

Beddau & Tynant Community Library (BATCL) Annual Report

September 2022 to August 2023

Library Services

Being a Library is at the centre of everything that we do. But it isn't limited to the free book borrowing service. We also offer five free public access computers along with printing and photocopying facilities. Our users can also take advantage of free access to Ancestry & Find my Past.

Library Figures

There are currently 1580 library members. Our Facebook page has 1.2k followers.

Below is a table showing the number of books borrowed each month per year:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January		236	257	194	191	248	118	186	186
February	109	247	196	205	171	255	104	174	179
March	352	191	145	172	232	353	120	174	92
April	245	292	182	201	243	0	131	268	219
May	297	261	97	156	247	36	148	175	149
June	337	307	185	168	248	15	181	227	179
July	253	255	294	213	328	28	159	196	291
August	328	396	313	364	325	100	148	240	309
September	312	279	303	291	335	133	202	183	240
October	333	271	232	253	243	157	172	190	
November	322	246	224	221	234	131	156	154	
December	193	189	128	118	121	160	161	134	
Total Loans	3081	3170	2556	2556	2918	1616	1800	2301	1844

On average we loan 160 books a month including the Covid years. The number of book loans however does not represent the footfall for the library as customers use the free computers and attend the activities without borrowing a book. The Monday Club provides talks, craft sessions, film afternoons, etc. to tackle isolation and loneliness for those aged 50+.

Year	No. of borrowers added
2017	972
2018	205
2019	179
2020	50
2021	19
2022	93
2023	63

Set up

to end of September

Activities -2022

In September 2022 we worked in partnership with the Community Council to open a book of condolence in the library following the death of the Queen.

We extended our opening hours to include Friday evening and we welcomed back the PACT meetings.

The Monday club continues to go from strength to strength with a full programme of activities and events. The creative writing class and evening reading group meet on a monthly basis. We value our links with the local schools and were delighted to host all Gwaunmeisgyn pupils for story-telling sessions and to browse our children's books.

We worked in partnership with Llantrisant Community Council and Litter-Free Beddau & Tynant, to host the Carols around the Christmas tree and lights switch on.

Activities -2023

Things returned, more or less, to where they were pre-covid.

Our place in the Community and the services we provide led, in June, to the presentation by Professor Jean White, the High Sherrif of Mid Glamorgan, of her Award in recognition of all that we do.

Another event which was particularly heartening was the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge in July. We invited local Paralympian, Sara Head, who brought her medal, and we had carpet bowls and curling with other indoor activities, and signed up almost 30 new young readers to the Library. 41 children participated in the challenge in total.

Our other activities include -

- Film afternoons
- Evening reading group
- Creative writing group
- Baby weaning and massage sessions
- Monthly drop-in autism advice sessions working with Autistic Minds Charity
- PACT sessions
- Litter Free - Beddau & Tynant meetings & fundraising events.
- Monday Club
- History Group
- Gwaunmeisgyn pupils story-telling and additionally, they are doing a project to compare Beddau & Pontypridd libraries by visiting both libraries
- Babis Babies Bach hosted a Gruffalo event
- Armchair Pilates

Conclusion

In summary, the library is committed to promoting organisations and activities which enhance the social, educational, physical and mental wellbeing of the local community. We seek to improve the quality of life for people of all ages, economic status and educational attainment, through the provision of a welcoming and inclusive environment and free access to a wide range of resources. We have had another successful year, but the future

isn't without challenges. Like everyone locally, the Library has felt the effects of the 'cost of living crisis', and all our running costs have increased. Our technology, like our book stock needs to be kept up to date.

But, having said that we *are*, as Trustees, confident that the Library has a secure future, with the Community behind us. As always, we would like to thank all our users for their support, and most especially, we'd like to thank and applaud our Volunteers for their commitment, and hard work. We simply couldn't do it without them.

**Julie Barton,
Chair of Trustees,
Beddau and Tynant Community Library**

Beddau & Tynant Community Library
Charity Number 1157769

Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ending 31st August 2022

	2023
Income	
Grants	
Donations	7,163
Fundraising	595
Room Hire	439
Gift Aid including Match Funding	513
	426
	<hr/> 9,136
Expenditure	
Gas & Electricity	1,139
Water	164
Insurance	988
Book Purchases	1,168
Telephone	1,021
Stationery & Postage	192
Fundraising Events	490
IT Expenditure	1,374
Dedicated Grant Expenditure	-
Dues & Subscriptions	530
Repairs & Renewals, Buildings	4,387
Professional Fees	150
Total Expenditure	<hr/> 11,603
Income over Expenditure	(2,467)
Opening Balance, Bank	<hr/> 42,071
Net Incoming Resources for the Year	<hr/> <hr/> 39,604