Inform, involve, inspire

Our libraries are transforming to meet the changing needs of our residents, providing more access to books and new faster internet services in every branch – and are still free.

My Library App

Introducing the My Library App which is available for download from the App Store or Playstore. There are 6 million titles available to search and research on your phone or device. Through the app you can manage your account - track your loans and renew your items plus those from linked accounts. Receive notifications before your items are due to expire, click renew and never pay a library fine again!

Change in library telephone numbers

Our libraries now have a newer faster network and updated IT equipment. As part of this upgrade our libraries have new phone numbers. This change has not taken place at South Norwood Library.

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Volunteer with us

Do you want to make a difference in YOUR local community?

Volunteer for Croydon Libraries and you can! Volunteering with us offers you a chance to meet new people, develop new skills and have fun. Support our staff and add value to the service we already provide for our customers.

We have four volunteering categories suitable for adults:

- **IT** – assist our customers with ICT, or help out with one of our Homework Clubs.
- **Events** – support library staff in running events such as Rhymetime and Storytime.
- **Befriending** – befriend individuals in the area who are unable to access their local library.
- **Community** – welcome customers and help them find what they need in the library, promote and support library events, assist with self service facilities, and help keep the library space tidy.

Library Ambassadors

We also have the Library Ambassadors, a volunteering programme for young people aged 13-19. As a Library Ambassador you gain new skills and work experience for your CV or UCAS application form, or use your hours towards The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. There are opportunities all year round, after school, at the weekend, or during the school holidays.

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer or a library ambassador you can go to our volunteering page [www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/volunteer](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/volunteer)

Celebrate Volunteering with us

Meet some of our volunteers and learn more about the fantastic volunteering opportunities on offer at our Volunteer Celebration. Refreshments are provided. Suitable for all ages.

Free.

Please register your interest by emailing [libraryvolunteers@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:libraryvolunteers@croydon.gov.uk)

Museum of Croydon Activity Space  🌐 Saturday 18 January 🕒 11.00am-2.00pm

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Children 5-11

Crafty Fun

Valentine’s Day
Make something lovely for someone you love on Valentine’s Day. Drop into your local library to create a dazzling card or make other Valentine crafts and listen to some stories.

Free, no booking required unless otherwise stated.

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Mother’s Day
Visit your local library to take part in creating some Mother’s Day crafts. Different libraries will be making cards, a variety of gifts, colouring or telling stories. Free, no booking required.

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Chinese New Year

Celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Rat and come along and listen to stories, create origami bookmarks, make Chinese paper lanterns, colourful paper fans and other fun crafts.

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**National Storytelling Week**

Celebrate the magic of stories from 1 to 8 February for National Storytelling Week. Stories belong to everyone! Listen to some stories at the libraries below, rediscover classic stories or discover some new tales. Don’t forget our digital library and download an eAudio at library.bolindadigital.com/croydon

️ Free, no booking required.

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**Harry Potter Book Night**

Calling all Potterheads! The Triwizard Tournament has begun! Would you be brave enough to enter your name into the Goblet of Fire and face the challenges that Harry had to solve using magic, daring and some help from his friends? Sign up for some magical makes, puzzles and crafts at our libraries listed below. All wizards, witches and muggles welcome!

️ Free, advance booking required.

️ Suitable for children aged 7+

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* Advance booking required.
Book Buddies

A new weekly story session for children under 7 during term time. Listen to themed stories and take part in colouring, crafts and other activities. A great way for families to develop a love of reading!

- Free, no booking required. Suitable for children under 7.
- Croydon Central Library 🗝 Wednesday 8 January 🕒 4.00-4.45pm
- Selsdon Library 🗝 Friday 17 January 🕒 4.00-4.30pm

World Book Day

Celebrate books and reading by sharing a story for World Book Day on Thursday 5 March. Our libraries will be holding specially themed storytimes with stories and crafts. Dress up as your favourite book character and celebrate with us.

