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Hampshire Libraries Newsletter



It's that time again, preparations are underway for the next school year, and we're all getting ready to start a brand new term. Don't forget, you have until 17 September to finish the Summer Reading Challenge and collect your medal from the library. It's a great opportunity to make sure reading skills are up to scratch as lessons begin again, if you need some inspiration for your next read, take a look at the Animal Agents booklist, or talk to one of our knowledgeable staff in your local Hampshire Library.

Meet, design & create

You are invited to join us at The Fareham Makery and The Fleet Makery for the very first exciting events and workshops in our brand new innovation spaces! We've got Raspberry Pi sessions, Lego Robotics courses, Virtual Reality tasters, and Digital Storytelling workshops. You can also just come in see our new kit, explore what we've got to offer, and have a chat about our plans for The Makery. To keep in touch with what's going on at The Makery you can register your interest [here](#).

- [Summer events at The Fleet Makery](#)
- [Summer events at The Fareham Makery](#)



Library DOTS



Following the successful award of funding from [Arts Council England](#), Library DOTS (Digital; Options, Training and Support), is an exciting new pilot project that aims to improve access to digital and online services by loaning iPads to eligible residents across Hampshire. You will be provided with the training, knowledge and skills to fully utilise tablet technology to access library and other services. iPads will be pre-loaded with online library and other services, and useful applications linking to themes such as health and well being, money management, and information about local communities.

80 Years of The Hobbit

George Allen & Unwin Ltd. of London published the first edition of *The Hobbit* on 21 September 1937 with a print run of 1,500 copies, which sold out by December because of enthusiastic reviews. The legacy of J. R. R. Tolkien's creation has lived on, and through the last 80 years has been enjoyed, adapted and been an inspiration for thousands. If you've never had the chance to read [The Hobbit](#), you can borrow a copy from Hampshire Libraries. If you want to delve into further works by Tolkien, [we've got a huge collection for you to get stuck into](#). If you prefer your eReader, we've got [a selection of eBooks](#) by and about J. R. R. Tolkien for you to borrow and read for free too.



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