

Childrens PLUS Comments (as written)
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Please write down or draw any ideas that you have that would
make the library better for you

Hook and Chessington Library

- This form is really fun but you said you are having a new [jungle?] ??? fireman [film?]
- More choice of beginner reader books
- It's a good place!
- Nearly new kids sale [not sure what this meant]. First aid courses
- Tidy books up!
- More computers so that you don't have to queue to long!
- To have more and more books
- Playing games
- Some comfy cushions to sit on during story and singing time
- More under-5's sessions during school holidays
- Better children's toilet facilities with easier access
- More special reads needs reading with helpers (to easy up my mum)
- Brighter
- Nothing really it's the best
- Add more fonts like new of in the Microsoft XP
- Nothing because the library is fantastic
- More please have more Manga books- please, please, please
- More books
- A type of stair gate to keep my little brother in the reading area so mummy doesn't have to keep running after him
- More games
- It would be great if there was also a toy library
- A bigger variety of 9-12 books e.g. Michael Foreman, Gwyneth Rees
- More colourful walls
- The events are great, we'd like more please
- More variety of new books/DVD's
- Peaceful
- More interesting books
- A reading group in the library
- Book reviews, recommended book[s] area
- Have a notepad where you can request certain books that the library should get
- Make computer time longer for free
- More under 5 events on different days
- An older kids section and a younger kids section [!]

Appendix 2

- More children's books
- Open on Monday. More DVD's for teenagers
- Free printing
- More time on the computer
- Nothing
- More things for people in Secondary schools 11-13

Kingston Adult Library (Survey of 0-15)

- Series of Unfortunate Events [series is in Childrens section]. Do questionnaires on what people are studying at school and stock those books
- A public computer area with 5 computers so if I am waiting for family, I can do work
- I think that the library is very good
- A larger childrens/teen section
- Statues
- Borrow more books
- If you made sure you had all the books in a single group, not just the sale [?]

Kingston Children's Library

- A nice bright storytime rug and maybe some new toys. Thank you
- More things to sit on to read-bean bags. More interactive things similar to the 'velcro board'- puzzle type things
- You're missing an apostrophe in 'childrens library' on the sign outside the door! Please reinstate it?
- More beanbags. More interactive games/puzzles/info e.g. something with flaps with info under- maybe a corner with this set up
- Think that storytime is well structured- rhymes, stories and toys and some music!
- Have some events in the afternoons as well after 3 pm. Thank you
- Childrens toilets with easier access. Comfy bean bags or a special reading nook. Shelter for buggies outside
- More/varied under 5 activities (esp under 3)
- More storytimes
- A toilet! (3 comments- 1 of which says '...a toilet that is near, so someone who works at the library doesn't have to take me'.
- Shorter lunch break. 2 hours is a long time to be closed. More storytime sessions for under 5's including in holiday times
- A new carpet. More investment needed for larger range of books- some in very poor order
- That pesky rat!! [think it's a book]

Appendix 2

- More computers- 4 comments [1 accompanied by drawing of 3 computers]
- More tables- seating area pillows
- Nothing
- Would like more story CD's
- More books
- More space and more books
- When you come to the counter the lady/man can give a picture to do
- A heavier outer door so younger children can be left to look around without being able to escape
- It would really help if toilets were nearer and could be used quickly. Also lunch time opening would be really helpful
- More special needs books e.g. feely books, touch books etc (3 comments)
- Staff and books great. Children's building not so great.
- More space for buggies/more seats i.e. bean bags for children (always crouching or sitting around on hard floor)
- Maybe a collection of books for each stage of reading (e.g. 5-7's, 7-9's) etc for children to look at a section without knowing the author
- Children's corner, more seats
- Don't know
- A fun swimming pool!
- TV with headphones
- It is very difficult to find the books according to subject, like maths, science or reading (English) or writing as no labels in place. It is better that the library has got some exercise books as well so this will help parents from buying and spending lots of money on them. We can make photocopies and ask the children to do the exercise
- Make the doors safer so I can't run away from mum into the streets (2 comments) [in fact there has been a magnetic lock put on the door which these parent/carers clearly didn't notice]
- It is all good
- Some DVD's
- Opening at 9 or 9.15. Some mummies can come straight to the library after taking me to school
- Tables and chairs for bigger children (not just for little children) and so I can sit easily with my mum and read
- Open at lunchtime. Better recommendations of age appropriate books. Reading/craft sessions for 5-8 year olds. Puzzles and comics e.g. Beano
- Could make better use of garden area. More toys and activities for pre-school
- A children's study room
- More cushions on the floor to sit on
- More puzzles
- I already think this library is good
- New books
- More space. Separate areas for homework, quiet reading and younger children's activities

