

To: All Town and Parish Councils in Essex
By email

Our ref: CHUBS/010
Date: 20 February 2018

Dear Town or Parish Clerk,

Your community, libraries and you

I am writing to invite representatives from your council to join us at one of a series of events being held throughout March on the topic: 'Your community, libraries and you'.

Libraries have long been at the heart of communities. But communities, lifestyles and expectations are changing so libraries need to change too. We are inviting people to get involved to rethink libraries' place in communities and make them fit for the future, relevant and sustainable. We think libraries have great potential as hubs for local people, services and activities, and we want to work with our communities and partners to make it happen. We want your ideas, your enthusiasm, your local knowledge and your creative thinking about how to provide what your community needs.

The events are open to the public, including library users and non-users, and to community groups, community leaders and partner organisations.

Dates and details of all events are listed overleaf. Please register now at libraries.essex.gov.uk to secure your place(s) at the event(s) you are interested in.

Each event will last for two hours from 7 to 9pm and comprise:

- a short film illustrating the themes to be discussed
- a 20-30 minute discussion led by myself or my deputy, Cllr Mark Durham
- discussion zones on the themes of 'community heart', 'getting involved', 'front door to services' and 'innovation' where you can talk to staff and each other, share your ideas and sign up for future involvement.


Refreshments will be provided.

A poster for you to display or circulate is attached. If you would like printed copies, an image to share on social media or editorial copy for your website or newsletter please email:

libraries@essex.gov.uk. Please also share posts about the events from Essex Libraries' [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed.

Cllr Durham and I look forward to seeing you at one of the events.

Kind regards



Cllr Susan Barker

Cabinet Member for Culture, Communities and Customer

Enquiries: libraries@essex.gov.uk

Telephone: 0345 603 7628

Your community, libraries and you
Event dates

All events run from 7 to 9pm. Parking is available either on site or at nearby public car parks. All venues are accessible to people with restricted mobility and will have a PA and hearing loop.

Date	Venue	Date	Venue
Mon 5 March	Saffron Walden Library , 2 King St, Saffron Walden, CB10 1ES	Tues 20 March	Brentwood Library , New Road, Brentwood, CM14 4BP
Wed 7 March	Great Baddow Library , 27 High St Great Baddow, CM2 7HH	Wed 21 March	Basildon Library , The Basildon Centre, St Martins Square, SS14 1EE
Mon 12 March	Great Parndon Library , Parnall Road, Harlow CM18 7PP	Mon 26 March	Clacton ACL , St Osyth Road, Clacton, CO15 3BN
Tue 13 March	Colchester ACL , Wilson Marriage, Barrack St, CO1 2LR	Tues 27 March	Braintree Library , Fairfield Rd, Braintree, CM7 3YL
Wed 14 March	Rayleigh Library , 132/4 High St, Rayleigh, SS6 7BX	Wed 28 March	Maldon Library , Carmelite House, White Horse Lane, Maldon, CM9 5FW
Mon 19 March	Loughton Library , Traps Hill, Loughton, IG10 1HD		