



Department of Rural and
Community Development



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New Library Strategy 2018-2022

Where to next?



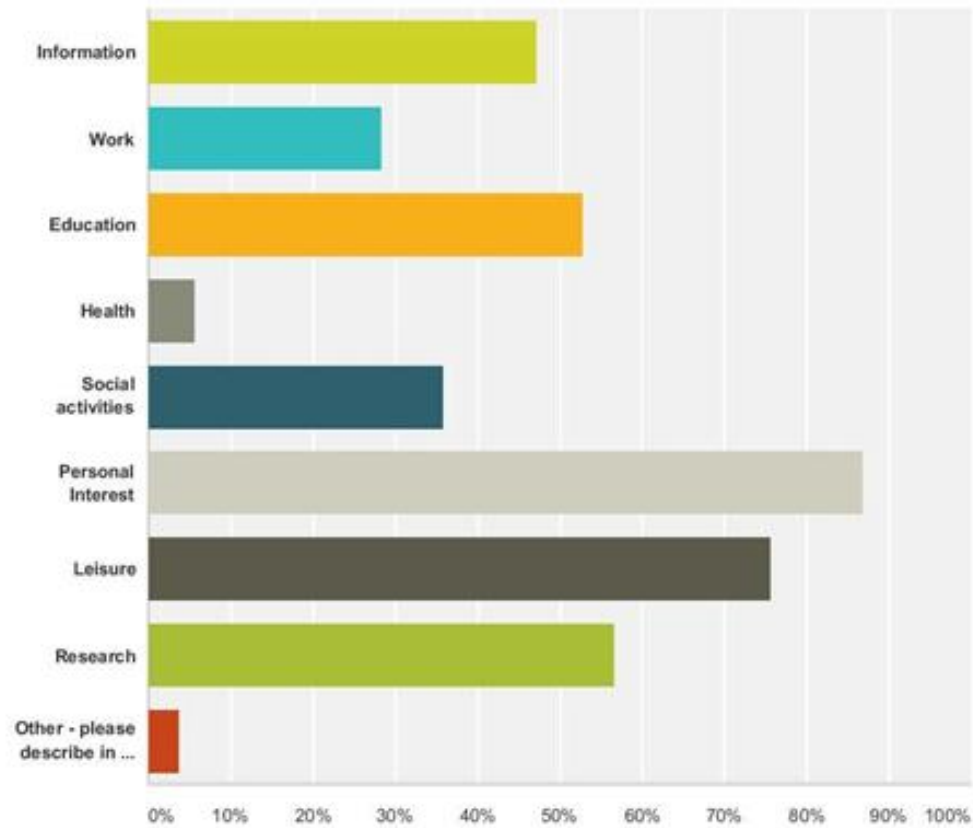




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Department engagement with City and County Librarians

On Line Survey



Focus Groups: Dream Library



Staff Consultations

- Libraries give a very positive public face to the Local Authority culture
- The one-to-one welcome and engagement with service users is the foundation for libraries role in the community.
- Promote the library as a 'go to' place/space, a community living room, providing information for the community, a hub

The Public Library Service in 2017

- 330 library branches across 31 local authorities
- 45 new or extended library branches between 2012 and 2017
- 754,748 members in 2016
- 17,270,751 visits to libraries in 2016
- 17,983,358 items issued in 2016

Visits to libraries increased from 16,804,402 in 2012 to 17,270,751 in 2016.

NEW STRATEGY – A Road-map



FRAMEWORK TO DELIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE 2018-2022

Library Staff Expertise is a key driver in delivering —
3 Strategic Pillars

1	2	3
Reading & Literacy	Learning & Information	Community & Culture

- 1 Infrastructure and service delivery.
2. Library Team.
3. Promotion and marketing.
4. Collections.
5. Funding.
6. Research and development.

Six Enablers

Leadership

Local Authorities
Council Management
Library Staff.
Public Reps,
Council ,SPC.

LIBRARY STRATEGY

Libraries Development
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Collaborative Working
Communication

Challenges

Engaging with Communities

Libraries building community cohesion and identity, ?



*The Library a '**Civic Space**' 'providing a space for people to help themselves'*

Welcoming
Accessible,
Modern Community Hubs



- How Local Public Representatives can help support implement the new Strategy