



Knowledge and Ideas for Everyone

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Explore York - Libraries from Home

For information or inspiration during the coronavirus crisis visit Explore York online where it is simple to find what you need.

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If you are confused or overwhelmed by the huge amount of information on offer, Explore can help. We are making it easy for people to find information and advice as well as inspiration as we all deal with the coronavirus crisis. Explore website has all sorts of useful links to help people cope during the coming weeks: some sites have always been part of our online offer, and some are brand new

We are also working with City of York Council and our many partners in York so that our communities can join together and we continue to support their initiatives, just as we will when our buildings open again.

Organisations across the country are developing their online services in this challenging time. We are using our expertise to gather together the best offers and add them to the lists of sites we recommend.

We will also be developing some online activities of our own - including a Virtual Book Group. We will be updating the website regularly as these new things come on stream and sharing on social media using #LibrariesFromHome

- Updates on how Explore is responding during the pandemic and updates about what's new
<https://www.exploreYork.org.uk/coronavirus/>

- Information and support during the Coronavirus crisis from official sources <https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/recommended-websites/coronavirus-resources/>
- 5000 Ebooks and audio books for adults and children free to borrow from our online library. <https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/digital/e-books/>
- Visit our new York Images site and explore the history of the city through photographs, illustrations, maps and archival documents <https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/digital/york-images/>
- Start your family tree using Ancestry and Find My Past. The library editions are both now free to use from home. <https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/digital/online-reference/>
- Find reliable information about everything on our Online Reference pages. <https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/digital/online-reference/>

Everything is free to access: all you need is a library card. You can get a card online and start using it immediately.

<https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/getting-a-library-card-or-yorkcard/>

Explore main website www.exploreyork.org.uk

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Notes to Editors

Explore Libraries and Archives Mutual Limited

Explore provides the public library and archives service for the city of York. Last year Explore York Libraries and Archives had over 1 million visitors, held 1466 events, told 1734 stories to children, and loaned more than 2000 books every day. Holding over 850 years of civic records, the City Archives are the most complete outside London. Explore enables people to live fuller, more connected and engaged lives, by giving everyone access to knowledge and ideas in safe, friendly spaces accessible to all. Explore was born in 2014 as a community benefit society with charitable status, owned by its staff and community members, and recognised nationally for its innovative approach. In 2019 Explore won a fifteen year contract to deliver libraries and archives for City of York council.

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