

BA Statement on Libraries

The Booksellers Association believes that libraries play an essential part in society by playing a key role in the promotion of books and reading. All the fantastic work that goes on in libraries significantly helps to develop a more literate society.

Libraries exist to ensure that everyone has free access to the knowledge, scholarship, books and information they need to help them enjoy and make a success of their lives.

Children's borrowing from libraries has risen for the last five years and this continuing demand alone demonstrates the value inherent in having an easily accessible library service.

Literacy is the key driver for social mobility. Libraries can help people to re-engage with learning and improve their literacy skills. Libraries are vital in helping people become fluent and engaged readers.

The BA believes that campaigns to preserve libraries have to be led by people within the library service, but we are more than happy to offer our support whenever we can.

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