
Volunteering opportunities with Kent Libraries and Archives

Our activities include

- Ancestry Wizards Providing customers with a basic introduction to online genealogy using www.ancestry.com
- Baby Rhyme Time Meeting and greeting customers; providing refreshments; and supporting the rhymes and songs
- Bag Books Cleaning and repairing story-book boards/bags
- CB+HWW Computer Buddies + Homework Wizard, a weekend role especially targeted at young volunteers involved in DoE award or similar youth schemes
- Chat with books Helping staff support customers who are taking Skills Plus reading and literacy courses
- Chatterbooks Facilitators for children's reading groups
- Celebration volunteers Helping staff with occasional community events to promote and celebrate libraries and archives
- Coffee and Chat Facilitating sessions of local reminiscence or seasonal discussions about books, eg travel, Christmas
- Computer Buddies Initial support to help customers gain confidence with computers, and occasional one off IT questions
- Consultation volunteers To help library staff with a range of customer and public consultation (occasional)
- Craft sessions Sharing your creative skills with customers of all ages, on either an occasional or regular basis
- Finishing Touches Ensuring the finishing touches are carried out regularly and systematically, for example cleaning board books or Rhyme Time equipment; checking story-time sacks and bag books; pencil sharpening; and dusting CD racks
- Gardeners Enhancing library gardens with extra planting and pots. Includes option to seek sponsorship and donations
- Home Library Couriers Promoting libraries to customers and carers unable to visit the library; finding our about and selecting their favourite reading; and delivering the books and audio-visual resources
- Homework Club Helping library staff with homework sessions
- Reading Support for Family And Life Long Learning Developing relationships with schools and children's centres to help maximise benefits from their library ticket
- Language Related Varied. Might include nursery rhymes in French; promoting foreign language books; translating historical information
- Local Studies Indexing, collating and some research to enrich local history collections for library and archive customers
- Local Sporting Heroes (From November 2010). Local studies research activity to investigate Kent People with a link to past Olympics and Paralympics. Will be offered at all libraries as web based research, but only larger libraries with local studies resources will offer microfilm and fuller research facilities

- Learning Links Helping literacy students from Kent Adult Education Service (KAES) and encouraging them to practice skills in library. Pilot, Dover and Tunbridge Wells only. Volunteers need education to 'A' level Standard. Time2Give will hold an initial meeting with volunteers, but placement for this activity is also subject to a KAES assessment
- Music and drama Musicians and actors to share their skills and experience at library based activities
- Reading group hosts Organising and facilitating library based reading groups for customers of all ages
- Retail Rangers Helping staff promote merchandise events. An occasional activity or possibly over several locations
- Scrabble Clubs Organising and facilitating library based Scrabble Clubs for customers of all ages
- Talk Time Helping staff organise a range library based social groups
- Specialist Skills Occasional opportunities, perhaps marketing or photography and film editing. Ask for more details
- Story Time Host Meeting and greeting and offering refreshments. (Staff read the stories except in single staffed libraries)
- Volunteer Drivers Helping customers unable to make their own way to the library join in events and chose their own books

Current vacancies by district/library

Ashford District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama
- Ashford Library**: Moved to temporary site, unable to take new volunteers for the foreseeable future except Computer Buddies; Home Library Service couriers, Talk Time, and Local Sporting Heroes (and one community based role at International House)
- Bockhanger Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Charing Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Homework Club, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Stanhope Library: Computer Buddies; Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Tenterden Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers
- Wye Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

Canterbury District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama
- Canterbury Cathedral Archive: No vacancies at present
- Canterbury Library: Baby Rhyme Time Host, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time, Home Library Service Couriers
- Herne Bay Library: Computer Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Homework Club, Home Library Service Couriers, Library Gardener, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Sturry Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Talk Time, Local Sporting Heroes. Talk Time

- Swalecliffe Library: Computer Buddy, Ancestry Buddies; Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Whitstable Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Ancestry Buddies; Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Library Gardeners, Homework Club Helpers, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

Dartford District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with Books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama
- Ashen Drive Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Story-teller, Homework Club Helpers, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Dartford Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Reading Group Host, Homework Club Helpers, Celebrating History (local studies), Home Library Service Couriers, Talk Time, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Fleetdown Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Coffee and Chat Host, Homework Club Helpers, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Greenhithe Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Coffee and Chat Hosts, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Longfield Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Coffee and Chat Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Summerhouse Drive Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Coffee and Chat Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Sutton at Hone Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Coffee and Chat Hosts; Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Swan Valley: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Homework Club Helpers, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Temple Hill Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Homework Club Helpers, Coffee and Chat Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

Dover and Deal District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama
- Ash Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Aylesham Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Deal Library (opportunities may be limited early in 2011 due to building works): Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Library Gardener/Garden Designer, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Scrabble Club, Knit and Natter
- Dover Library: Computer Buddies (limited time slots available), Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Learning Links, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- East Kent Archive: No vacancies at present
- St Margaret's at Cliffe Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

- Sandwich Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Library Gardeners, Home Library Service Couriers, Scrabble Club, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

