

Kingston Libraries: Mission Statement

Kingston Libraries are accessible leisure and lifelong learning resources at the heart of local communities. Our purpose is to educate and empower through a commitment to inclusive and unbiased access to information, knowledge and works of creative imagination.

Kingston Libraries: Aims

- To provide, within the resources allocated to the Library Service, a range of recreational and educational material in a wide variety of media tailored to the needs of the local community
- To provide an equal opportunity to all for access to books, information, online services and lifelong learning
- To support social inclusion by seeking to meet the diverse information, learning and leisure needs of the whole community
- To act as first point of contact and a gateway to other council services
- To be the key source for access to local and community information
- To support reading development, literacy, numeracy and basic skills for people of all ages
- To lead, support and participate in literary and cultural activity in the borough
- To be the leading community resource for self-guided education and life long learning
- To promote digital inclusion by providing the support and training residents need to access digital information and e-government services
- To provide support and training to enable access to online information, enhanced employment opportunities and participation in the life of the community
- To consult library users and residents in the development of the Library Service
- To act in partnership with other council and community services helping them to meet their aims as well as our own
- To put local community needs at the heart of our service