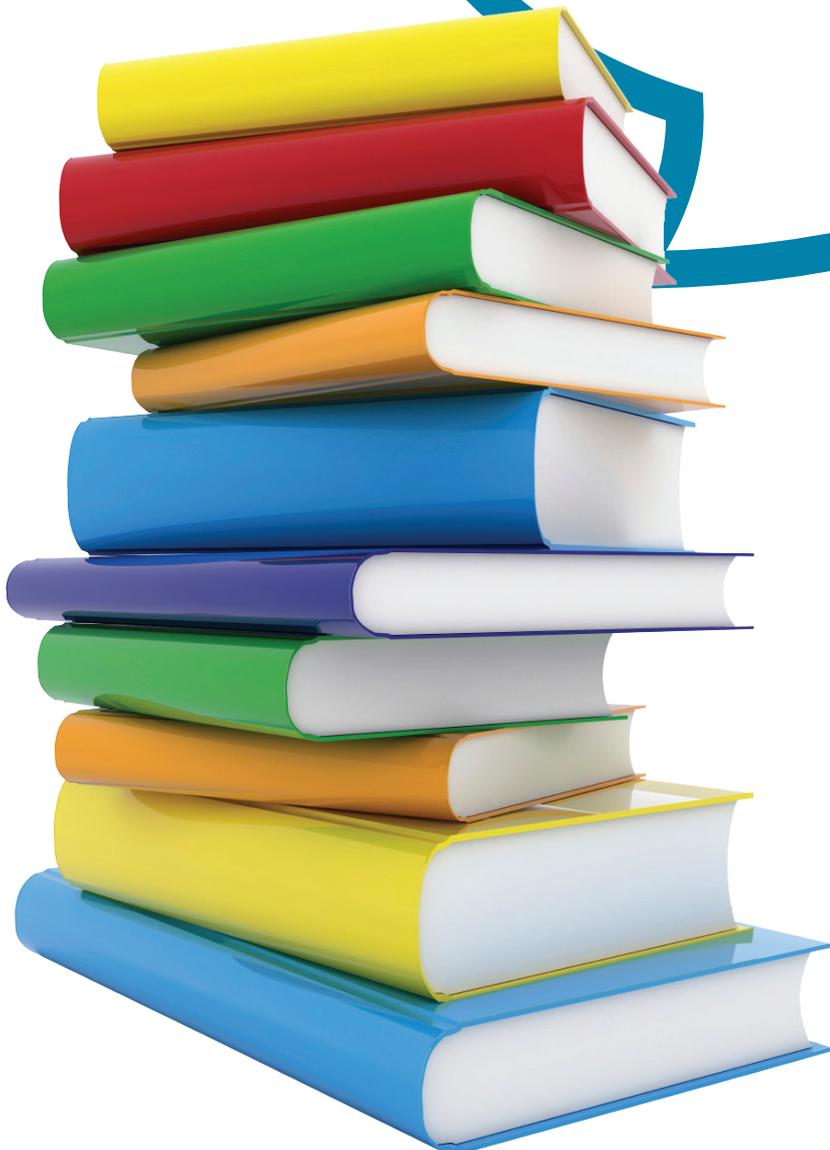


Consultation on proposed changes to Silloth Library

**Public
Consultation**



Closing date
**Monday
6 November
2017**

What is this consultation about?

Cumbria County Council is committed to libraries. They are about more than books. They are community hubs providing access to a huge range of resources, experiences and learning.

In Silloth the library is based in The Discovery Centre, which is owned by Allerdale Borough Council, from where they run Tourist Information. The building also houses the Discovery Centre Exhibition, which showcases the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Thus the building forms a service hub for both residents and visitors to the area.

We continuously review the patterns of use of our libraries, so we can see when people are actually using them. This is to make sure we use our resources most efficiently; this is especially important in the current economic climate.

In this document we are proposing some limited changes to the opening hours of Silloth Library that reflect patterns of use, and seeking the public's views on these proposals. If implemented the changes would not lead to staffing reductions; staff would continue to work the same number of hours.

Current and proposed opening hours

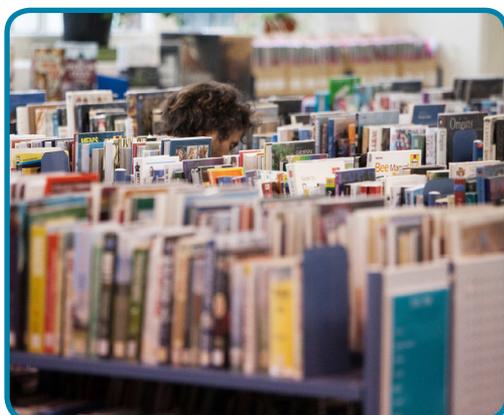
Silloth	Current Hours	Proposed Hours
Monday	10.00-13.00 14.00-17.00	10.00-13.00 14.00-16.00
Tuesday	Closed	Closed
Wednesday	10.00-13.00 14.00-17.00	10.00-13.00 14.00-16.00
Thursday	Closed	Closed
Friday	10.00-13.00 14.00-17.00	10.00-13.00 14.00-16.00
Saturday	10.00-13.00	10.00-13.00

This would bring the hours worked by Library staff into line with those worked by Allerdale staff. The recent introduction of a self-issue machine would mean that during the summer months when Allerdale staff open the building at 09.30 on Saturday morning, and on Sundays from 09.30 to 13.00, members of the public would be able to use library facilities at these times.

How to respond to the consultation

The deadline for responses to this consultation is **30 October 2017**.

Drop your completed questionnaire into Silloth Library or post it to:
Workington Library, Vulcan's Lane, Workington CA14 2ND



What happens next

All feedback will be collated and a report prepared for Allerdale Local Committee's decision in December. It's the Local committee's decision whether or not to implement the proposed changes. If changes are agreed, they would be subject to review after 12 months.



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Have your say

We welcome your comments on this proposal. Please complete the questions below and return the questionnaire to a member of staff, place in the Comments box provided or post to Workington Library, Vulcan's Lane, Workington CA14 2ND no later than 30 October 2017

1. Roughly how frequently do you visit the library?

Weekly Fortnightly Monthly Every 6 Months Yearly Over a Year (skip to Q6) Never (skip to Q6)

2. Do you also visit any of the other libraries? (Tick all that apply)

Aspatria Moorclose Seaton Silloth Cockermouth Keswick Maryport Wigton Workington

Other Cumbrian Library

3. When you visit the library what do you usually do? (Tick all that apply)

- Borrow/return/renew books
- Borrow/return/renew other media such as dvds and audio books
- Use the public computers and printers
- Use the Wi-Fi available on your own device
- Private study
- Read the newspapers/ periodicals
- Local history research
- Attend activity organised by the library staff
- Attend activity organised by another organisation or individual
- Other – please say what.

4. What days of the week do you normally visit the library? (Please tick more than one box if applicable)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday No regular day

5. If you are not currently using a library, please tell us why?

6. Thinking about the proposed changes to the opening hours for Silloth Library, do you consider these changes to be acceptable or unacceptable?

Acceptable

Unacceptable

No opinion

7. Please provide any further comments about your answers to question 6 above.

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