Appendix 2

- Have more DVD's to watch for grown up boys (10-12)
- More computers

New Malden Library

- Needs more sign post along the road and at the roundabout
- More new books. More fun reading activities
- A soft sitting area to sit and read books with mummy (not chairs)
- I think it will be better if there were more seats available
- More seating area to relax and read
- More French books please
- More books, more toilets, more decorations
- Have a larger range of books
- More toys/puzzles for under 5's- set up table with puzzles; games box. Could be made brighter, especially children's area. Have tables and chairs for under 5's to use. Noticeboard area for children/activities in childrens area
- More than 1 story time
- More youth books like Fruits Basket [?] and more rave master [?]
- You are just fine as you are. Thank you very much
- [smiley face drawn in comments box]
- More computers for the children [accompanied by drawings of 3 PC's- bit like a response at Kingston interestingly]
- 'Briter'
- More advent and more graphic novel books (Manga- Tokyopop)
- More book[s] about languages
- Tidier, more space, more books, notices
- Science pictures on wall to help us
- Videos Games DS
- More educational DVD's. Open on a Sunday
- Get more audio books. Otherwise it's great!!!
- Nothing (2 comments...assume no ideas to make library better, so could be a good/indifferent comment)
- A wider selection of teen books and reading lists to help one chose which books to read
- More instruments. No pushchairs in the rhyme time. Better pillows- bean bags
- More books for teens
- More 4 teenagers
- Get more books for key stage 2 and 3
- More DVD's (2 comments)
- More books, more study places
- I'd like to read Oxford Reading Tree in library

Appendix 2

- I don't think I should say something coz this library is very good, the staff is very helpful, friendly and coprative- this is very convenient library for me. It is also very big. Lots of space for pushchairs. I like it
- Some very small plastic baby seats would be nice- it may encourage me to sit down and listen
- More colourfulness (outside)- 2 comments
- Homework clubs on other days. Open later
- Open a little git [bit] longer
- Help lonely/lovely [?] people/ anyone feel like their injoy their self
- That if you know your card number you can use the computers. When I come straight from school I don't always have my card
- Story sessions for over 5's- she misses these now she is at school when they are on
- To be able to use online chat games like runescare cat [?]
- More information in corners
- More activities/stories for under 5's
- Have game stations to try out the games
- More childrens books
- A special shelf with homework subjects e.g. science/maths books
- I would like the library to close late
- More computers/close late
- More varieties of books in the Junior section. I don't always find/order the books I want because the library doesn't have it
- Tidy. New books/funny books
- People coming round asking if you need help
- Use computer without adult filling out the form, because I always use it
- I think Talis prism should be improved as I searched for 3 books and it said it didn't have them. However when I browsed the shelves I found all of them . Otherwise I think this is the best library in the borough.
- Picture books shelved in alphabetical order
- Instead of a card have a thumb print so if I lose my card does not matter
- More useful books for geography/history. Some more books in the adult section. Another table to work at.
- Its very good. Should be open on Sundays
- It is great
- Not enough copies of books. Never get the book you want
- Its perfect but I want it open on Sundays
- More DVD's. More types of books
- Exciting things for 12+, not always for younger kids
- Get some new books, increase numbers of the computers
- Some new sections would be nice but I like it the way it is
- A toilet downstairs/more DVD's/a reading area/a nursery reading book area [?]
- A nursery play area

Appendix 2

- A new TV for children to watch
- More tidy and quiet
- More books because there are gaps in some book sequences
- Ordering books should be at no cost within Kingston libraries
- More cheerful
- Make it bigger
- More books
- Open on Sunday/ books I want to borrow/more time on the computer (2 comments)
- Safer place, quiet place, go to any site on the Internet- no blocking
- More and new Jacqueline Wilson books and other fun books not boring books and no web sites blocked
- More adult books (fiction, non-fiction)
- The library could be open for longer hours
- Make it more fun...have a swimming pool
- Library should have a coloured printer/photocopier

Old Malden Library

- Coffee morning for mums while children play- really love to have this library so close. Please don't think about closing it down
- This library is fine the way it is
- More information on activities please
- Storytime finishes too late as my mum has to pick my brother and sister up from school. 1.30-2.30 would be perfect
- Café area
- This library has the best choice of books for kids in this area
- Summer holiday clubs/competitions. More DVD's, bean bags to sit on
- Let us use the PC's as long as we want for free
- Books with CD's to help read. Reading books for specific ages/key stages
- A few more computers
- Please don't close down small local libraries. This is what libraries are all about, especially Old Malden. I don't like the idea of the large impersonal learning centres like the Hook Road one. Old Malden Library is wonderful
- The Enid Blyton Mystery series
- More choice of children's reference books

Surbiton Library

- Reading and story writing competition
- More story time sessions
- More books- 2 comments
- To be open 7 days a week