- Free, no booking required.
- Sanderstead Library 🗝 Wednesday 4 March 🕒 3.30-4.30pm 🎉 3+
- Croydon Central Library 🗝 Wednesday 4 March 🕒 4.00-4.45pm Families
- Ashburton Library 🗝 Thursday 5 March 🕒 4.00-4.45pm 🎉 Under 7s
- Selsdon Library 🗝 Friday 6 March 🕒 4.00-4.30pm Families.
Join Our Club

Crest Club
The CREST awards scheme is the British Science Association’s programme for young people, providing science enrichment activities to inspire and engage.

Free, no booking required. Suitable for children aged 5-11.

- Ashburton Library  
  Tuesday 18 February  
  2.30-4.00pm

- Central Library  
  Friday 21 February  
  2.30-4.00pm

LEGO Club
Build, code and learn! Children will be introduced to the fun and interactive LEGO education programmes, WeDo and StoryStarter. Using LEGO Education, children can stretch their imagination and boost their literacy and numeracy skills as well as develop their understanding of computing and design technology.

Lego workshops are for children aged 8-12.

Free, advance booking required. Suitable for children aged 8-12.

- Central Children’s Library  
  Fridays 10 & 24 January, 7 & 21 February, 6 & 20 March  
  4.30-5.30pm
  Please contact croydoncentrallibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.

- Selsdon Library  
  Thursday 23 January  
  4.30-5.30pm
  Please contact selsdonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.

- Coulsdon Library  
  Tuesdays  
  4.00-5.00pm
  Please contact coulsdonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.

Code Club
Code Clubs provide the opportunity to learn Scratch, HTML & CSS, and Python by making games, animations, and websites with support from knowledgeable volunteers. Suitable for ages 9 to 13 who build and share their ideas, learning along the way.

Free. Please go to the Code Club website to book a place:

www.codeclub.org.uk/

- Central Children’s Library  
  Every Saturday  
  9.30-10.30am

- Ashburton Library  
  Every Saturday  
  11.30am-12.30pm
Library Buddies Launch Event

Croydon Libraries is launching Library Buddies, a new shared reading scheme. Young volunteers between 13-19 are trained to be reading mentors to younger children aged 5-7. The trainers, Good Wolf People, a local theatre group, will open events with a mini performance and kick off fun shared reading, crafts and games.

A Library Buddy will sit down one to one with the child, read them a story and do some interactive activities to help make reading more fun and engaging! The activities will take place each week across a selection of our libraries.

🔍 Free, no booking required. Suitable for children aged 5-10 years. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.
📍 Croydon Central Library 🕒 Saturday 1 February 🕒 2.00-4.00pm

Family Fun for Under Fives

Whilst Norbury Library is being refurbished, why not visit our pop-up library at Harlow Hall for some family fun. Listen to some stories, make some crafts and join in at Rhymetime with songs and rhymes.

🔍 Free, advance booking required at bit.ly/HarlowHallFamilyFun4U5s
📍 Pop up Library at Harlow Hall 🕒 Monday 3 February 🕒 10.30am-12noon
📍 Under 7s.
Healthy Lifestyles Marketplace:

Find out how you can improve your families’ health by attending our informative and interactive roadshow. Talk to experts who can advise on healthy eating and lifestyles and find out about health information online. Enjoy taking part in healthy eating craft activities and make fruit kebab. You may be able to spot a green dinosaur who likes to brush his teeth!

* Free, no booking required. Suitable for families with children under 5.

*Croydon Children’s Library
* Thursday 13 February  10.00am-1.00pm

Croydon Storytellers Performance and Play Sessions

As part of the ‘Croydon Storytellers’ exhibition taking place February - April 2020 Good Wolf are inviting families to join us in the Now Gallery at Museum of Croydon for performances, activities, and fun whilst learning all about Croydon’s storytellers past and present. We will be bringing stories to life and performing as authors from the past!

* This is a free family event. We just ask that children are supervised by parents or guardians.

