley, Children's Library Journeys, ASCEL, 2015*

Tameside Libraries are for everyone! It's free to join the library and free to borrow books and use the computers. Children can borrow up to 20 items at once for a 3 week period and renew them up to 8 times.

There's no minimum age for library membership but children and young people under 16 need permission from a parent or guardian to join the library. This can be obtained by the adult accompanying the child into the library or by signing a library joining form. Joining forms are often sent home from school before a visit to the library and brought in by a teacher.

Tameside Libraries stock books for all ages, including board and picture books for young children, books for children learning to read independently and all types of junior and teenage fiction. There are also non-fiction titles for homework help or subject interest for children and teenagers.



**8 libraries**  
**Free to join and borrow books**  
**Borrow 20 items at once**  
**3 week loan period with 8 renewals**  
**Free access to PCs with printing facilities**

### Class Visits to the library

Tameside Libraries are happy to welcome classes of children to visit all our libraries. Our aim is that every child will feel that their local library is a friendly and welcoming place where they can explore books and get help and information that they need.

#### Year 4 visits

We offer librarian-led class visits to every Year 4 class in Tameside. The visit focusses on encouraging reading for pleasure and aims to inspire a love of books and reading in the children. The visit introduces the children to the different types of library stock, how the library is arranged and how to find what they want and lasts between 45-60 minutes, with time for the children to explore the library for themselves.

Other year groups are welcome to visit the library either for a librarian-led visit if staff availability permits, or for a self-directed teacher-led visit.

Children who have their own library cards with them can borrow books during a class visit.

### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge, organised by The Reading Agency and the UK public library network, is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. It takes place every year during the summer holidays and combines access to books with fun, free activities, encouraging children to read more during the holidays and avoiding the summer reading 'dip'.

Tameside Libraries offer all primary schools a librarian-led assembly towards the end of the summer term to introduce the Challenge and encourage children to take part. All children who finish the Challenge are awarded a certificate and these are sent to primary schools for presentation during the autumn term.

#### Volunteering opportunity for 12-18 year olds

The Summer Reading Challenge in Tameside Libraries is supported by young volunteers who help deliver craft activities and talk to the children about books and reading. It's a great opportunity for young people to gain new skills and make friends. The opportunity is advertised in June each year.

## Reward schemes

Some schools organise a reward scheme in conjunction with their nearest branch to encourage children to use Tameside Libraries outside school hours, for example leaving a bookmark in the library when they visit or getting a stamp from the library on a reading record.

## Digital Resources

### Borrow Box

Borrow Box offers ebooks and eaudiobooks to download to your PC, phone or tablet. There are hundreds of books to choose from for children and teenagers as well as adults and it's completely free with a Tameside library card. Promote the service to children who might struggle to get to a library or who are fascinated by technology.



[www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/ebooks](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/ebooks)

### Encyclopedia Britannica Online

Britannica gives free access to the full text of the Encyclopedia Britannica standard edition as well as dedicated sites at Junior (age 5-10) and Student (age 10-14) level. Ideal to promote for interest or as a trustworthy online source for homework use, Britannica can be accessed from any location using a Tameside library card.



### Libby

Libby has free loans of digital magazines using a Tameside library card, including National Geographic Kids, Minecraft World, Astronomy for Kids and Raspberry Pi for Kids magazines for children.



Magazines are ideal for engaging reluctant readers.

[www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/onlineservices](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/onlineservices)

## Open+ Libraries

Tameside Libraries have increased the hours that people can access libraries. Alongside staffed hours, self serve Open+ hours are now in operation at most of our libraries, which gives people greater choice in how and when they use the service.



During Open+ hours, members who have read and agreed to the terms and conditions and completed an induction with staff, gain access to the library by using a card-swipe system.

Security is maintained through CCTV monitoring and emergency phone and in the interests of young people's safety there will be no unaccompanied under 16s during Open+ hours. Young people can use the library during Open+ hours when accompanied by an adult with Open+ membership.

Teachers who have completed an Open+ induction can bring classes of children into the library during Open+ hours.

[www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/openplus](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/openplus)

## Library App

Download the free Spydus app to manage your Tameside Libraries account, search, reserve and renew items on loan. You can even search by scanning the barcode of any book while you're out and about!

[www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/mobileapp](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/mobileapp)

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