

Appendix 3 – Libraries Children and Young People’s Offer

For all Ages

- Books to borrow for all ages, promoting reading for fun, improving literacy and helping with homework. Books that appeal to all communities, and are inclusive reflecting our communities, and bringing in a wider range of authors, poets and illustrators from Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds
- Free Internet and Wi-Fi
- Events and activities programme including opportunities to meet authors, poets and illustrators, and national literacy events such as Harry Potter Book Night, Empathy Week, World Book Day
- Libraries as venues for other cultural offers e.g., Manchester Literature Festival
- Gifting of books and magazines to tens of thousands of children via schools, Surestart and foodbanks

0-5 Years

- Bookstart pack gifting for babies
- Storytimes in all libraries. The child’s first welcome to the library and to engage in cultural activity, including stories in Spanish and French and sensory storytimes at Central Library.
- Lego clubs at 6 libraries

5-11 Years

- Annual Summer Reading Challenge to address the dip in reading over the summer holidays
- Educational visits from schools at all libraries, to allow children to experience the library, borrow books and research topics
- Time to Read packs for reception class children
- Family Book Trails in parks and links to Little Free Libraries

11 – 18 Years

- The Transition Read gives a book to every year 6 pupil to support the move up to high school.
- Holiday Activity Fund sessions at 6 libraries for 10-16 year olds
- Educational visits from schools at all libraries, to allow children to experience the library, borrow books and research topics
- Youth activities and reading groups and STEM clubs
- Youth library facility at Moss Side Powerhouse, and young people only sessions at Arcadia Library and Hulme High Street Library
- Study space at all libraries
- Campaigns to promote wellbeing including Take 10 and Reading Well collections
- Volunteering opportunities, such as Duke of Edinburgh, Literacy Champions, Archives