*Museum of Croydon
* Saturdays: 1, 15 & 29 February, 14 & 28 March, 11 & 25 April
* 11.00am-12noon & 2.00-1.00pm

For further details please contact
croydoncentrallibrary@croydon.gov.uk
Teens

Instapoetry Campaign for LGBTQ History Month

Instapoetry is back! Croydon Libraries are seeking Campaign Ambassadors to be part of our exciting Instapoetry project. We are looking for creative young people to produce Instapoems inspired by this year’s LGBTQ History Month theme “Poetry, Prose and Plays,” celebrating poets throughout history from the LGBTQ community. All poems will be published on Croydon Libraries’ Instagram in February.

Justine from Well Versed Ink will run a Poetry Workshop and an Open Mic event where our Campaign Ambassadors can share their amazing poems. If you are interested in taking part then please contact libraryvolunteers@croydon.gov.uk

Free, advance booking required. Suitable for young people aged 13-19.

Croydon Central Library - Poetry Workshop
Monday 10 February  4.30-5.30pm

Instapoetry Open Mic event

Come and listen to poetry written and performed by our young Instapoets as part of Croydon Libraries LGBTQ History Month campaign. You can even stand up front of the mic and share some of your own!

Free, advance booking required. Suitable for all ages.

Croydon Central Library  Monday 17 February  5.30-7.00pm
Please contact croydoncentrallibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.

SPINE Festival 5-14 March

Free creative events for children and young people are coming to Croydon Libraries in March 2020 as part of Spine, our annual spoken word and cross-art form festival. This year we’re celebrating young people’s power to change the world and the future of our planet. Expect to be surprised, inspired and entertained! Visit our news and events page #Spine2020 #lovelibraries
Start-ups in London Libraries

Croydon Libraries ‘Start-ups in London Libraries’ is here to help you turn your business idea into a reality.
Run in conjunction with British Library and fully funded by the European Regional Development Fund, we offer one-to-one support to both new businesses and those yet to take the plunge, access to online business support databases and a range of free British Library-led workshops on how to start and grow your business.

Day 1: What next for my business idea?

Led by a speaker from the British Library’s Business and IP Centre, this session covers the first steps to starting up a business, from market research to trademarks.

- Croydon Central Library  
  - Tuesday 3 March  
  - 10.00am-5.00pm

Day 2: Get ready for business.

Need help putting together a business plan? Join us and learn about different business models, funding options and how to market your business.

- Ashburton Library  
  - Wednesday 4 March  
  - 10.00am-5.00pm

Visit: [www.bl.uk/SiLL](http://www.bl.uk/SiLL) or contact: [SiLL@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:SiLL@croydon.gov.uk) to register for a workshop or to find out what other support is available.

The Start-ups in London Libraries project is fully funded by the European Regional Development Fund, the British Library, ten participating London boroughs and generously supported by JP Morgan and Arts Council England.
Business Workshops

Looking for some business support? Join one of our upcoming business workshops. For more information please email sophie.white@croydon.gov.uk

One-day Start-up Course with Croydon Business Hub
- Croydon Central Library  
  - Tuesday 14 January  
  - 10.00am-4.30pm

12 ways to fund your business with Croydon Business Hub
- Croydon Central Library  
  - Tuesday 4 February  
  - 10.30am-12.30pm

How to Pitch, Present, Promote and Sell with Croydon Business Hub
- Croydon Central Library  
  - Tuesday 4 February  
  - 2.30-4.30pm

Ancestry

Find out about your family history and build a family tree with the world’s largest genealogy website. Search birth records, census data, obituaries and more. New one-to-one Ancestry one hour sessions will begin on January 8.

- Free, advance booking required.
- Croydon Central Library  
  - Every Wednesday  
  - 10.00am-12noon

Please contact croydoncentrallibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.

Blue Monday

Calling all adults. Ease away the blues with a colouring session just for you! Choose a design that appeals to you and take your time with the shading in.

- Free, no booking required. For adults.
- Thornton Heath Library  
  - Monday 20 January  
  - 10.00am-2.00pm

Yoga for Beginners

Come along to our Yoga taster sessions with Diana who is an experienced qualified Yoga teacher. The practise of Yoga can both calm and energise. It can develop fitness and improve strength. Yoga can also manage stress and improve focus and posture.

