

Appendix 5

Existing range of stock resources

Torbay libraries hold a broad range of print, AV and electronic resources. In all there are some 183,000 items held in 4 libraries with a stack based at Torquay.

Book Stock:

There are 165,000 books, newspapers and periodicals available for adults and children to use and which range from reference and local history, fiction and nonfiction to picture books, easy reads and graphic novels.

Reference: This section of 31,000 items is decreasing year on year with the move towards people accessing information from the Internet, very few print items are purchased for reference now, and these are mainly for local studies, almanacs, careers and benefits.

Adult Lending books:

There are 71,000 adult items available to borrow on the open shelves across the 4 libraries.

The 39000 Fiction items cover a broad range of genres for all reading levels, from Quick Reads and adult graphic novels to classic literature.

Non-fiction (46000 items) covers the full range of topics up for general readers including reading for pleasure, study skills and lifelong learning and Books on Prescription to assist people with mild mental health problems

Fiction and nonfiction Large Print books are available for visually impaired people – 14000 items in all for people who prefer this format.

A number of residential homes are provided with large print, standard print and audio books (fiction and nonfiction) on a regular basis across Torbay. These items are kept in a separate area of the stack.

Local Studies: resources range from OS maps, early cemetery records and microfilms of local papers dating back to 1848 to Kelly's Directories, phone books and holiday accommodation, microfilmed local newspapers and a range of original print items.

The stack is based at Torquay library for all subject areas, ages and genres. Items of long term value are kept in the Stack. This includes nonfiction and reference material

and a quantity of fiction. This stock may not be heavily used or in an ideal physical condition, but is retained to satisfy reservations, both in Torbay and the regional and national interlending schemes.

Torbay libraries are members of CUSP (Consortium for United Stock Purchase) and purchase the bulk of new items with library suppliers chosen through a formal tender process. The current suppliers are contracted to supply Torbay Libraries and other CUSP members for the next 3 years with an option for renewal. Through CUSP we purchase in the region of 8000 adult and children's books per annum

Children and Young People

38,000 fiction and nonfiction books are provided for babies, children and young adults, including board books, picture books (a wide range of dual language titles are available) Beginning and developing reads, picture books for older readers, short chapter books, junior fiction, teen and young adult titles. Graphic novels and Manga are provided for children, teens and young adult readers at all 4 libraries and there is a selection of graphic novels for adult readers at Torquay library. The majority of children's and young people's titles are selected and supplied by Peters specialist children's book suppliers. As with the adult contract, children's books are supplied through the CUSP contract.

We provide 'mini-libraries' in all of the Children's Centres in Torbay plus some community venues in partnership with Action for Children Torbay Children's Centres and families accessing services at the Children's Centres are able to borrow from these. The stock for the mini libraries is from the main children's stock at Torquay, Paignton and Brixham libraries and is renewed regularly by library staff.

Resources to support home learning are also available from all libraries, including PPEL (Parents as Partners in Early Learning) packs with board books, toys and props for learning (120 packs in stock), and Bag Books (multi-sensory packs with story-boards and props – 12 large packs in stock), Clear vision Braille / print books for children are also available,

Audio Visual:

The 17000 AV items provide films, music, foreign language learning and spoken word books for adults and children.

Items in stock:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
DVD (rental)	4500
CD	2500
Spoken word adult	3500

Spoken Word Child	380
Language courses	300
EBooks	3600
Eaudio	650

New items: Approximately 2000 items per year are purchased including EBooks and Eaudio. While we are aware of the move to streaming video and music we have found that they are well used and provide income.