

SCOTTISH READING STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

STRATEGIC VISION: Through free access to the life enriching creative activity of reading, contribute to health and wellbeing, improved levels of literacy, inspiring reading across all interests and age groups, drawing communities together to bring reading alive.

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

- Inspire reading across all interests and age groups, from pre-literate to fluent readers
- Encourage people to read widely, trying new genres and exploring new ways of sharing their reading experiences
- Contribute to the overall health and wellbeing of the individual
- Support literacy development and increase the number of confident and capable readers
- Recognise and support language and diversity

STRATEGY ELEMENTS

- 100% of authorities offering agreed baseline activities and events
- Commitment of all authorities to the ongoing enhancement of the agreed baseline
- Commitment to Reader Development Network, Young People's Strategic Group and Early Years Strategic Group
- Commitment to work with national partners to deliver the strategy
- Continuous development of shared evidence bank and advocacy statements illustrating social impact

FRAMEWORK FOR DELIVERY: Programme of service provision addressing these elements:

Developing Readers & Improving Literacy, Improving Health & Wellbeing, Language, Diversity & Cultural Heritage, Advocacy & Activism

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Delivered by 100% of Scottish Public Libraries

Throughout the Year
 Author led talks & workshops
 Bookbug
 Community Outreach
 Free access to books
 Reader Development Promotion & Programmes
 SBT Early Years Gifting Programme
 Six Steps for Blind & Partially Sighted
 Reading Groups
 Visits from schools & nurseries

Annual Events

Bookbug Week (Children)
 Book Week Scotland (Adults)
 National Libraries Day (Adults)
 National Poetry Day (Adults)
 Summer Reading Programme (Children)
 World Book Night (Adults)

Delivered by most Scottish Public Libraries

Throughout the Year
 Bookbug Assertive Outreach
 Bookbug Library Challenge
 Book Award Promotions
 Book Prescription/healthy reading scheme
 Chatterbooks
 Community Outreach
 E books, audio books and zines
 ESOL Groups
 Regular Story-time for Under 5's
 Reader development coms
 Reading Groups
 Reminiscence Activities
 Scottish Children Books Awards
 Shawdowing
 Scots/Gaelic Promotions
 Six Book Challenge
 Visits to schools & nurseries

Annual Events

Adult Learners Week
 Make a Noise in Libraries Fortnight
 Local History Week
 World Book Day

Delivered by some Scottish Public Libraries

Throughout the Year
 Accelerated Reading Programme
 Ante-natal programmes
 Bibliotherapy
 Book & Film Events
 EIBF Outreach
 Gaming clubs/workshops
 Imaginational Library
 Literature festival events & activities
 Radio 2 & Radio 4 Book Clubs
 Reader in Residence

Annual Events

Big Sports Day
 Burns Night
 Carers Week
 Children's Book Week
 Crime Month
 Diversity Week
 Dyslexia Awareness Week
 Holocaust Memorial Day
 Luminare Festival
 National Reading Group Day
 National Science Week
 SMH Art & Film Festival
 Teen Summer Reading Challenge