

## Making it easier

If you have eyesight difficulties we have books in large print and talking books. One computer has facilities to enlarge the display or read what is on the screen and has a specially adapted keyboard and mouse to help if you have problems using your hands. If you have difficulty getting to the library, we may be able to arrange for the Home Library Service to call at your house.

On our Website you can browse our catalogue, reserve items, extend your loans, find information about our services and much more.

**Items borrowed from Cowes Library can be returned to any other Island Library.**

## Other library services

Mobile Library ~ Reading Groups ~ County Reference Library  
~ Family History Centre ~ Local History Collection ~ Events ~  
Music Collection ~ Exhibitions and Displays

**If you would like further information or any help using the Library, please ask.**

**Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes  
Isle of Wight, PO31 7SG**

**Telephone / Fax** (01983) 293341

**E-mail** [coweslibrary@iow.gov.uk](mailto:coweslibrary@iow.gov.uk)

**Website** [www.iwight.com/coweslibrary](http://www.iwight.com/coweslibrary)

**This leaflet is available on request in large print, Braille or electronic format for people with sight difficulties.**



## Opening Times

Monday	10.00 - 12.30//1.30 - 5.00
Tuesday	10.00 - 12.30//1.30 - 5.00
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10.00 - 12.30//1.30 - 5.00
Saturday	10.00 - 4.30
Sunday	Closed

your  
**Library**

## The services we offer

- **Lending**

Books  
Talking books on cassette and CD  
Language courses  
Videos  
DVDs

- **Information**

Your questions answered on any subject  
Local information  
Council services  
Community Noticeboards  
Newspapers

- **Computing**

Internet  
Word processing and other office applications  
Floppy disks, recordable CD-ROMs and headphones  
available for purchase from the counter

- **Maritime Collection**

A large collection of maritime books and periodicals, reflecting Cowes' unique association with shipbuilding and sailing.

- **Photocopying, Fax**

- **For Sale**

Local History books and DVDs, created by The Cowes Heritage Group.

### How to Join

You can use some services without joining, but to borrow items, just bring some ID showing your name, for example a driving licence, bank statement, or rent book. Before using the library computers for the first time, you will need to obtain a log-in from a member of staff.

## How much can I borrow?

You can borrow up to 30 books and other items at a time in total, but there is a limit on how many of these can be CDs, videos, DVDs, talking books and language courses.

## How long can I keep them for?

You can borrow **books** for **three weeks**. You can keep them for longer if nobody else has asked for them. **Talking books, CDs and language courses** are lent for **one week**. **Videos & DVDs** are available for **overnight**, or **weekly**, hire.

## What if the item I want isn't available?

If the item you require is not available here, we can usually obtain it for you. Simply ask a member of staff, use a computer in the library or visit our website. If you can't find it listed, we may be able to obtain it from a mainland library.

## Do I have to pay?

Getting information, borrowing books, and computer use is free. There are also hire charges for Videos, DVDs, CDs, talking books and language courses, charges for items kept overdue and for obtaining items on request.

## Specially for younger people

The children's library has books, videos, DVDs and talking books for all ages. There is a regular story time on a Saturday afternoon for the under 6s, a 'Rhymetime' for babies on a Tuesday morning, and other activities during school holidays, involving stories, games and crafts. Under 16s are not charged fines on overdue children's books. There is a separate section for Young Adults, with popular titles and books to help with GCSEs and A-Levels.