

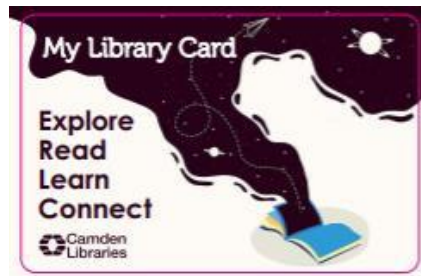


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Dear Parent / Carer,

Your child, if they are not already, will soon be a member of Camden libraries! Camden Council is working with all local state schools to auto-enrol primary-age children to the public library service if they don't already have a library card. The library card will be delivered to your child through their school during the summer and autumn terms.

This year is the National Year of Reading, and Camden wants every child to discover the joy of reading, because we know the benefits it has for wellbeing and education. The library card can be used to borrow up to 20 books. There are thousands to choose from in our nine libraries, including picture books, talking books, stories and information books, books in other languages and graphic novels.



Why are we auto-enrolling children to the library service?

Reading for pleasure helps a child's development in language and understanding. It supports academic success and aids problem-solving.

We've made it easier for parents and carers to support children to use the library by introducing this auto-enrolment. By becoming a member of Camden libraries, your child will have access to thousands of books they can borrow and will support reading at each stage of their life, as well as free events and activities that help to foster a love of reading and learning. Membership is free and borrowing books is free - and there are no charges if you return books late.

Every year, Camden libraries run the Summer Reading Challenge to encourage reading over the summer holidays. As a member, your child can take part and join free activities.

We hope you will come and visit our libraries with your child and their new library card, to help them find and borrow books. You do not need to bring any further information or proof of address for your child's membership of the library.



How will it work?

All children at a Camden state school, from Reception to Year 6, will be automatically joined to Camden libraries. Camden Council will securely transfer the data the library service needs to create a library membership. Schools are supporting this because of the clear benefits reading for pleasure has on your child's education. All data will be handled securely and confidentially, according to GDPR guidelines. It is the data you shared when you enrolled your child for a primary school place. The auto-enrolments data will be transferred this week and, during the summer and autumn terms 2026, your child will receive their library card at school when it is ready. You are invited to come to the library and see what we have to offer.

What do I need to do?

You do not need to bring any further information or proof of address for your child's membership of the library. We hope you will come and visit our libraries to help your child find and borrow books. There are nine Camden libraries, and you can visit any of them. A member can also use our free 24/7 digital library, that can help with homework - this can be found online at camden.gov.uk/digital-library.

How do I find my local library?

Please check on the website to find your local library and opening times at camden.gov.uk/library-information.

What data do you hold about my child and what if I don't want my child to be part of this?

We will hold some of your child's personal data on the Library Management System. This includes their name, address, school, school year and date of birth. You shared the data with the Council when you enrolled them at primary school.

You have the right to opt out of library membership. To do so, please contact your local library or email libraries@camden.gov.uk. We will then delete your child's information from the library management system. If you want more information about how we use your personal data please see the [library privacy notice](#) and our main privacy notice at camden.gov.uk/privacy or scan our QR code:



Yours sincerely,

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Councillor Sabrina Francis
Cabinet Member for Jobs, Young People and Culture
Camden Council

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