Cultivating a nation of readers with reading viewed as a valuable and enjoyable activity for individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

CORE

- ☐ Book displays
- ☐ Book Week Scotland
- ☐ Bookbug Library Challenge
- ☐ Bookbug sessions; Bookbug Week
- ☐ Bookbug Picture Book Prize
- ☐ eBook and eAudiobook promotion
- ☐ World Book Day
- ☐ Family activity sessions
- ☐ Author / illustrator visits through Live Literature
- ☐ Local authors
- ☐ National Poetry Day
- ☐ Reading Agency / SBT promotions
- ☐ Storytelling sessions
- ☐ Book Awards promotion
- ☐ Free author / illustrator visits
- ☐ Libraries Week

ADDED VALUE

- ☐ Funded author / illustrator visits
- ☐ Creative writing / comic book workshops
- ☐ Local, national or international book festivals
- ☐ Reader development events (eg quizzes and activities linked to books etc)
- ☐ Scottish Teenage Book Prize
- ☐ Mobile library visits to primary schools/ nurseries

BEST PRACTICE

- ☐ Reader development communication with library members
- ☐ Book and film events
- ☐ National Storytelling Week
- ☐ Reading groups (general)
- ☐ Bedtime reading sessions
- ☐ Children's Book Week
- ☐ Digital storytelling
- ☐ Charged author / illustrator visits
- ☐ Artist / reader / writer in residence

ADULTS

CORE

- ☐ Book displays
- ☐ eBook and eAudiobook promotion
- ☐ Local author events eg book launches, workshops
- ☐ Reading agency / SBT promotions
- ☐ Free author visits
- ☐ Book Week Scotland
- ☐ Book Awards promotion eg Booker Prize, Women's Prize for Fiction
- ☐ Reading groups - support for private groups
- ☐ National Poetry Day
- ☐ Author visits through Live Literature
- ☐ Funded author visits
- ☐ Creative writing workshops
- ☐ General reading groups
- ☐ Libraries Week

ADDED VALUE

- ☐ World Book Night
- ☐ Local, national or international book festivals
- ☐ Reader development communication with library members
- ☐ Reader development events, such as shared reading sessions
- ☐ Reading group events
- ☐ Book and film events

BEST PRACTICE

- ☐ Reading groups specific to genre eg crime, sci fi, LGBTQI, poetry etc
- ☐ Charged author visits
- ☐ National Storytelling Week
- ☐ Reading groups - virtual
- ☐ Digital storytelling
- ☐ Artist / reader / writer in residence
- ☐ Big Book Club

Ensuring free access to a diverse range of reading materials in a variety of formats for all ages and abilities.

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	CORE	ADDED VALUE	BEST PRACTICE
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	☐ Dual language/other language stock and resources ☐ Dyslexia friendly stock	☐ Community outreach – Additional Support Needs (ASN) schools ☐ Home delivery service ☐ Dyslexia Awareness Week	☐ HiVis fortnight ☐ Dolly Parton Imagination Library ☐ Barrington Stoke Young Editors scheme ☐ Dyslexia reading groups ☐ Sensory friendly/Makaton Bookbug sessions ☐ Makaton storytelling sessions
ADULTS	☐ Dual language / other languages ☐ Home delivery service	☐ HiVis fortnight ☐ Luminate Festival ☐ Scots / local dialect ☐ Burns Night ☐ Local History Week	☐ Partnerships with Glaucoma UK ☐ Partnership with NHS SALT ☐ Makaton taster sessions for adults

Celebrating and supporting language and cultural diversity and making reading a shared and inclusive experience across all communities.

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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	☐ Local history / heritage resources and activities ☐ Dual language stock and resources	☐ Bookbug Gaelic sessions ☐ Scots / local dialects in other languages, such as Polish etc.	☐ Support for refugees and asylum seekers, children and families
ADULTS	☐ Local history / heritage resources and activities	☐ Scots / local dialect ☐ Burns Night ☐ Local History Week	☐ Resources for refugees and asylum seekers

Enhance literacy levels across all age groups, with a particular focus on children and young adults.

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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	☐ Summer Reading Challenge (through Reading Agency or standalone) ☐ Chatterbooks ☐ Bookbug gifting ☐ Class visits		☐ Carnegie Greenaway Prize shadowing ☐ 4-4-2 Reading Challenge (with SPFL Trust, SLIC and Scottish Book Trust) ☐ Accelerated reader programme ☐ Teenage writing groups ☐ Read, Write, Count sessions
ADULTS	☐ Free access to a wide range of stock	☐ Working with community learning and development for adult learning programmes ☐ Dyslexia friendly stock for adults	☐ Reading challenge for adults/families ☐ Reading Ahead ☐ Summer Reading Challenge involving families and adults

Fostering positive health and wellbeing

Recognising the role of reading in improving mental health and health and wellbeing.

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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	☐ Empathy Day ☐ Mental health / Shelf Help	☐ Bibliotherapy – Books on Prescription/ healthy reading	☐ Bibliotherapy groups or workshops ☐ Reading Well / healthy reading for teenagers
ADULTS	☐ Empathy Day ☐ Mental health / Shelf Help ☐ Free access to a wide range of stock	☐ Mental Health / Shelf Help resources ☐ Books on Prescription / healthy reading collections ☐ Bibliotherapy - dementia related	☐ Bibliotherapy ☐ Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival ☐ Specific resources or work supporting addictions ☐ Health and Wellbeing Librarian ☐ Dementia friendly libraries

Collaborating with authors, schools, libraries and organisations to create a vibrant reading culture.

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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	☐ Community Outreach – third sector / local groups	☐ School Library Service providing resources and topic boxes	
ADULTS	☐ Community outreach - third sector / local groups ☐ Community outreach – care homes / sheltered housing	☐ Community outreach – schools with parental involvement	☐ Community outreach - hospitals ☐ Community outreach - prisons ☐ Community outreach – colleges / universities