- Free, advance booking required. For adults.
- Selsdon Library  
  - Monday 20 January  
  - 11.00am-12noon

Please contact: selsdonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.
Official Photographer at Westminster Abbey

Join local photographer Andrew Dunsmore for a fascinating, illustrated talk about his experiences as official photographer at Westminster Abbey. Andrew had the privilege of taking the pictures for the Royal Wedding in 2018.

_free, advance booking required. For adults._

Shirley Library  📍 Tuesday 28 January 🕐 2.15-3.30pm
Please contact 📧 shirleylibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.

British Sign Language Taster Session

Val Holloway delivers a free Sign Language Taster session where you’ll learn how to finger spell, introduce yourself and make a short statement.

_free, advance booking required. For adults._

Croydon Central Library  📍 Monday 20 January 🕐 11.00am-12noon
Please contact 📧 croydoncentrallibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day on the 27 January is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 marks 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau; the theme is: **Stand Together**.

Help Your Child with Reading

Join our parent and carer sessions designed to help support early reading skills for young children. This will include

- Reading to your child.
- Introduction to phonics teaching in schools.
- Helping your child to start reading.

_free, advance booking required. For adults._

Croydon Central Library  📍 Wednesdays 29 January, 26 February & 25 March 🕐 11.00am-12noon
Please contact 📧 croyconcentrallibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.
Croydon Trading Standards

Croydon Trading standards will be fronting displays in Croydon Libraries. Come along and meet the team, hear about the latest scams and rogue trading attempts, and learn about some of the cases that we’ve been involved in recently. Find out when they will be at your local library at www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/libraries

Free, drop in session. For adults.

Ready to make a change?

Do you want to?
• achieve a healthy weight
• stop smoking
• feel happier

Then visit Just Be https://www.justbecroydon.org/

We have apps, podcasts, videos, diet plans – a physical activity finder - and more to guide you and help you make a personal plan. If you’re ready to commit to making changes NOW, but feel you need more support take our line Health MOT health checker - you may be eligible for our face to face service. For more information call Freephone 0800 018 857 or email livewell@croydon.gov.uk

Colour Yourself Calm!

Take part in Mindfulness colouring sessions, focusing on how you choose and apply colour to intricate designs, whilst you switch off, relax and de-stress, easing anxiety. Join our friendly monthly group and colour different designs and pictures. All materials will be provided.

Free, advance booking required. For adults.

Croydon Airport

Croydon Airport was the UK’s major and only international airport during the interwar period. It opened in 1920 and was developed as Britain’s main airport, handling more cargo, mail and passengers than any other UK airport at the time. Join Graeme Roy and find out the history of this local landmark in this illustrated talk.

Free, advance booking required. For adults.

Coulsdon Library

Friday 31 January 10.30-11.30am

Please contact coulsdonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.
LGBTQ History Month

Launch of LGBT+ History Month

All are welcome to attend Croydon’s Civic Launch event for LGBT+ History Month 2020 where Croydon celebrates the talents of the local LGBTQ community of all ages.

Free, no booking required.

Fairfield Halls  Thursday 6 February  6.30pm

For more details please email culture@croydon.gov.uk

Rainbow Reading Group

The Rainbow reading group is an LGBT Reading Group, organised by Croydon Area Gay Society (CAGS) in conjunction with Croydon Central Library and meets on the last Thursday of the month. Anyone interested in exploring LGBT literature is welcome to attend. For further details please visit www.rainbowreadinggroup.org.uk

Croydon Central Library, Level 1

Ruby Fruit Jungle by Rita Mae Brown  Thursday 30 January  2.30pm

XX by Angela Chadwick  Thursday 27 February  2.30pm

Outwalkers by Fiona Shaw  Thursday 26 March  2.30pm

Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

Join Elaine Iljon Foreman in understanding and using Cognitive Behavioural Therapy to improve your quality of life to let your dreams take flight. CBT is a talking therapy that can help you manage your problems by changing the way you think and behave. Elaine is an HCPC registered clinical psychologist, a chartered psychologist at the British Psychological Society and is director of Freedom to Fly.

Free, advance booking required. For adults.

