

## **Appendix 3 - Children's Library press release**

### **Welcome to the jungle!**

Manchester Central Library to open rawrsome new jungle themed Childrens Library this week.

Manchester Central Library are excited to announce that the fabulous new children's library will open this week for families to enjoy with their little ones.

Thanks to the refurb, the library the area has been completely transformed into a jungle safari - perfect for children to let their imaginations run wild!

Located on the lower ground level of Central Library, the new jungle themed children's library has replaced the Secret Garden library. The new space is a unique, child-centred place in the heart of the city, where children and parents can tuck into a good story together.

Complete with comfy seating, the library boasts crawl- through spaces for little explorers, wildlife wall art, new book display cases and even a cosy corner for children and their parents to sit together and read. The library also promises more story time and activities- these will be advertised on blackboards in the library.

The refurbishment is part of Manchester City Council's plan to significantly invest in the libraries of Manchester. Other libraries that have benefitted from investment include Longsight Library, Gorton Library and Chorlton Library.

Join the library now or visit: [www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries) for more information.

**Councillor Rabanawaz Akbar, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Libraries, Leisure and Parks, said:**

“Families and regular library visitors completed a survey in early 2020 detailing what they wanted in the new Children's Library. We have acted on their feedback, made significant improvements to the library and created a fun, vibrant space that caters to the need of both children and their parents.

“The new space looks incredible and I'm thrilled that the library is back open so we can welcome children back to the refurbished library and encourage them to dive into some books.”

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**Appendix 3.2 - Photographs of the new Central Library children's library**

