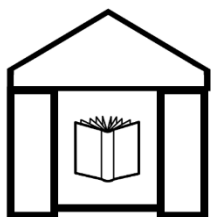


# Become a library member



This easy read tells you about how to become a member of Inspire Nottinghamshire Libraries.

## What you can do with a membership



- You can borrow items from our libraries.



You can borrow up to 24 items at a time.



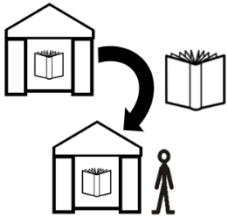
Most items can be kept for up to 3 weeks.



Some items are One Week Loan titles. You can only borrow these for 1 week.



- You can use our eLibrary. You can use it to download eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, and eNewspapers for free.



- You can reserve items from other libraries in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City. This means the item will be saved for you to pick up from your local library.



Reserving items costs 30p.



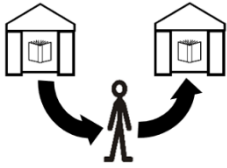
- You can renew items. This means you can keep them for longer.



You can renew things up to 4 times.



If you return or renew an item late, you may need to pay a late charge.



- You can borrow and return books at any library in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City.



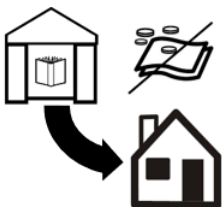
- You can use the computers and Wi-Fi in libraries for free.



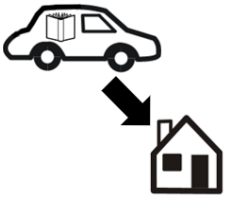
- You can use the printers and photocopiers in all our libraries.



- You can research using the information the library has stored online.



- You can use our [Home Library Service](#) for free.



- You can use our [Mobile Library Service](#). This visits towns and villages across the county.



- You can browse and borrow health books that experts recommend.



- You can also borrow things like Wellbeing Bags and Memory Lane Bags.



These can help you support you and your family's wellbeing.



- You can get tickets to events at the library for less money.



This includes family theatre shows.

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- You can access Ancestry for free when you're in an Inspire building.



- You can join our [Inspire Society](#). This is where you can have your say on how Inspire is run.



This is also where you can stand for election on Inspire's board.

## More information



When you join the library, we will ask for some personal information about you. This is so that we can make your library membership.



You can find out more about how your information is used from the [Inspire Privacy Policy](#).

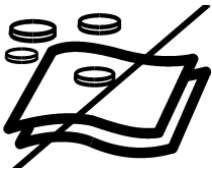


You can find out more about when you might need to pay the library money at [Fees and Charges](#).



You can find out more in general about using our libraries on [our website](#).

## Who can join?



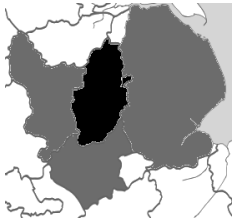
It's free for everyone to become a member.



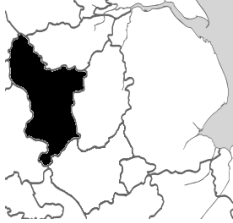
Children and young people under 15 can join.



They will need permission from a parent or carer.



People who live in Nottinghamshire and surrounding counties can join.

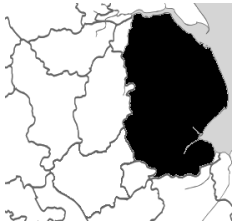


This includes people who live in:

- Derbyshire



- Leicestershire



- Lincolnshire



If you're a member of Nottinghamshire Libraries, you can use any library in Nottinghamshire or Nottingham City.

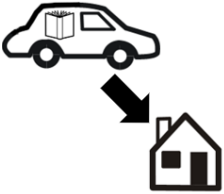


People visiting Nottinghamshire can also join with a temporary membership.

## How to find a library



You can search for and find your nearest library at [Find a Library](#).



You can find out about [Mobile libraries here](#).



You can search for and [find libraries in Nottingham City here](#).

## Renewing items



If you need to keep an item for longer, you can renew it.



