New Bicester Library

Bicester Library will soon be moving to its brand new home in Franklins House.

This library will close its doors at 4:30pm on Saturday, 19 March. Staff will spend three weeks moving stock to the new library ready for it to open on Monday, 11 April at 9:30am.

The modern new home for the library will be at Franklins House - a five-storey building that faces on to the new Wesley Lane and Wesley Square in the centre of Bicester.

Alongside the library, the new building will house other facilities, including a Cherwell District Council Link Point, hotel, restaurant, and retail and office space. The project has been paid for by developers as part of the expansion of Bicester.
Franklins House
While we’re closed

No items will be due for return during the closure period and loan periods will be extended so you can return them to the new library. Readers are welcome to use other libraries and opening hours can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries. If you want to return items early, you can take them to any Oxfordshire library.

Online services are also available, including e-books, e-audio books and Reference Online. These are also available via the library service’s Library app. Search for “Oxfordshire Libraries” at the App store or Google Play.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and look forward to welcoming you to our new library.

Growing Bicester

Oxfordshire County Council, Cherwell District Council, Bicester Town Council and Bicester Vision are committed to keeping people informed about the changes and growth of Bicester. Keep up to date with what’s going on and sign up to the Growing Bicester enewsletter at www.growingbicester.co.uk.
3D colour plan
Improved service

The new, larger space and central location will allow us to work in a different way with the growing community in Bicester. It enables us to provide improved services, including:

- a wider choice of book and audio visual materials
- more public computers and WiFi throughout, offering more opportunities for people to get online and further develop digital skills
- more Rhymetimes, family learning opportunities and reading groups
- Local Studies area with exhibition space for Bicester Local History Society
- Bicester Connect area and weekly Job Club surgery
- National Careers Service area.
Selected colours and finishes - Adult lending

Bookcase laminates in adult library – Abet 424 with Ferrara Oak

Seating fabrics

Large desk for collaborative working in Bicester Connect area
Modern design

The new library has been designed as a flexible, practical and welcoming space so that our users can make the most of what a modern library service has to offer. Designated areas have been provided for different services to bring lots of facilities under one roof.

Local Studies area
This area will be dedicated to all things Bicester, including local maps and display cases for items of special interest. Bicester History Society will have its own exhibition space within this area.

Bicester Connect area
This area will be home to a weekly Job Club surgery, offering help with job seeking and CV writing. Big desks for collaborative working will be available, as well as places to connect your own device. It will also be home to National Careers Service.
Selected colours and finishes - Children’s and teens’ area

Big Book feature creates seating for children’s storytimes with integral book display

Dramatic wall graphic gives Wow factor to teen area

Cube shelving creates a teen bedroom ambience

Fun modular seating for teens

Suggested fabrics for seating

Suggested bookcase laminates in children’s – Rose Bougainvillee and Ferrara Oak

opening the book
Children’s and teens’ area
Dedicated spaces have been created for young readers.

The children’s area is spacious and interactive, designed to engage young readers. A Big Book seating area creates a fun location for storytimes. Reading hideaways and nooks provide spaces for children to read quietly; and toddler tables offer a space for them to read or do activities in small groups. The eye-catching Rocket Pod creates an instant focal point and picturebook tunnels invite the under-5s to explore.

The teens’ area will have a feature wall with a bright graphic, providing a backdrop to comfortable seating. A cube shelving unit for books has also been included to make the space feel inviting and informal.