



CENTRAL
LIBRARY



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Thanks for your support

Manchester Central Library is celebrating the fifth anniversary of its major transformation. Regarded as the 'jewel in the crown' of Manchester's libraries, Central Library is one of the city's most loved and iconic buildings. Its services and facilities are appreciated by over two million people annually.

Central Library is an inclusive space. It appeals to families, children and young people, as well as aspiring entrepreneurs, culture vultures and traditional library visitors. Since the relaunch, we have continued to innovate and develop new ways of providing a high-quality, modern and vibrant library.



Exhibitions

A popular programme of exhibitions – these include There is a Light that Never Goes Out, celebrating Manchester's rich music heritage through iconic photography; Pirates, Pants and Wellyphants, by children's illustrator Nick Sharratt; and Bobbins, a hugely popular posthumous celebration of the iconic performer, Frank Sidebottom.

Library Live

Library Live – the cultural programme continues to expand to more branch libraries as part of our Creative Spaces initiative: creativespacesmcr.com
Family extravaganza The Ministry of Lost and Found was so popular – attracting over 2,000 'explorers' in 2018 – that it returned in 2019. Plus, our core cultural offer continues to grow through author events, concerts and unique performances: librarylive.co.uk





*“Probably the best
library in Britain,
one of Manchester’s
greatest and most
enjoyable treasures,
and definitely not
one to be missed.”*

Tony K



BIPC

The Business and Intellectual Property Centre – this contributes to the city's economy and inspires local entrepreneurs by hosting events with business champions such as Wayne Hemingway and Dave Rigby, BIPC Manchester Entrepreneur in Residence. It also runs a large range of sessions, workshops and events for business start-ups.

Archives+

The archive centre of excellence in the heart of Manchester provides a range of archive and heritage services from one location. Archives+ brings together Manchester Libraries, Information And Archives, Greater Manchester County Record Office, North West Film Archive, Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre And Education Trust, BFI Mediatheque, and Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society.

archivesplus.org





Read Manchester

Read Manchester – a partnership that promotes reading and boosts literacy across the city. It continues to grow through World Book Day, the Summer Reading Challenge, and Made in Manchester, the unique multilingual poem celebrating Manchester in 64 languages:

librarylive.co.uk/made-in-manchester-poem/

Manchester Jewish Museum

The temporary pop-up home for the Manchester Jewish Museum while the Cheetham Hill venue undergoes major refurbishment: manchesterjewishmuseum.com/pop-up-museum

Visitor Information Centre

Discover events and attractions, browse our selection of leaflets and brochures, or talk to our experienced staff who will help make the most of your trip.



Support us

The support of individuals, businesses, trusts, foundations and lottery funders is hugely important. It enables us to continue delivering a huge range of cultural and educational activities and events for communities, particularly for families and young people. It also helps us to try out new things to keep Manchester Libraries vibrant, stimulating destinations, and exciting places to visit.

Sponsorship opportunities

A partnership with Manchester Central Library Development Trust (the charity that supports educational and cultural activity in Manchester Libraries) will enable your company to demonstrate your commitment to enriching the lives of communities throughout the city.

We recognise the importance of tailoring packages to suit your business objectives and budget and would welcome a discussion with you around developing a partnership that could include the following benefits including:

- Exclusive 'money can't buy' invites and previews for your staff and clients
- Complimentary use of the Performance Space for a range of company events
- Behind the scenes tours – taking in our rarely seen treasures and archives
- Developing unique volunteering opportunities
- Increasing your company profile and brand awareness
- Support for your CSR commitments through content provision

Find out more about Manchester Central Library Development Trust (reg charity no. 11050161)
manchesterlibrarytrust.org

*“It’s no exaggeration:
this place is so beautiful,
big and great in every
sense. You will always
find a place to work,
read or be silent.*

Mariano S, Amsterdam

To begin exploring how we could tailor a partnership to meet your needs contact Neil MacInnes, Head of Libraries, Galleries and Culture.

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Central Library

Monday to Thursday 9am–8pm
Friday 9am–5pm
Saturday 9am–5pm
Sunday Closed

City Library and Media Lounge

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Friday 8am–5pm
Saturday 9am–5pm
Sunday Closed


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