

# Libraries Connected Awards Nomination Form

We are looking for individuals or teams working in public libraries who have had a positive impact on the library service, library users or the local community. This could be by introducing an innovative new idea or by going the extra mile to provide an outstanding service.

When judging these awards, we will be assessing whether the nominees have:

1. Had a clear impact on:
  - Improving their library service
  - Increasing engagement with library users
  - Understanding and meeting the needs of their local community
2. Gone beyond what is expected by:
  - Developing new services
  - Improving existing services
  - Responding to a particular local need
3. Demonstrated innovation through:
  - Services delivered
  - Methods of delivery
  - Approaches to funding
  - Working in partnership
4. Widened the reach of the library by:
  - Improving access for people with health conditions or impairments
  - Diversifying the library offer, making it more inclusive and welcoming to all sections of the community

We do not expect nominations to meet all of these criteria, however, we would expect successful nominations to meet at least one of the criteria in each category.

The awards will be presented at our Libraries Connected Annual Seminar and the winner will receive a free place to attend the event (including accommodation and travel). If a team wins, they will need to choose one person to represent them at the seminar.

Applications are welcomed from individuals, on their own behalf or on behalf of others, and from partner organisations. The deadline for nominations is 6pm Friday 30 July.

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## Your details

1. Name \*

## 2. Contact email \*

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## 3. Organisation \*

Example Library Service

## 4. Role \*

Library Assistant

## 5. Are you happy for us to share your details with our award sponsors? \*

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## Nominee details

### 6. Name and role of nominee[s] \*

Minnie Mouse, Library Assistant

### 7. Library Service \*

Example Library Service

8. Contact email[s] \*

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9. Please indicate the award category below (you can only choose one) \*

- Children & Young People
- Culture and Creativity
- Health & Wellbeing
- Information & Digital
- Reading
- Visual & Print Impaired People

10. In the box below please tell us in no more than 500 words why you are nominating this person/team for an award.

Please be clear what the individual or team's achievement was, and how it fits with the criteria:

- Had a clear impact
- Gone beyond what is expected
- Demonstrated innovation
- Widened the reach of the library \*

Minnie is an outstanding Library Assistant who has worked for Example Library Service for over 20 years. I am nominating her for a Libraries Connected Award because I believe she deserves recognition for all the amazing work she has done to support the children and young people that use Example Library.

Minnie regularly goes above and beyond what is expected and is always looking for ways to help people using the library in particular children and young people. An example of this has been the homework club which she set up in 2018 to help the children find the information they needed to do their homework, while teaching them the crucial information literacy skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Minnie has widened the reach of the library by developing partnerships with the local schools to ensure those that need help know where to come. Through her hard work and perseverance, the club has grown from a couple of children attending each week when it first launched to an average attendance (pre-pandemic) of around 30 children.

Minnie also had an impact on the library by working with local teachers and our Librarian to develop homework help collections in the library and online. Teachers and parents of children who regularly attend the homework club have reported an improvement in the standard of the children's work and their attitude towards doing their homework.

Minnie demonstrated innovation by taking the club online when it was not able to run in the library due to the Covid-19 restrictions. As many of the children were being schooled at home during this time Minnie adapted how the club worked. Instead of doing their homework Minnie ran online activities to introduce the children to the library's online resources and develop their information literacy skills, all of which would help them with the

schoolwork they were tasked with doing at home. The club also provided the children with a way to connect to one another which was something they had been missing.

The homework help club is just one example of the amazing work Minnie does every day to help people and provide the highest possible standard of library services to her community.

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