Croydon Library  Friday 28 February  10.30-11.30am

Please contact coulsdonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.
The Life and Times of Claude Monet

Claude Monet was the initiator, leader and unswerving advocate of the Impressionist painting style. Come along to this interactive presentation on the life, times and work of this influential famous French artist.

Free, advance booking required.
For adults.
* Croydon Central Library
* Friday 28 February 11.00am

Please contact croydoncentrallibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.

International Women’s Day Celebration

On Thursday 8 March women from all over the world will celebrate International Women’s Day, an annual celebration which recognises and showcases the achievements of women. The theme for this year is #eachforequal. ‘An equal world is an enabled world’.

Join us to celebrate International Women’s Day, network with like-minded women, showcase local success stories and find out how you can get support to develop your own business in Croydon.

FREE entry, free refreshments and free activities for young visitors. For booking enquiries and further information, please email: events@myoutspace.co.uk

* Croydon Central Library  Thursday 5 March 10.00am-12.00noon

A Tall Ship named Sea Cloud

This is the story of a Tall Ship which was at the time of her build, the largest privately owned yacht in the world. Join popular speaker Alan Holbrow for this illustrated talk in which he’ll talk about the lives of the owners who commissioned her building. He will take a look at the cabins and the partying that were enjoyed whilst crossing the Atlantic as well as the ship’s time in the US navy during the war. One of the ship’s owners was a US ambassador to Russia, another was assassinated.

Free, advance booking required. For adults.
* Coulsdon Library  Friday 27 March 10.30-11.30am

Please contact coulsdonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.
Digital Workshops with Reddoor

Volunteers from local tech company Reddoor Managed IT are running digital workshops in Croydon Libraries aimed at older residents. The workshops will last for two hours and will cover how to get online, introduction to email, internet and email security, introduction to the Croydon Council website and online account, introduction to online shopping and the wider internet world, as well as a quick overview of social media. Please speak to your local library or book your place at digitalworkshops@croydon.gov.uk

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Museum of Croydon 2020

From early February onwards our gallery spaces will be taken over by local artists, communities and organisations telling different aspects of Croydon’s heritage through a variety of different perspectives.

This exciting year-long programme working in local creative partnership will deliver a variety of exciting exhibitions and activities for everyone to enjoy for free throughout the year. Further details of the programme including dates and activities will be made available on the Museum of Croydon website and social media.

Our upstairs galleries will be closed until early February as we conduct a bit of spring cleaning ahead of the programme whilst downstairs in the exhibition gallery our #Faves – Croydon Curates exhibition will be on until 18 January in the exhibition gallery. A hand-picked showcase of our wonderful art collection by our volunteers and staff.

The Research Room service will be amended to provide a better service to our researchers and those wishing to use our resources. We are now encouraging those who wish to access material not openly available in the Research Room to contact us in advance in order to reserve a desk and ensure the materials can be made accessible to you. To contact us for more information please email researchroom@croydon.gov.uk

To start 2020 would you like to volunteer to help us deliver this innovative programme and develop skills in museums and heritage? Contact us at museum@croydon.gov.uk to find out about our new volunteering opportunities launching from January.

La Petite France

Come along to our new fun French gathering. Share French culture and learn some basic French along the way. All welcome.

Free, advance booking required
Selsdon Library  5.00-6.00pm
Friday 10 January and Friday 14 February
Please contact selsdonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk to book.

Film Club

Come along to our popular Saturday monthly film screenings. Films for children and families are in the mornings and there are afternoon screenings for adults. Please contact ashburtonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk for information on the films showing and dates and times.
Croydon Libraries Online Resources

Croydon Libraries offer a range of free online resources to library members. Most of the resources can be accessed from home with your library card and pin. Visit www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/online-library/247-online-services

BorrowBox e-library
24/7 access to e-books and e-audio books. You can borrow books by using the digital library even when your local library is closed.

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Full digital versions of your favourite magazines and comics to read online. Available from home and on many mobile devices.

