

WORCESTERSHIRE LIBRARIES SERVICE

Below is a brief overview of some of the many benefits that library membership offers to support children who are learning at home.

Book a computer

All 21 libraries across Worcestershire remain open during lockdown to provide free access to computers and the internet for those without it at home. Library members of all ages can book 50minute computer sessions by calling the Customer Contact Centre on 01905 822722 or online here - [Book a computer](#)

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FREE Digital Event and Activities

Virtual Coding and Computing Club

Worcestershire Libraries run a monthly coding challenge aimed at 5 to 17-year olds. The challenges cater for all levels from beginner to advanced, using a variety of software and programming languages. Join the [Virtual Coding and Computer Club on Facebook](#) or e-mail gtroth@worcestershire.gov.uk for further details.

Worcestershire Libraries YouTube Channel

[Worcestershire Libraries YouTube channel](#) has plenty to keep kids and adults entertained and informed, whether it's an online Storytime or Bounce and Rhyme session for pre-school and primary age children, Library Lego Challenges for budding builders or bitesize poetry classes to learn about poetic form.

Worcestershire Libraries Eventbrite Page

[Worcestershire Libraries Eventbrite page](#) lists all bookable events. Upcoming events include 'Connect Bubbles' to bring people together online during lockdown and a 'Research your Family Tree' webinar for those who want to learn more about how to use FREE Ancestry Library Edition remotely from home.

Not already a library member? It's easy to join online!

Sign up for 'Digital Library Membership' here - [Digital Library Membership](#)
There is no minimum age but you must be a Worcestershire resident to access free e-books, eaudiobooks and e-magazines.

For further information regarding Worcestershire Libraries visit

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries