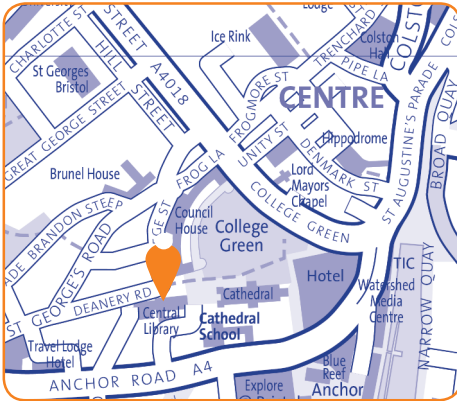


Central Library

College Green,
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Email: bristol.library.service@bristol.gov.uk



Ward:

Hotwells & Harbourside

Transport links:

Good bus routes to and from all parts of Bristol from the centre. Some distance from Temple Meads.

Building condition:

Listed status. The building is in two sections, original Holden end, early 1900s and the newer section constructed in the 1960s. Variable condition throughout. The public area is relatively well maintained. The staff areas are in poor condition. Over 20% of the building, located in the basement and lower ground floor of the building, have been renovated and occupied by the Bristol Cathedral School since 2016.

Accessibility:

Accessible ramp at the newer end of the building and lift from the basement to the first floor. Public areas accessible including toilets. The Holden side of the building does not have an accessible lift.

Opening hours:

Mon	10:00 – 19:00
Tue	10:00 – 19:00
Wed	closed
Thurs	10:00 – 19:00
Fri	10:00 – 17:00
Sat	11:00 – 17:00
Sun	13:00 – 17:00

Total hours open:

45 hours per week

Number of public computers: 52

Self-service kiosks: 8

Usage figures (1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018)

Visits ¹	393,108
Items borrowed	367,410
Computer uses ²	64,984
Active membership ³ (at 31 March 2018)	16,826

Indicative running costs of building⁴

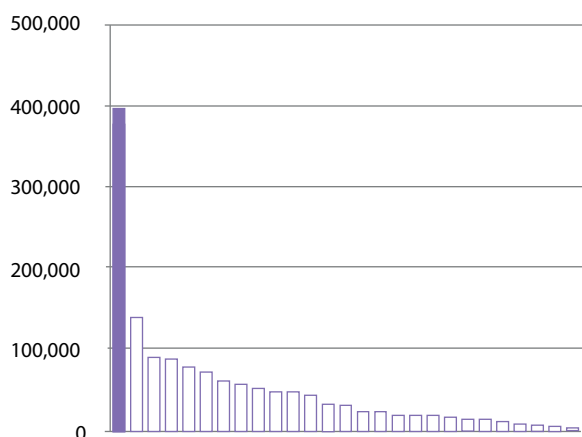
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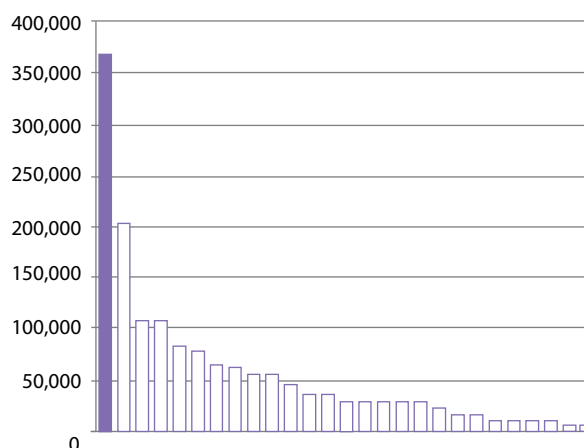
Usage compared to other Bristol libraries *April 2017-March 2018*

Other libraries 
This library 

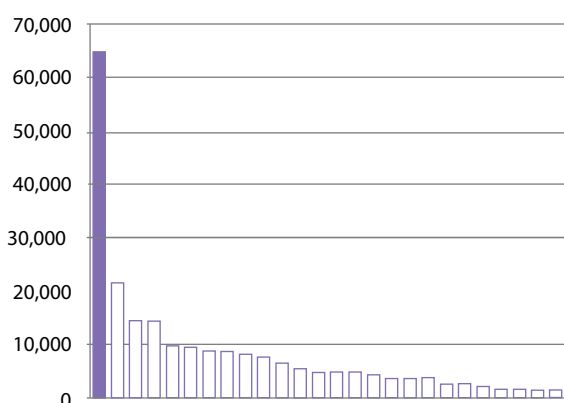
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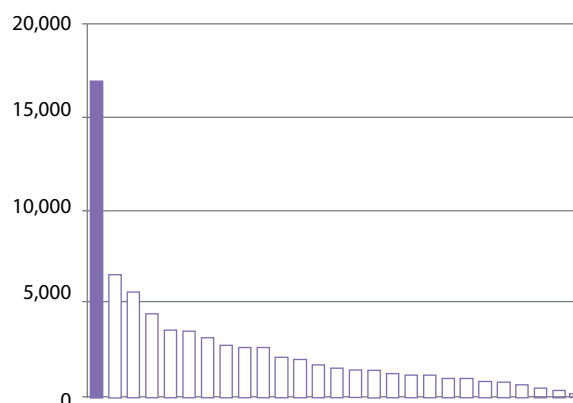
Total items borrowed



Total computer uses²



Total active members³



Notes on usage figures, costs and charts

1. Visits = door count of visitors to the library via use of electronic door counter during the period.
2. Computer uses = number of computer bookings during the period.
3. Active members as of 31 March 2018. Active members are those who have issued, renewed, returned or reserved an item, or have booked a computer session in the past 12 months.
4. Running costs for the library building include rates, utilities, cleaning, waste management, rent, service charges, repairs and maintenance contracts and call outs, security alarms, security call outs. These figures do not include library staffing costs.

Central Library

community conversation

2015

What you didn't like...

- Reduction from 7-day opening

2017

What you said you liked...

- Cultural events
- Supporting literacy and learning for all
- Variety & quality of stock available
- Free access to computers & the internet, especially for those who don't have access at home and job seekers
- Range of books for children & activities for children, families & schools

What you didn't like...

- Idea of closing any library

Specific proposals and suggestions:

- Offer adult learning / courses
- Generate more income to fund the service / protect libraries e.g. space hire
- Expand volunteering programme and/or have volunteers working alongside staff
- Fundraising / donations / crowd-funding to fund the service / protect libraries