Encyclopaedia Britannica
Three ways to access a world of information:
Britannica Junior – for those aged 5-10
Britannica Student – for those aged 10-14
Encyclopaedia Britannica – for those aged 14+

Theory Test Pro
A highly realistic online simulation of the UK’s driving theory test. It contains the entire official test question bank, hazard perception video clips and an online version of the Highway Code.

Ancestry UK
Major family history resource including UK & Ireland Census collections 1841-1901, plus birth, marriage and death records...and much more. Only available in the libraries.

Ziptales
Ziptales is a fun on-line resource that uses stories, quizzes and games to make reading a pleasure for children.

Oxford Online
This resource brings together language and subject reference works from one of the world’s biggest reference publishers into a single cross-searchable resource. Also includes the Oxford English Dictionary.
Who’s Who
The definitive directory of everyone who’s anyone in Britain, and beyond, today.

Law & Rights
Updated daily, Law & Rights is a complete legal resource for anyone with a question about housing, employment, or consumer rights.

Law & Business
Summarises information relating to starting, growing and operating a business in the UK; including funding, business support and regulation information.

COBRA
A comprehensive and continually updated online reference resource for anyone looking to start a business, write a business or marketing plan, or conduct research into a new market. COBRA provides critical business facts, compliance and trading details covering hundreds of the most common small business trades, sectors and professions.

Life in Great Britain
Prepare for your Citizenship test with this free study resource or just browse for help with your school or college work.

The British Way of Life
A comprehensive resource containing all the basic facts and information needed to help new arrivals understand, and succeed in, British life.

Universal Skills
Universal skills is a guide to help with Universal Job Match and Universal Credit. It includes information on job hunting and CVs/covering letters to interviews and starting work. There is also help with improving basic IT skills.

PressReader
Access thousands of newspapers and magazines from around the world in many languages. Read the latest complete editions of the newspapers as they are published. Create an account using your library card and email address, start reading today.
Libraries & Contact Details

Our telephone numbers have changed - please see new numbers listed below:

**Croydon Central Library**
Katharine Street, Croydon CR9 1ET
☎️ 020 7884 5140
✉️ croydoncentrallibrary@croydon.gov.uk

**Ashburton Library**
Shirley Road, Croydon CR9 7Al
☎️ 020 7884 5175
✉️ ashburtonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

**Bradmore Green Library**
Bradmore Way, Old Coulsdon CR5 1PE
☎️ 020 7884 5220
✉️ bradmoregreenlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

**Broad Green Library**
89 Canterbury Road, Croydon CR0 3HH
☎️ 020 7884 5210
✉️ broadgreenlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

**Coulsdon Library**
Brighton Road, Coulsdon CR5 2NH
☎️ 020 7884 5180
✉️ coulsdonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

**New Addington Library**
New Addington Centre, 61 Central Parade, New Addington CR0 0JD
☎️ 020 7884 5205
✉️ newaddingtonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

**Norbury Library**
Currently closed for refurbishment. Please visit our pops up at:

**Harlow Hall**, Oak Hill Road (off Stanford Road), Norbury, London SW16 4PY
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.00am to 12.00 noon

**Norbury Park Lawn Tennis Club**
55 Ederline Avenue, London SW16 4RZ
Saturdays, 9.00am to 3.00pm

**Purley Library**
Banstead Road, Purley CR8 3YH
☎️ 020 7884 5160
✉️ purleylibrary@croydon.gov.uk

**Sanderstead Library**
Farm Fields, South Croydon CR2 0HL
☎️ 020 7884 5165
✉️ sandersteadlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

**Selsdon Library**
Addington Road, Selsdon, CR2 8LA
☎️ 020 7884 5190
✉️ selsdonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

**Shirley Library**
Wickham Road/Hartland Way, Shirley, Croydon CR0 8BH
☎️ 020 7884 5170
✉️ shirleylibrary@croydon.gov.uk

**South Norwood Library**
Lawrence Road, South Norwood SE25 5AA
☎️ 020 3700 1021
✉️ southnorwoodlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

**Thornton Heath Library**
190 Brigstock Road, Thornton Heath CR7 7JB
☎️ 020 7884 5185
✉️ thorntonheathlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

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