

The coronavirus pandemic has altered the way we live our lives at present time. Amongst other things, many of us miss our local libraries: the joy of choosing new books or CDs, the hustle and bustle of various events. We have embraced the digital world instead, finding new ways to connect with each other, read books and listen to stories.

However, there are people we might know who used to visit a library all the time, and are now struggling to get books or spoken word because they have to shield or self-isolate. Or you may know someone who is not currently a library member, who lives on their own, is shielding with a partner, is a full time carer, and now has real trouble sourcing large print or audiobooks. For various reasons they may not be able to access the library's digital offers.

Cambridgeshire Libraries can now accept new referrals to a Revised Library@Home service. This service is not open to everyone, but is limited to Cambridgeshire Residents who fit a set of criteria: -

**The service is for anyone who usually relies heavily on reading books or listening to audiobooks AND who is shielding or isolating due to age or health conditions under the current Covid-19 Government guidelines.**

People accepted for this service will be contacted by a member of Library@Home team who will then arrange delivery, to their door, of a bag of specially chosen books/audiobooks. Book deliveries will be monthly (by prior arrangement) and previously loaned books/audiobooks will be picked up when new ones are delivered.

**To enquire about the Revised Library@Home Service you can contact us:**

**By email - [volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

**By phone – 07442 022 926 (Magda) or 07342 700308 (Fay)**

**A member of Library@Home team will respond to the referral.**