You can do this up to 4 times.



To renew items, you will need to log in to your online account with your library card number and PIN.



If you need help with renewing items, you can call Ask Inspire on 01623 677 200.



You can also visit your local library for help.

## Using the eLibrary



You might not be able to visit the library for health reasons and want to use the eLibrary.



If so, email your name and temporary number to [ask@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:ask@inspireculture.org.uk).



Our Ask Inspire team will send you your membership number. They will also send your library card in the post.



You can then log in to use the eLibrary.



The eLibrary includes thousands of titles on eBook and eAudiobook.

## If we don't have what you're looking for



If we don't have an item, you can reserve it.



You can do this by filling in a card in the library or by [reserving online](#).



Reserving items costs 30p.



We will try to find the item you're looking for as soon as possible.



Some items might have a lot of people looking for them.



We buy more copies of an item if there are more than five reservations for each copy we have.



If the item isn't at any of the libraries in the county, we can often get them from other libraries in the UK.

**£6**



There is a fee of £6 for getting an item from outside the county. This is on top of the usual 30p charge.

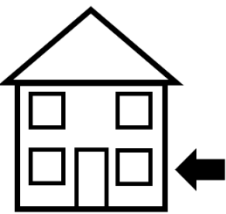


You can ask at [your local library](#) for more information.

## Accessibility



Nottinghamshire libraries have been checked for disability access.



Everyone can use the libraries at ground level.



However, some libraries are waiting for ramps or other changes to help people reach the upper floors.



Please ask a member of staff for help if the library layout makes it difficult for you to use the services.



We're proud that all our libraries have been officially recognised as [Libraries for All](#).



This includes being:

- Age Friendly



- Dementia Friends



- Breastfeeding Friendly

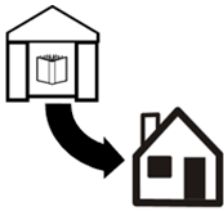


If you have any problems during your visit, please speak to a member of staff. They will be happy to help.



You can find out about accessibility of specific libraries from the [list of libraries](#).

## Home Library Service



If you can't visit your local library, we can arrange for books to be brought to you. This is the [Home Library Service](#).



We have volunteers around the county.



Our volunteers can collect books from your local library and bring them to your doorstep. This includes books you have reserved.



For more information on how to apply for this service, use the link above or call Ask Inspire on 01623 677 200.



If you are interested in becoming a Home Library Service volunteer:



- You can find out more at [Community Makers website](#).



- Or you can email us at [volunteer@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@inspireculture.org.uk)

## Acceptable Use Policy



[We have a document about how to use our libraries in a respectful way.](#)

## **Links in this document**

### **Home Library Service**

[inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/home-library-service/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/home-library-service/)

### **Mobile Library Service**

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### **Inspire Membership**

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### **Fees and Charges**

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### **Joining and using libraries**

[inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/joining-and-using-libraries/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/joining-and-using-libraries/)

## **Find a Library**

[inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/find-a-library/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/find-a-library/)

## **Mobile libraries**

[inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/mobile-libraries/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/mobile-libraries/)

## **Find a Library (Nottingham City)**

[nottinghamcity.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/](https://nottinghamcity.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/)

## **Search, Reserve, and Renew**

[https://emlib.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/client/en\\_GB/nelib/](https://emlib.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/client/en_GB/nelib/)

## **Libraries for All**

[inspireculture.org.uk/about-us/libraries-for-all/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/about-us/libraries-for-all/)

## **List of libraries**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-leisure/libraries/find-a-library/](https://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-leisure/libraries/find-a-library/)

## **Home Library Service**

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## **Community Makers**

[inspireculture.volunteermakers.org/](https://inspireculture.volunteermakers.org/)

## **Acceptable Use Policy**

[inspireculture.org.uk/documents/3278/Acceptable Use Policy Website 20201102.pdf](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/documents/3278/Acceptable%20Use%20Policy%20Website%2020201102.pdf)

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For the standard English web page version of this information, go to:

[Join us - become a library member | Inspire - Culture, Learning, Libraries](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/joining-libraries)

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