

# Borrowing Books

## There are various ways in which you can borrow from us

Quotes from Plymouth teachers.

*“Topics contribute to raising pupil achievement because they are always a well tailored and specific collection”*

*“Enriching resources for teachers and TAs to stimulate and excite passion to teach the project”*

*“The collection is very useful. It means the relevant books are to hand when you want them and that saves staff time, so staff have more time to concentrate on pupils”*

## Termly boxed collections for teachers

Topic collections are tailor made to suit the individual requirements of each teacher. Each collection holds up to 25 books. The collection can be:

A collection of books to support any curriculum area that a class or group of pupils are studying.

An author topic or a collection of novels illustrating certain genres.

You may select the collection yourself, or PSLS staff will select for you.

Collections are loaned for a term and delivered to your school free of charge if you are within a 20 mile radius.

To request your topic just complete our form on [www.plymouth.gov.uk/sls](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/sls) or call the Centre.

## Some examples of requests we have satisfied recently:

All about me: Physical appearance, families, what I can do, different lifestyles, graphs, stories and rhymes

Houses and homes: Comparing localities around the world with Plymouth

Australia/coast: Aboriginal art and British seascapes

Children in WW2: Age 3-4 /reading age 5-10

Variations: Variation and similarities in peoples, plants and animals

Celebration and remembrance: Picture books

Materials Age 6-7. Please include books for a visually impaired child

Forensic Science. KS3

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[www.plymouth.gov.uk/sls](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/sls)

## Specialist resources

We also loan individual resources to support individual pupils / small groups with specific needs. (See the specialist resources section.)

Quotes from Plymouth teachers.

*“They swapped, they shared, they wanted to read!!”*

*“More excitement and interest when new books arrive from teachers and pupils..... Keeps the pot boiling”*

*“Often asked when the books are due to come in and they look forward to the collection arriving. Most books are borrowed as soon as unpacked”*

## Library loans

Library loans are a cost effective way of ensuring that your pupils benefit from a regular delivery of up-to-date books for your central library collection. The collections we loan vary in size and content because they reflect your individual school needs at the time. This lets you replace old with new, giving you a built-in system to ensure your library resources are constantly updated.

1. Subscribers to our standard or light package  
You may return any book that has been loaned or purchased from us in the past through our twice yearly exchange service.
2. Other subscribers  
Can do a straight exchange of titles loaned previously. This is effectively a book leasing system.

You are very welcome to come to the Centre to select your collection.

All PSLS books are available for purchase as well as for loan, so if you would like to buy any of the books you have borrowed from us look no further - you can buy the copies you are using. Telephone or email the School Library Centre to arrange this.