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- More Scooby-Doo! More Miffy (DVD's). Something to stand on to see the top video shelf
- More pre-school events during the week- in morning and afternoon to allow for other activities I am involved in
- Toys- Spiderman
- DVD's/ Toilet
- More bilingual materials: books, CD's, DVD's and cartoons (2 comments)
- More linking with other libraries
- I think its fine the way it is
- Open on Wednesdays
- Books that are better
- Its good
- Improved/new computers. Faster, more stable internet connection (2 comments)
- More computer time for homework club. Open more often
- Reading competition. Gather and see who can read a book in the fastest time. Keep a record
- A public toilet (5 comments)
- It's all over good knowledge at work [not sure what this means]
- Open every day of the week (including Wednesdays and Saturdays). Have more computers available in the children's section
- More holiday activities
- More meet and greet sessions for parents
- A bigger car park!
- I love the story time on Tuesday mornings but sometimes I can't listen because other mummies talk too loud during the reading
- Thanks we have a great time at storytime (2 comments)
- More story times during the week
- Open the library on Wednesdays please
- I don't know if you already have, but I would need a personal 'reading tutoring' for my age. What to read? To get wide experience of texts for my age
- Wider selection of books for pre-school
- Toilet, bean bags
- Have themes from books [nice picture of space drawn by child]
- More DVD's and computers
- More toys to play
- More puzzles (2 comments)
- Please put the apostrophe in children's! (frustrated English teacher)
- It needs more Goosebumps audio books
- More DVD's and a toilet
- Not near busy road, noisy. More places to sit, no chavs [!!]
- 2 of every book
- trains

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- better comics
- more bi-lingual books/DVD's (French in particular)
- a wider range of books. Colour
- working PC to look for books

Tolworth Library

- I would not write or draw here [in the making library better box] because it is already good
- Playstation. Free games
- Open every day
- More Fairy books by Daisy Meadows
- More books available
- Brighter lights. Brighter decorations
- Tapes (audio books⁰ allowed on a child's card. Manga books. Open longer on Fridays
- Better toys and CLEAN toys, some of the old plastic toys are very grubby. They would be so easy to wash. Low table and chairs for young children to sit with books. After school activities for age 14+
- More books, café, more colour, seats
- A reading and homework area
- Its fine the way it is! (2 comments)
- Change the cost of colour print to about £0.40p
- More books per card. More colourful. More PC CD –ROMs. Age ranges marked clearly
- Lots more childrens books about people
- More toys, soft play area or beanbags to sit on
- I like it as it is
- Build more space that there is no rush at sometime [!!]. Nice computers.
- More computers. More challenges for all sorts of ages. Competitions- prizes
- More computers (3 comments), more and more DVD's (not videos)
- Library open until 7.00 pm (2 comments)
- Open till 8 on Wednesday (3 comments) - more books
- Can my son log on using his library card, at present we share a PC. Possibly more child sized furniture. Computerised self service for book. Otherwise v. good. Thank you!
- More children's films and more pictures on the window
- There should be new computers and printers has making a lot of noise
- Books for older children
- An easy guide to finding books under different categories
- Loads of new books. Books for all different ages. A different theme on each shelf
- A bit bigger
- A bigger range of books of books for my age group

Appendix 2

- To have more and more books
- Its just right
- Have more reading challenges

Tudor Drive Library

- Some comfy armchairs in the childrens section so mummy can read to me there!
- More audio books on CD
- Coffee for my mummy
- Need a few more entertaining rhyming books: more Julia Donaldson copies, Jez Alborough, Caro,Roth (Who will tuck me in tonight?) etc, 'Whats in your tummy mummy?'
- Different day/time for storytelling
- More colours in the children's area
- Open every day except Sunday
- An activity room for bigger children to play
- A wider choice of long books
- Bright colours/comfy chairs. A trampoline!
- A bigger childrens area. As new to the area a bit surprised by the small children's area (2 comments on size of childrens area)
- More cheerful
- A sign saying shhhhh
- More young adult books
- Easier (more) categories in childrens section so easier to find books I like
- Nothing- it is a great place right now
- More fiction books
- Some after school activities for aged 6-9 children e.g. such as a reading group
- More Black library books e.g. Warhammer
- More computers available and more places and tables to just sit and read and do homework
- The library is small which limits choice but for the kids section I don't think this matters
- More books to help start reading like the Oxford Reading Tree level
- More events for younger children (under 5's)
- More events-storytimes. More 'making' and 'doing' days
- More new books
- To get one hour or more on the computer and you don't have to pay when you print something
- More computers
- Refreshments
- A place to write/draw/colour

Appendix 2

- Open on Wednesday please
- More books, more clocks, more teddy bears. I love it here
- Activities/after school clubs for over 5's or a reading group for school aged children, for after school
- A little bit more structured (like A-Z)
- More computers for younger people
- Easier to understand category labels e.g. history, science
- A bigger tape and CD collection
- Get Harry Potter One
- Get the Magic Kitten series
- Make it a bit bigger
- More books- Asterix, Famous Five, TinTin
- More aeroplane books
- If the opening hours were longer that would be very good for working people
- Can you please open on Wednesdays?! Thanks!
- Don't close them
- Drinks fountain- more seating area
- IMAC computers
- Colourful
- Have a cleaner carpet. A bigger childrens section
- More books in junior non-fiction
- More bean bags
- More maze books
- More arts and crafts books- passwords for the computers
- If you are stuck on a word- someone to help you read and understand it i.e. an automatic dictionary
- I don't think it needs any changes