Gravesend District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama
- Coldharbour Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers; Volunteer Drivers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Dashwood Library: Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Homework Club Helpers, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Gravesend Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service (HLS) Couriers, Bi-Lingual HLS Volunteer Coordinator, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Higham Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Host, Homework Club, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Hive House: Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Talk Time, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Kings Farm: Volunteer Drivers, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Marling Cross: Homework Club; Baby Rhyme Time Host, Home Library Service Couriers, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Meopham Library: Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Homework Club Helpers, Home Library Service Couriers, Story-time host, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Riverview Park Library: Baby Rhyme Time Host, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Homework Club Helpers, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Vigo Library: Home Library service Couriers, Community Library Volunteers urgently needed, Talk Time

Maidstone District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama, Talk Time
- Allington Library: Baby Rhyme Time Hosts; Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Bearsted Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Centre for Kentish Studies: Local Sporting Heroes
- County Central Library: Computer Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Coxheath Library: Computer Buddies (urgently required), Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Headcorn Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Kings Hill (Gibson Drive) or home based: Reading Review Moderator (coming soon)
- Lenham Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

- Maidstone Library: Computer Buddies (very limited days available), Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Reading Group Refreshments, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Madginford: Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Marden Library: Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Shepway Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Staplehurst Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Library Gardener, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Teen Reading and Discussion Group Coordinator, Home Library Service Couriers, Talk Time, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Yalding Library: Computer Buddies, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

Sevenoaks District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama
- Edenbridge Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Craft Activities, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Hartley Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Craft Volunteers, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Kemsing Library: Baby Rhyme Time Host, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Craft Activities, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- New Ash Green Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Craft Activities, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Oxford Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Craft Activities, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Riverhead Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Craft Activities, Story Time Host, Retail Rangers, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- St John's Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Seal Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Craft Activities, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Swanley Library: Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Sevenoaks Library: Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Retail Rangers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time, Knit and Natter
- Westerham Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Craft Activities, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- West Kingsdown Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Craft Activities, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

Shepway District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama,
- Cheriton Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes; Talk Time

- Folkestone Library: Computer buddies (limited days and times), Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, School Library Liaison Driver, Home Library Service Couriers; exhibits administration, Volunteer Coordinators, Heritage Centre volunteers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Hythe Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Homework Club volunteers, Home Library Service Couriers, Map Cabinet: Tidy and Indexing, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Lydd Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Lyminge Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Library Gardeners, Talk Time, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- New Romney Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Sandgate Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Wood Avenue Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Homework Club Helpers, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes; Talk Time

Swale District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama
- Boughton Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Local Studies Volunteer (Reminiscence), Baby Rhyme Time Hosts; Coffee and Chat with reminiscence; Story-teller, Craft Activities; Scrabble Club organiser, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Faversham Library: Computer Buddies, Library Gardener (wild life garden), Home Library Service Couriers, Scrabble Club organiser, Talk Time, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Minster in Sheppey Library: Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Computer Buddies, Ancestry, Local Sporting Heroes Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Coffee and Chat/reminiscence hosts, Scrabble Club organiser, Talk Time
- Queenborough Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers; Coffee and Chat; Story-time; Children's Reading Group, Scrabble Club organiser, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Sheerness Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Celebrating Sheerness History), Home Library Service Couriers, Local Studies, Scrabble Club organiser, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Sittingbourne Library: Ancestry Buddy, Celebrating Sittingbourne History, Library Tours for Young People, Home Library Service Couriers; Saturday Story-time/Crafts and Scrabble Club organise, Talk Time, Local Sporting Heroes
- Teynham Library: Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers; Story-time; Host; Coffee and Chat; Children's Reading Group; Scrabble Club organiser, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

Thanet District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama
- Birchington Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Gardener, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Broadstairs Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

- Cliftonville Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Margate Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Coffee and Chat, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Minster in Thanet Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Occasional Events Assistant, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Newington Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Homework Club Helpers Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Ramsgate Library: Computer Buddies; Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers; Coffee and Chat for young people; Recording Ramsgate (photos from a younger person's viewpoint), Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Westgate Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Library Gardeners, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

Tonbridge District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama
- Borough Green Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Library Gardener Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- East Peckham Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Host, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Hadlow Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Homework Helper, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Hildenborough Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Talk Time, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Kings Hill: (Modern Records Archive, Gibson Drive): No vacancies at present
- Larkfield Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Library Gardeners, Homework Club, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Snodland Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Tonbridge Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Tonbridge North Library: Computer Buddies, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- West Malling: Story-teller, Computer Buddy, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

Tunbridge Wells District

- Unspecified Location in District: Bag Books, Chat with books, Chatterbooks, Celebrations Volunteers, Consultation Support Volunteers, Reading Support for Family and Life Long Learning, Music and Drama
- Cranbrook Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Homework Club, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Hawkhurst Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Paddock Wood Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Pembury Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

- Rusthall Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Baby Rhyme Time Hosts (including Musician role), Home Library Service Couriers, Talk Time, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Sherwood Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Story-teller, Sherwood Memories Local Studies, Home Library Service Couriers, Talk Time, Local Sporting Heroes
- Showfields Library: Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, Reading Helper, Story-time Host, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Southborough Library: Computer Buddies; Library Gardeners, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time
- Tunbridge Wells Library: Baby Rhyme Time Hosts, Computer Buddies, Ancestry Buddies, several local studies indexing roles, Learning Links, Home Library Service Couriers, Local Sporting Heroes, Talk Time

Also available with flexible location

- Film and editing volunteer (occasional)