

Consultation on changes to North Yorkshire's library services November 2014 – February 2015



What is this leaflet about?

This leaflet is from North Yorkshire County Council.

It tells you about our libraries.

It also tells you about the plan we have written to explain how we want to change them.

What do libraries do?

Libraries have all sorts of books people can borrow.

They have computers with free internet that people can use.

They have lots of information about the services the council runs.





They have opportunities for people to volunteer in them.

They are safe places for you to come to visit.

How many libraries are there in North Yorkshire?



There are 42 libraries in North Yorkshire.

There is also a large mobile library which goes to villages out in the countryside.

Some pubs and village halls have books as well.

There is also a home library service for people who want to read but can't manage to get to a library.

Who runs the libraries?

We run 33 of the libraries.

We also run the mobile library.

The other libraries are run by community groups.

Why do we need to make changes to the libraries?

In 2011 we had to cut our library service.

This was because the amount of money we had to run them was cut.

From 2015 we will have even less money and have to make more cuts.



What does this mean?

This means we can't run all the libraries on our own.

We will have less staff to run them as well.

We will need volunteers to help us in all our libraries

What does the plan say we want to do?

We want to have a large library in each of our main towns.



This means there will be a library with paid staff in

Harrogate

Malton

Northallerton

Richmond or Catterick

Scarborough

Selby

Skipton.

We want to have a library in some other large towns.

This means there will also be a library with one paid member of staff in

Filey

Knaresborough

Pickering

Ripon

Whitby.

We will need volunteers to work with us in all these libraries.

We will also help communities to run all the other libraries across North Yorkshire.

What about the other library services?

We will still run the home library service.

We will also run the large mobile library.



How will we make these changes work?

We will have to cut down the costs of running the libraries by nearly £1.6 million.

We will need lots of volunteers to help us run the libraries because we will not be able to afford as many staff.

We will need to work with other organisations and share buildings to help us save money.

How can you tell us what you think of our plan?

We would like to know what you think about our plans.

You can take part in a survey to tell us what you think.

You can complete the survey by going to our website

www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraryconsultation





You can do this until 8 February 2015.

What happens next?

The council will look at all the survey forms.

We will write a report about what people have told us.

Then our councillors will read it and decide what to do next.

This will be in June 2015.

We will tell you what is going to happen.

How can you find out more?

You can go to your local library to ask for more information.

You can find out more from our website
www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraryconsultation



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